



# TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

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## Memo

To: Town Council  
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager  
CC: Town Employees  
Date: April 23, 2019  
Re: Town Manager's Report

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Below please find my report concerning various items of interest to the Town Council, the staff, and the community:

### **Council Business & Meetings**

- The Human Services Committee meeting scheduled for April 25 has been canceled. The next meeting will be held on May 23 at 8:00 AM.
- The Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for May 2 will be rescheduled for an evening meeting in May for the purpose of receiving the Fire Department Efficiency & Effectiveness Study from Fitch & Associates.
- The next Administration and Technology Committee meeting is scheduled for May 6 at 8:00 AM (Rm 312).
- The Public Hearing on An Ordinance Permitting Cottage Food Operations in Residence Districts will be held on May 14 at 7:15 PM (Rm 314)
- The next Town Council meeting will be held on May 14 at 7:30 PM (Rm 314)

### **Staff Reports**

- *Yard Waste & Recycling Center* – The Town's Yard Waste & Recycling Center is now open on Saturdays from 8:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Weekday hours are 7:00 AM until 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday. Residents need to obtain an annual permit for unlimited use of the Yard Waste and Recycling Center; the annual permit is valid from April 1 through March 31.

Please note that the Town has relocated the entrance to the Yard Waste and Recycling Center while the incinerator building is demolished and the new center is redesigned. The existing entrance is closed permanently; the Town expects construction to continue through 2020. Follow the signs and proceed slowly and carefully through the area.

- *Summer Job Openings* – The Town is actively recruiting for summer staff positions in Leisure Services and other departments. To apply, please visit the Town's website: [www.WestHartfordCT.gov/jobs](http://www.WestHartfordCT.gov/jobs)

- *Second Round Spring Yard Waste Collection* - The second round of the annual Spring Yard Waste Collection will run May 6<sup>th</sup> through May 10<sup>th</sup>. "Yard Waste" is defined as leaves, pine needles, pine cones, acorns, twigs, dead plant matter, and thatch. Place yard waste into a 30-gallon paper biodegradable bags and put the bags at the curb by 6:00 AM on your trash collection day.

### **Upcoming Events & Announcements**

- *Food needed* - The West Hartford Food Pantry is especially low on pasta and sauce, canned fruit, applesauce, peanut butter, tuna, and cold cereal. Donations may be left in the lobby of town hall (Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM-4:30 PM). If you are bringing in a large donation, have an interest in hosting a Spring food collection, or have any questions, please contact Nancy Stockman, Food Pantry Coordinator, at 860-561-7569 or Nancy.Stockman@westhartfordct.gov. We appreciate your support!
- *Memorial Day Parade* - The West Hartford Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 10:00 AM. All veterans, with a group or alone, are welcome to march in the parade. Organizations that have a veteran or military focus or purpose, may participate in the parade as well. To sign up, visit [www.WestHartfordCt.gov/MemorialDayParade](http://www.WestHartfordCt.gov/MemorialDayParade) or call Renee McCue, 860-561-7521, renee@westhartfordct.gov.
- *Elmwood Blooming* - The Elmwood Business Association is partnering with Knox Inc. Green Crew once again help to beautify Elmwood with summer and fall plantings. Charlie Hilborn from Sheehan Hilborn Breen is visiting local businesses seeking their support in sponsoring a planter. This year he wants to expand the beautification project and is asking you, our residents and friends of Elmwood, to consider making a modest donation so that even more planters can line the streets of Elmwood. If you are able to help, please send a check of \$5, \$10, \$25, or even more if you can, to Charlie Hilborn at 1084 New Britain Avenue, West Hartford, CT 06110. For more information, please contact Charlie at 860-559-8722.
- *Economic Development Luncheon* - The 2019 West Hartford Economic Development Luncheon will be held on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at Wampanoag Country Club. Mark McGovern, Director of Community Services and Kristen Gorski, Economic Development Specialist, will give a comprehensive update on economic development in West Hartford. To attend, contact the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce at 860-521-2300 or visit WHChamber.com.
- *Light Up the Night* - The West Hartford Art League will hold its Light Up the Night, a community celebration, on its grounds at 37 Buena Vista Road, on Friday, April 26, in honor of its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This event is open to the public of all ages and begins at 6:00 PM. Admission is \$10 per person and includes food truck tickets for 1 person, a luminaria, and entrance to the two galleries.

- *National Take-Back Day* - On Saturday, April 27, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, the West Hartford Police Department, the West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District and the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration will coordinate a collaborative effort to remove unwanted and unused pharmaceutical-controlled substances and other medicine during National Take-Back Day. Collection activities will take place in the Public Works parking lot, located at 17 Brixton St. The program is anonymous and free of charge.
- *10th Annual Webster's War of the Words* - Please join us on Saturday, April 27, for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Webster's War of the Words, the signature fundraiser of the Noah Webster House & West Hartford Historical Society. Guests will enjoy dinner, drinks, silent and live auctions, and the main attraction - the word-based game show! Tickets are only \$60. Tickets are available by calling 860-521-5362 x10 or visiting [noahwebster.yapsody.com](http://noahwebster.yapsody.com).
- *Park Road on Parade 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary fundraiser* - Join us on Tuesday, April 30 anytime between 5:30 - 8:00 PM at the Pond House Café in Elizabeth Park for night of fun, food and friendship as we celebrate all things Park Road. 100% of the proceeds will benefit the 21<sup>st</sup> annual Park Road Parade. Tickets are \$21 for adults, \$5 for kids (cash bar) and are available online at [www.ParkRoadCT.com](http://www.ParkRoadCT.com) or in person at Effie's Place Restaurant or Playhouse on Park.