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Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: May 28, 2019
Re: Town Manager's Report

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

Council Business & Meetings

- *Public Safety Committee* – The Town Council's Public Safety Committee will hold a special meeting at 6:30 PM on Monday, June 3 in Room 400. The main item for discussion will be a presentation on the Fire Department Efficiency and Effectiveness Study by Fitch & Associates. I will provide Council with a copy of the report tomorrow. If you have questions for Fitch before Monday night's meeting, please send them to me and I will forward them to the Fitch team.
- *Human Services Committee* – The Human Services Committee will hold its next meeting at 8:00 AM on June 10, 2019.
- *Town Council* – The next regular Town Council meeting is scheduled for 7:30 PM on June 11, 2019. The Council has set a public hearing for 7:15 PM that night regarding an ordinance concerning Cottage Food Operations

Staff Reports

- *Yard Waste & Recycling* – I have attached an informational brochure that the Department of Public Works will be sending to all residents with the July 1st tax bills to be mailed in June. The brochure announces two important changes, effective July 1, 2019:
 - The Town will return back to biweekly collection of recyclable items, on the former A-B rotating schedule.
 - The Town will introduce its new biweekly yard waste collection service, which will run through October 31st this year and from April 1 – October 31 in future years. Yard waste collection will occur the *same* day as recycling collection.

The brochure also contains handy information on bulky waste, film plastics, household hazardous waste collection dates, and yard waste permits.

- *Cornerstone Aquatics Center annual shutdown* – From June 3 through June 14, the Cornerstone Aquatics Center will shut down for its annual two-week maintenance. Among other projects, the Town will re-roof portions of the facility during the shutdown period. Arrangements have been made for members to use area indoor pools during the shutdown period.
- *Park Road/I-84 Update* - The on and off ramps on Exit 43 of Interstate 84 are tentatively scheduled to be paved on Sunday, June 2 from 8:00 PM to Monday, June 3 at 5:00 AM (weather dependent). Signed detours will be in place to direct motorists around the work zone. I-84 Eastbound motorists will be detoured to exit 44, Prospect Avenue. I-84 Westbound motorists will be detoured to exit 41, South Main Street. In the event of rain, paving will be rescheduled to the following night.
- *Final Round Spring Yard Waste Collection* - The Town will conduct its third and final round of the annual Spring Yard Waste Collection from June 3 through June 7. "Yard Waste" is defined as leaves, pine needles, pine cones, acorns, twigs, dead plant matter, and thatch. Please place the yard waste into a 30-gallon paper biodegradable bags and put the bags at the curb by 6:00AM on your trash collection day.
- *Police & Citizens Award Ceremony* - The West Hartford Police Department will hold a ceremony recognizing the exceptional efforts of its police force and residents who assisted them on Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at 5:00 PM in Legislative Chambers, Room 314, Town Hall.
- *Celebrate West Hartford, June 1 & 2* - The 33rd annual Celebrate! West Hartford will take place on the grounds of Town Hall on Saturday, June 1st from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Sunday, June 2nd from Noon to 6:00 PM. The two-day fair features a highly rated juried arts and crafts show, great food, entertainment, games, carnival rides, a certified 5K road race, and Kids Fun Run. There is no admission charge for the event and many of the activities are free.
- *Parking changes due to Celebrate West Hartford fair* – The Town will provide free parking in the Isham Garage (17 Isham Road) on Saturday, June 1st and Sunday, June 2nd, from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM during Celebrate West Hartford fair.

There will be NO PARKING as follows:

- No Parking on South Main Street, west side, from 29 South Main Street to 55 South Main Street (Dunkin' Donuts to Key Bank)
- Burr Street will be closed (Available only to local traffic and authorized vehicles)
- No parking along the 5K race route on Sunday, June 2, 2019. Road closures include Raymond Road, both sides, from the Boulevard to Isham

Road; Isham Road, both sides, from Raymond Road to Memorial Road;
and Memorial Road, both sides, from South Main Rd to Raymond Road.

- *West Hartford Library featured in USA Today* - *USA Today* recently featured West Hartford Libraries in its "News from around our 50 States" section. The feature, which originally appeared in *The Hartford Courant* and was picked up by the *Associated Press*, highlights the Library's Year of Happiness initiative that was launched earlier this year. The Year of Happiness campaign offers a full year's worth of special programming centered around things that make people happy – like music, meditation, food, games, and homebrewed beer.

Outside Agencies

- *CT DOT will pave New Britain Avenue* - The State Department of Transportation plans to repave New Britain Avenue from Chatfield Drive to South Main Street. The first phase will begin with pavement milling on June 13-14 from 7:00 PM to 5:00 AM followed by paving from June 18-21 from 7:00 PM to 5:00 AM. Pavement markings will follow.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

- *Celebrity Breakfast* – Bring your appetite and \$15 to Effie’s Place Family Restaurant, 91 Park Road, on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 from 7:00-10:00 AM and you will receive your choice of breakfast served by local celebrities. The money raised will help pay expenses for the 21st annual Park Road Parade to be held on Saturday, October 5, 2019.
- *Special Olympic Torch Run* – The Law Enforcement Torch Run is coming to Blue Back Square on Thursday, June 6 at 5:00 PM. Local police officers and Special Olympic athletes will arrive, carrying the Torch with its “Flame of Home,” as part of a three-day annual run throughout the state of Connecticut to raise awareness of Special Olympics year-round sports, health and fitness programs that inspire inclusion and acceptance for people of all abilities. The end-of-day rally at Blue Back Square will feature music and special guests including Renée DeNino of iHeart Radio Connecticut.
- *Blood Drive* - The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Saturday, June 8, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium. To make an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS. Upcoming blood drives at Town Hall will be held on June 25 and July 23, 12:00-5:30 PM.
- *West Hartford Art League 85th Anniversary Fundraiser* – The West Hartford Art League will celebrate its 85th Anniversary Fundraiser on Friday, May 31, at 6:00 PM at the Town and County Club in Hartford. Whether you're an artist, a supporter, or a member of the community, we hope you'll join us in celebrating 85 years of art, education and community! Admission is \$85 per person. To purchase tickets, please call the Art League at (860) 231-8019 or email to director@whal.org.