

First Selectman's Report
March 28, 2016

Town of Simsbury Budget Calendar for the FY 2017 Budget

Budget season is still underway in the Town of Simsbury. The Board of Selectmen will be presenting its proposed budget to the Board of Finance on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at 5:45 p.m. in the Main Meeting room of Town Hall. The Board of Finance will hold a Public Budget Hearing on April 6, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Simsbury High School Amphitheatre and a town referendum will likely be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2016.

Information about the budget can be found on the Town of Simsbury's website at www.simsbury-ct.gov – just click on the “how do I” tab and look for “find budget information.” I invite residents to participate in the important process by attending meetings or reaching out to your elected officials.

Take Advantage of the Tax Assistance Program at the Simsbury Public Library

Just a reminder that the Simsbury Senior Center and the Simsbury Public Library are co-sponsoring this year's AARP Tax Aide Program. Trained and certified tax volunteers who work one-on-one with taxpayers are available to assist, prepare and electronically file both federal and state tax returns free of charge. To participate in the program, please first book an appointment by calling the Simsbury Senior Center at (860) 658-3273. This program continues through April 7, 2016.

Spring Cleaning in Simsbury

Help us keep Simsbury one of the Top 10 Best Places to Live!

Come join me, the Board of Selectmen and many, many volunteers clean up the bike trails around town on April 17th from 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Simsbury volunteers will meet on Iron Horse Boulevard at 10:00 a.m. This trail cleanup day is organized by the Farmington Valley Trails Council. Thanks to the President of the Farmington Valley Trails Council, Bruce Donald, and all the volunteers who help keep our trails in great shape! Please visit the Farmington Valley Trails Council website to volunteer to help: <http://fvgreenway.org/events/Event.Detail.asp?id=1452564805>

See you there!

As we get to our spring cleaning, please help us keep our trails the pride of the Farmington Valley by not disposing of lawn debris, grass clippings, or brush in the State DOT Right of Way next to the bike trail. Very much appreciated!

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day is April 30th

The Town of Simsbury, in conjunction with the Towns of Avon, Canton, Granby and Farmington will be holding a Hazardous Waste collection on Saturday, April 30, 2016 in Farmington at Farmington High School, 10 Montieth Drive, Farmington, CT. The collection will run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Residents may dispose of items including compact and florescent light bulbs, batteries, lawn care chemicals, items containing Mercury, household cleaners, chemicals from the garage. In addition to hazardous waste disposal, Farmington is also offering free electronic recycling drop-off at the Farmington Town Hall 1,

Montieth Drive. Thank you to Tom Roy, Simsbury Director of Public Works for offering this program. For more specific information, please contact the Simsbury Public Works at (860) 675-2550.

Simsbury Innovation Fair

The Innovation Fair is set for April 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with exhibits, activities and demonstrations at the Simsbury Public Library, the Historical Society and Simsbury High School. Check out cool activities and presentations including “Drones and How They Fly,” keynote speaker, Jake Fisher – Director of Auto Testing at *Consumer Reports*, 3D printer demonstration, exhibits of local innovation, teen activities, children’s activities, and activities for all ages. For complete details go to: Simsburyideas.com. Thanks to everyone who has worked so hard to bring this event to Simsbury!

Simsbury Board and Commission Information Center App

The Town of Simsbury has launched the Boards and Committees Information System app. Simsbury is the first town in Connecticut to use this app which provides an open portal for residents to access information about boards, commissions and committees. An easy online volunteer form allows residents to show their interest to serve on a board or commission. <http://simsburyctboards.vt-s.net/>

Exploring Depression and Anxiety and the Risks Associated with Aging

On Wednesday, April 6th at the Public Library the Community for Care will present a panel discussion led by psychiatrist Dr. Harry Morgan and Nancy Sheetz, APRN, B.C. The panel will discuss awareness of early signs and symptoms and how to ask for help. Find out the differences between grief and depression and dementia. For information please call the Simsbury Social Services Department at 860-658-3283.

Simsbury Farms Recreation Complex

The golf course is open! Click here for season passes: <http://www.simsburyfarms.com/>

Looking for something to do for your children over spring break? Check out these great programs being offered at Simsbury Farms: <http://www.simsburyrec.com/info/default.aspx>