
FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Wendy Mackstutis – First Selectman
DATE: March 25, 2024

Congratulations to the Simsbury High School who won their first State Basketball Championship!

<https://patch.com/connecticut/simsbury/simsbury-girls-make-history-win-first-state-hoops-title>

Also, Congrats to the UCONN Huskies Men's who won last night to advance to the Sweet Sixteen on Thursday night! AND, to the UCONN Huskies Women's team who won tonight against Syracuse at Gampel. GO HUSKIES!

FY 2024/2025 Budget Process

We are deep into the budget process and have been focused on getting through the process. We spent all day on Saturday, March 9th working through the budget, and continued at our Monday March 11th meeting, which went until 10:00 PM. We finalized our BOS budget, and it will now go to our Board of Finance. It's been a lot of work and time for the Selectmen, our Finance team, the Town Manager's Office, and the Board of Finance. See the dates below for how you can participate in the process and be heard.

~~Tri Board Meeting (BOF, BOS, BOE) – 12/19/2023 at 5:45 Simsbury Public Library
Police Commission Budget presentation – 1/22/2024 at 5:00pm Town Hall Main Meeting Room~~

~~Town Manager Budget presentation to BOS – 2/26/2024 6:00pm Town Hall Main Meeting Room~~

~~BOS Budget Workshop – Town Hall Main Meeting Room – 3/9/2024 9:00am~~

~~BOS Meeting – 3/11/2024 6:00pm Town Hall Main Meeting Room – BUDGET ADOPTED~~

~~BOS Budget presentation to BOF – 3/19/2024 5:45 (location TBD)~~

BOF Public Hearing – WEDNESDAY 4/3/2024 6:00pm Simsbury Public Library

BOF Public Hearing – Round 2 as needed 4/16/2024 6:00pm Simsbury Public Library

Budget Referendum – May 2024

Early Voting IS THIS WEEK

Our Simsbury Registrars of Voters, Karen Cortes and Susan Salina have been hard at work preparing for the NEW in-person early voting in the State of CT. All voters **registered with a party** are able to vote in the upcoming Democratic and Republican Presidential Preference Primaries. **Hours are 10 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. March 26-28 and March 30.** Absentee ballots will also be available, following regular protocol. Day of voting will be held at all 4 polling locations on April 2. (Latimer Lane voting will be at Henry James in the front gym.)

Recycling Committee Swap Shop

The Swap Shop will be opening on Saturday, April 6th, weather permitting, to start the season. This is a great opportunity to bring your attic or basement valuables that might find a new home. It's a good way to keep them out of the landfills. They will be open on Saturdays thru October.

Sustainability Committee

Our Sustainability Committee will be hosting a fair, on May 4th, from 10:00-2:00 at the Simsbury Public Library. Keep your eyes open for the full schedule, speakers, and vendors. There are many groups representing including Blue Earth, Abode, EV Club of CT, Simsbury Land Trust, Sierra Club, Avon Clean Energy Commission, DEEP, Earthlight, Pollinator Pathway, and more.

Public Hearing on the Retirement Plan

The BOS approved scheduling a public hearing for April 15th on the tonight's agenda item on the changes to the pension plan to allow for an Inservice Distribution for some senior leader classifications, and for a change to the pension percentage for any new employees.

Here is the link to the agenda: https://www.simsbury-ct.gov/sites/g/files/vyhli9751/f/agendas/3-25-24_regular_meeting_packet_0.pdf

Office Hours

Check my webpage for updates, which are being updated.

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Email - wmackstutis@simsbury-ct.gov to set something up that works for you.

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TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Marc Nelson – Town Manager
DATE: March 25, 2024

DEPARTMENT NEWS & NOTES

Town Manager's Office: Tax Collector Colleen O'Connor is retiring and her last day is Thursday, March 28th. She has been with the Town for nearly 30 years; starting as the Senior Center Clerk, Tax Clerk and finally as our Tax Collector. We thank her for her exemplary service over the years and wish her a comfortable and well-deserved happy retirement.

The Human Library event was Saturday, March 23rd @ 10 AM organized by the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Council!

In the best sense of the word, the Human Library was a library of people and their experiences with prejudice. However, instead of paperback books, actual people were on loan for conversations. The concept is about acknowledging and challenging the prejudice that we all carry towards one another. For that reason, the Human Library creates a safe space for conversation where topics subject to taboo, marginalization, or stigmatization can be openly addressed without condemnation. The people acting as Books have directly or indirectly been exposed to prejudice, bias, or discrimination based on aspects of their person, heritage, or life experiences.

Public Works: This week, all of Public Works (Highway, Buildings and Grounds, WPC, Engineering, and Administration) will take a refresher on CPR, AED and Stop the Bleed Training. This custom First Aid training is focused on the skills necessary to assist in medical emergencies during the initial and critical minutes before an ambulance or other support arrives. Many times, in the course of our work, our staff are the first ones on scene for a number of medical emergencies and we are committed as a Department to be ready to respond. This training adds to the safety of our co-workers and community.

Thank you....

