
FIRST SELECTMAN'S REPORT

Multi-use Trail – Public Meeting

The preliminary designs have been completed for a multi-use trail, a joint project between Simsbury and Bloomfield. The path would begin near St. Andrew's Church in Bloomfield, continue north along 189, and end in Tariffville Village at the intersection of Main Street and 189. Simsbury and Bloomfield are conducting an information meeting on **June 12th and 6pm at the Tariffville School**, 42 Winthrop Street. A formal presentation will be made at 6:30, and there will be an opportunity to provide feedback on the preliminary design.

Safest Community Award

For the third year in a row, the Town of Simsbury was recognized as one of the 20 safest communities in Connecticut. The town ranks 8th according to the SafeWise report, which was based on FBI crime data showing property crime and violent crime well below the national average. You can access the full report here: <https://www.safewise.com/blog/safest-cities-connecticut/>.

Eno Hall Renovations

Starting later this month, renovations will begin at Eno Hall to improve the kitchen, construct additional storage space, and bathroom renovations. During construction, the lower level of Eno will be closed to the public. Parking in the rear of the building will be limited. The elevator and the existing handicapped accessible ramp on the north side of the building will remain open during construction. The first and second floors of Eno will remain open with access through the first floor entrance of the building. Please contact the Department of Community and Social Services if you have any questions (860) 658-3283.

Economic Development Commission

The Board of Selectmen has formed an Economic Development work group to develop an ordinance to create an Economic Development Commission. We've been gathering input from members of the business community, residents who serve on boards and commissions, and other members of the public with an interest in economic development. I appreciate everyone who attended these meetings. The next step will be creating a draft ordinance to share with the full Board of Selectmen, which I expect will take place at our meeting on July 9th.

Carry In, Carry Out

With the warm weather upon us, a reminder that Simsbury adopted a carry in, carry out policy for trash in our town parks. That means anything you bring into the parks needs to be carried out. This policy was adopted about a year ago based on research that it's better for wildlife, prevents illegal dumping, and can play a role in making our parks cleaner. I have heard from some residents who have noticed an

uptick in trash left on the ground, especially around Rotary Park. Since this policy is still relatively new, the Board of Selectmen has asked the Culture Parks and Rec Commission to monitor how it's working and provide any recommendations to improve it.

Simsbury Art Trail

There's more opportunity this month to enjoy the Seward Johnson sculptures taking up residence in town through the summer. On **June 12th and 5pm**, there will be a free ice cream social on the grounds of the Simsbury Free Library. While you're there, you can pick up an Art Trail scavenger hunt list.

Depression in the Elderly Forum

The Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) and State Representative John Hampton are holding a discussion on the issue of depression in senior citizens. Topics include warning signs, coping mechanisms and helpful resources available. It will take place **Wednesday June 27th 1 – 3pm** in Program Room 2 at the Simsbury Public Library.

Hazardous Waste Collection

There will be one more hazardous waste collection this fall on **November 3rd**. It will be held at the Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Road. You can find a list of acceptable items [here](#).

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Maria E. Capriola – Town Manager
DATE: June 11, 2018

BOARD OF SELECTMEN BUSINESS:

Upcoming Sub-Committee Meetings:

- June 18th at 5:30pm, Work Group on the Appointment of Unaffiliated Voters
- June 21st at 7:30am, Personnel Sub-Committee
- June 25th at 7:30am, Economic Development Work Group

Water Shortage Ordinance Sub-Committee Update: The Committee has continued its review of a proposed draft Water Shortage Ordinance. A draft ordinance is being submitted to the Town Attorney for review. The following tentative timeline has been established:

- 6/25 – Draft ordinance submitted to full BOS, formal referral request to outside agencies made (Planning, Zoning, Conservation, Health District, Culture, Parks & Rec Commission)
- Week of 6/25 – Correspondence to community stakeholders sent seeking feedback on the draft ordinance
- 7/27 – Referrals due back to BOS
- 8/13 – BOS sets a public hearing date for the ordinance
- 9/10 – BOS holds public hearing on the ordinance
- 9/24 – BOS votes to adopt or reject the ordinance

Street Light Policy Agenda Item: I have distributed an additional memo and recommended motion to accompany this agenda item this evening. Staff will review the memo with you during the agenda item. The purpose of the memo and motion is to address the receipt of Eversource rebate monies and distribution to the existing capital fund for street lights.

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS & NOTES:

Library: Library Director Lisa Karim has been elected to the position of Vice President/President Elect of the CT Library Association. Library Head of Adult Services Susan Ray has been reelected to the position of Region 2 Representative of the CT Library Association. She has served in this role for the past two years. Congratulations to Lisa and Susan!

Planning and Development: 690 Hopmeadow Street. The Zoning Commission approved a site plan amendment for the conversion of the existing mansion and annex to a mixed use. The structure will be converted into the following uses: First floor 7,160 sq ft restaurant with outdoor seating areas, Office 1,457 sq ft; Second and Third floor of the mansion to be converted into 7 residential units: 1 Studio, 3-1 Bedroom units, 1-2 Bedroom units.

Planning and Development: 34 Hopmeadow Street. The Zoning Commission received the application for the relocation of Curaleaf from 100 Grist Mill and set it for a public hearing to be held on June 18, 2018 (the next regularly scheduled meeting).

Town Clerk's Office: As a reminder, the month of June is dog licensing month. Dogs are required to be licensed annually. Dog licenses can be renewed by visiting the Town Clerk's Office during normal business hours. Proof of rabies vaccination is required to license your dog.

The Town Clerk's Office, in collaboration with the Animal Control Officer, will be hosting a microchip clinic at the Weatogue Fire Station on June 23rd, 2018 from 10 AM to 12 PM. Microchipping will be done by Hopmeadow Animal Hospital and will cost \$20, cash only. Microchipping will be available for anyone, not just Simsbury residents. The Town Clerk will also be there to issue Simsbury dog licenses. Please be sure to bring proof of rabies vaccination and spay/neuter. Cash or check will be accepted for licenses, exact change if paying by cash. For questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office or the Animal Control Officer.