

## Windsor Youth Commission

Tuesday, April 27, 2021 6:30 p.m.

### Minutes

Attendance: Pam Cook, Sarah Maffiolini, Bruce McCormick, Shanee Ransom, Jeremy Halek, Julian Martinez, Iffath Ahmed-Syed, Kereme Murrell, Shannon Blenis, Bob Gange, Alex Remy.

Absent: Andrew Johnson, Taisha Seranno, Russell Sills, Rich Henderson, Melissa Richards.

1. Call to order at 6:33p.m.
2. Chairperson's remarks – Bruce (2 minutes). Bruce welcomed the group and thanked them for taking the time to be at the meeting.
3. Meeting minutes – Bruce (2 minutes). Approved the February minutes – Bob Gange, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce McCormick.
4. Updates on commission members, vacancies, and recruitment – Sarah (2 minutes). Bruce and Julian's terms expire on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and there are still vacancies.
5. LPC report – Sarah (2 minutes) Project Graduation will take place this year in the parking lot at WHS. The LPC will contribute \$500 towards the adult-supervised, drug and alcohol free post-graduation party. The CVS window display has been finalized and waiting for print shop to complete the job before install in May.
6. Public comment – none.
7. New business –
  - a) CVS window vaping prevention campaign – Sarah (5 minutes) – see attached design.
  - b) YSB Summer Teen Employment Program – Sarah (5 minutes) – see attached PowerPoint.
8. Old business –
  - a) WHS Social Action Club Project Update – Iffath (2 minutes) – no report.
  - b) Family Trivia Nights – 2 minutes – There has been three Family Trivia Nights since January with 45 - 75 families registered for each activity. The last Family Trivia Night is Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. The WHS March Trivia Night was cancelled (low enrollment) and Recreation will be hosting a virtual Jukebox Bingo in May in its place.
  - c) WHS Local Scholarships – 2 minutes. Students have until April 26<sup>th</sup> to apply for the scholarships. Shortly after the deadline, WHS will send all of the applications for the students who applied for the Youth Commission scholarship and the committee will meet to select candidates. All info will be kept confidential until the awards night in June. In a non-Covid year, we would be invited to attend the ceremony, last year it was virtual. Details about this year's ceremony are still undecided.

9. Standing Committee Reports –

- a) Police Department – none.
- b) Recreation Services –

Summer Fun Camps 2020 - Clover St. ages 5 -7, LP Wilson ages 8-10, 330 Windsor Ave. ages 11- 14. We will follow the same guidelines from last summer. Separate cohorts, masks, social distancing, medical evaluation upon arrival, no pm and am care and no field trips. Group size will be increased as the state guidelines have increased.

Youth Theatre will be hosting in person performances this weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday at LP Wilson. 100 tickets will be sold per show, social distancing and masks will be enforced.

Jukebox Bingo will be held on May 20th, this is a free virtual event hosted by Keith Alan.

Pools will be opening on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Swim lessons will be offered this summer. There will be limited availability of swim lesson levels and spots for each level.

Mother's Day Yard Sign Giveaway starts on April 28th. Residents can register to pick up a free Mother's Day Yard Sign from the Recreation Department to celebrate moms, grandmothers, godmothers, aunts, and anyone special to be displayed on their yard.

- c) Windsor Public Schools – none.
- d) Board of Education – none.
- e) Library Services –

On Saturday, May 8, the Children's Department and Adult Department are hosting a virtual Mother's Day Tea Party. The Teen Department has a Mother's Day Mugs take-and-make project running from May 4 to May 9.

We will be doing hybrid and outdoor programming this summer at the library. Our first outdoor program will be our summer reading kickoff on Friday, June 25th with an outdoor movie on the town green.

The highlight of summer programming with the Teen Department is a virtual six session workshop with Robyn Warren from Geek Girl Strong to teach the foundations of fitness with fandom and geekdom as the inspiration.

- f) Youth Services –  
Applications for the STEP internship closed on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 96 applications were received for the 20 available positions.

- g) Youth Liaison –

The senior prom will be held in the gym at WHS.

10. Adjournment – 7:09PM Bob Gange, 2<sup>nd</sup> Pam Cook.

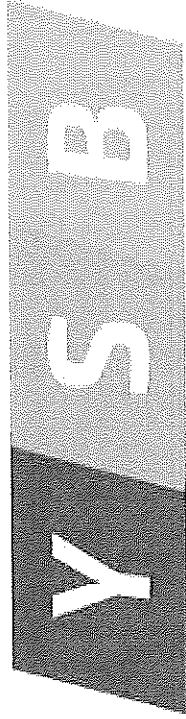
**Town of Windsor  
YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING ACTIONS  
April 27, 2021**



Agenda Item	Action	Vote
Minutes acceptance made by Bob Gange, Bruck McCormick	Approved	7-0-0
Motion to Adjourn made by Bob Gange, Pam Cook.	Approved	7-0-0
Youth Commission Members Present: Pam Cook, Bruce McCormick, Shanee Ransom, Jeremy Halek, Julian Martinez, Kereme Murrell, Bob Gange.		

# Summer Teen Employment Program

2021 Program Information —



 WINDSOR YOUTH  
SERVICES BUREAU



# **What is the STEP 2021 Internship**

- Seven-week program through work experience and other skills necessary for academic and professional success.
- Minimum of five hours per week of youth development training in the areas of:
  - personal mindset, verbal communication, planning for success,
  - collaboration and teamwork, social and environmental awareness, problem solving.
- Weekly stipend of \$135 per week.
- Monday – Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm
- Monday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- 15 - 20 interns
- 3 - 4 adult supervisors

# STEP 2021 Internship

- 95 applications have been accepted.
- 30 - 35 interviews.
- Parent Night/Orientation.
- Community Block Party Series is back!
- Two days a week at Northwest Park.
- New STEP Family Reunion!
- Closing Ceremony with Parents.
- "Setting up for Success" Week 1
  - First AID/CPR
  - Risk Management Training
  - Lyme Disease Prevention Training
  - Fire Safety Prevention
  - Basic Expectations of Interns



# 2020 Completed Projects

## Mill Brook Open Space/Trent Park

- Clear trails for public use at Mill Brook Open Space and Trent Park.
- The trails were overgrown at both locations
- Clearing weeds, pushing back the bushes & trees, and raked fallen debris.



# 2020 Completed Projects

## Northwest Park

- Trimmed heavy bittersweet vines off fences surrounding Mule pasture, Butterfly Garden, and Weather Station.
- Cut back roses, vines, and other growth from problem spots along the Woody Succession, Bog, and Wetland Forest trails; cut back invasive Japanese Knotweed growing along the Open Forest Trail





# 2020 Completed Projects

## Northwest Park

- Mark approximately 8.1 miles of trail at NWP this summer, or 83% of our total named trails.
- All trails are now marked to match the new trail map, produced in 2019.



# 2020 Completed Projects

## Routine Monday Morning Park Inspections and Litter Clean Up

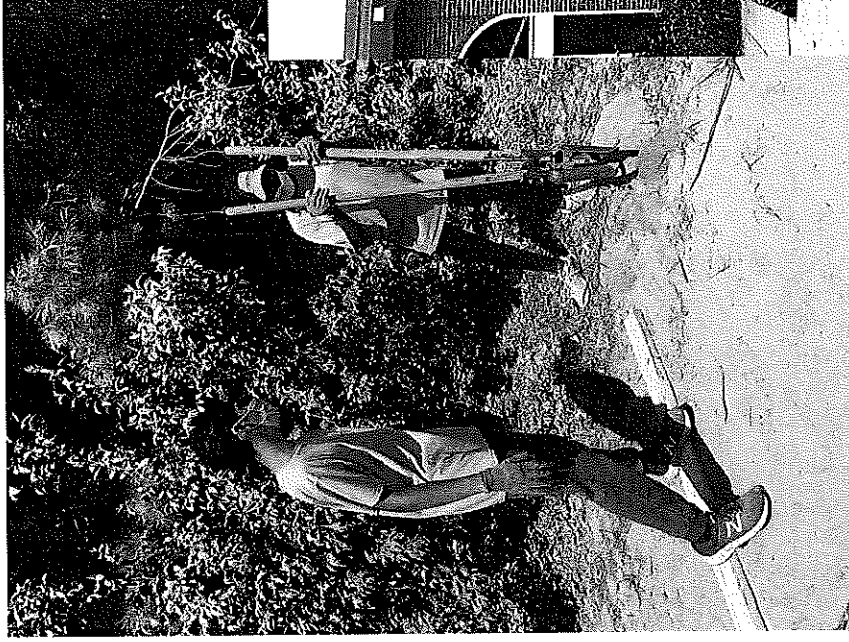
- Sharshon Park, Stroh Park and Goslee Pool
- Welch Park and Pool, Deerfield Park, Lancaster Park,
- Washington Park, Custer Park, Fitch Park,
- Trent Park, Bissel Bridge Trail, Windsor Center Trail



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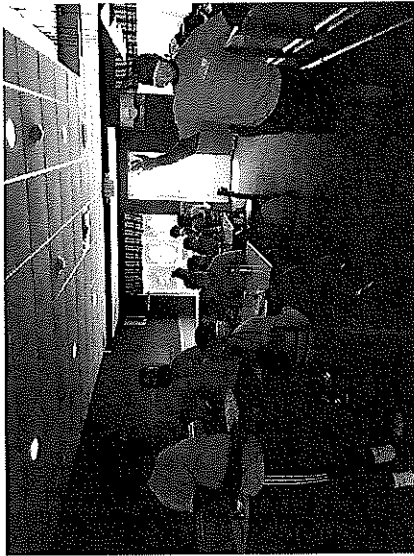
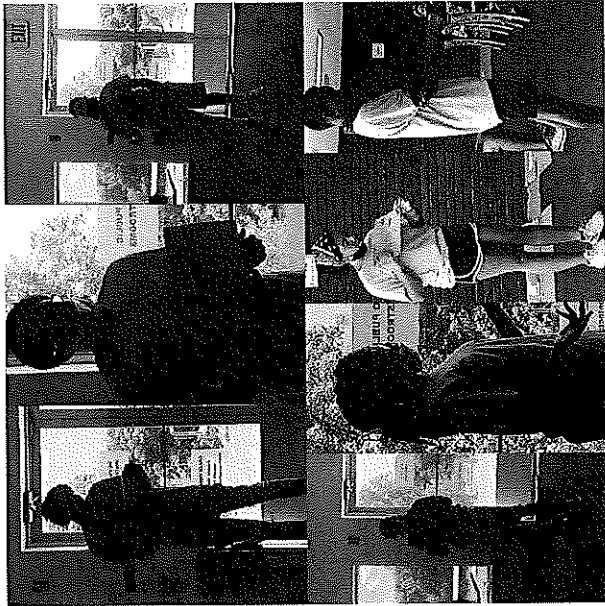
## Other Projects included

- Wilson Branch and Montessori School overgrown garden clean up
- Archer Memorial Zion Church Cemetery
- L.P. Wilson main entrance garden and Senior Services court yard
- Dog Pound Trails
- Heavy storm debris pick up from Tropical Storm Isaias at 6 parks and trails
- Northwest Park digging post holes for trial markings.
- <https://townofwindsorct.com/recreation/ysb/summer-teen-employment-program-step/>



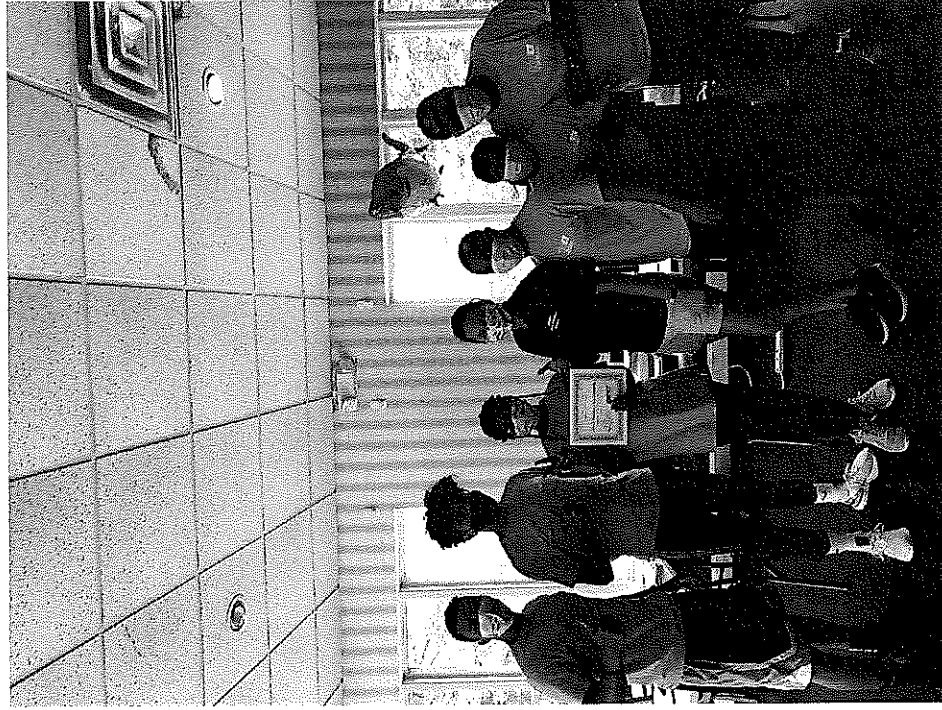
# 2020 Youth Development

- Morning and afternoon reflections (personally and as a group)
- Morning Warm Ups with Staff
- Resume Bootcamp
- Financial literacy
- Personal Mindset
- Teambuilding & Communication
- Social and environmental awareness



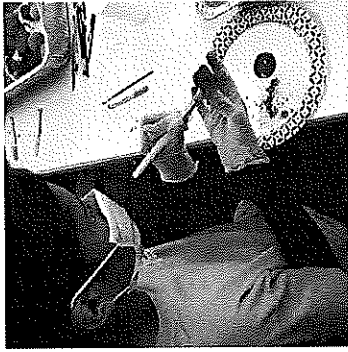
# 2020 Employee of the Week

- Awarded each week to an intern who is focused, follows directions, take initiative, has a positive mindset, and performs their job to the best of their ability.
- Interns are awarded with Windsor YSB “swag”, gift cards, a certificate, and a picture with supervisor for the website.



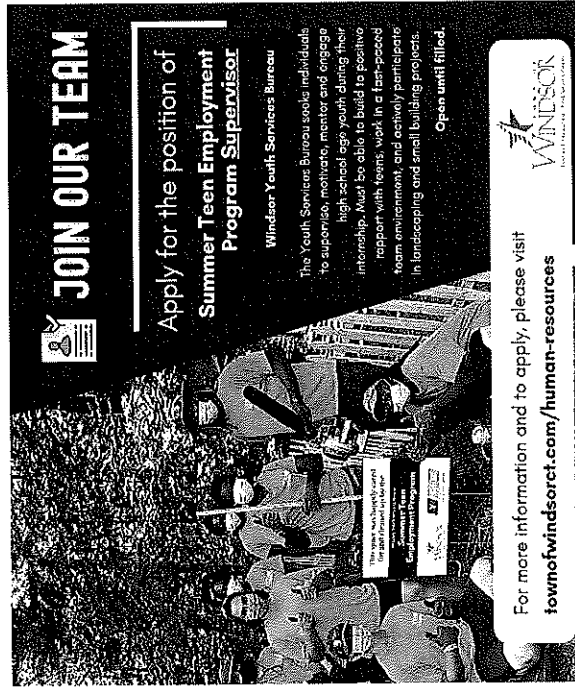
# The Kindness Project

- A service learning community outreach program.
- Inspirational messages painted on rocks and hide around town to spread kindness.



# STEP 2021

- Hiring process for interns and supervisors.
- Marketing and planning for Community Block Parties.
- Preparing equipment, ordering materials and supplies.
- Any questions?



**JOIN OUR TEAM**

Apply for the position of **Summer Teen Employment Program Supervisor**

Windsor Youth Services Bureau

The Youth Services Bureau seeks individuals to supervise, motivate, mentor and engage high school age youth during their internship. Must be able to build to positive rapport with teens, work in a fast-paced team environment, and actively participate in landscaping and small building projects.

**Open until filled.**

For more information and to apply, please visit [townofwindsorct.com/human-resources](http://townofwindsorct.com/human-resources)

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# 2021 Community Block Party Series



**Sharshon Park:** Friday, July 16th

**Lancaster Park:** Friday, July 30th

**Deerfield Park:** Friday, August 13th

4:30 PM to 7:30 PM

*For more information call (860) 285-1946*



Windsor Youth Services Bureau | (860) 285-1946  
599 Mattianuck Avenue, Windsor, CT

Standalone sign that will go in the bottom left corner of the display

**Overarching State Goal:**  
Reduce vaping use rates by 5% by 2025 among 12-19 year olds

**Goal 1:**  
To reduce vaping use rates among 12-19 year olds by targeting related risk and protective factors.

**Goal 2:**  
Increase public awareness of substance abuse prevention.

Don't Buy

# THE LIE

What's really in a vape?

**VAPING.**  
*Don't Get Taken In.*



**PROPYLENE GLYCOL**  
A common food-grade liquid used in many consumer products, including e-cigarettes. It is a humectant, which means it helps to keep the liquid in the e-cigarette moist.

**LEAD**  
A common metal found in many consumer products, including e-cigarettes. It is a neurotoxin, which means it can damage the brain and nervous system.

**ACTUAL NICOTINE**  
A common addictive substance found in many consumer products, including e-cigarettes. It is a stimulant, which means it can increase heart rate and blood pressure.

**FORMALDEHYDE**  
A common chemical found in many consumer products, including e-cigarettes. It is a carcinogen, which means it can cause cancer.

**TELURINE**  
A common chemical found in many consumer products, including e-cigarettes. It is a neurotoxin, which means it can damage the brain and nervous system.

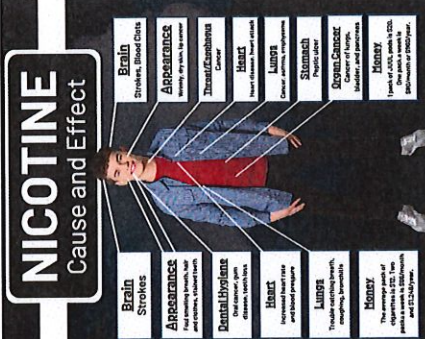
**LIQUID NICOTINE**  
A common addictive substance found in many consumer products, including e-cigarettes. It is a stimulant, which means it can increase heart rate and blood pressure.

ONE JUUL Pod is equivalent to a PACK of cigarettes.

CT Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW

## Reasons NOT TO START

**NICOTINE Cause and Effect**



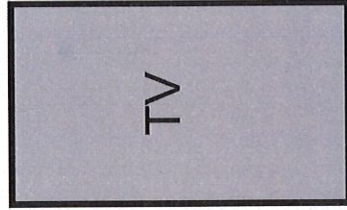
- Brain**  
Strokes, Blood Clots
- Appearance**  
Premature aging, wrinkles, hair loss
- ARRRANCE**  
Head aches, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Dental Hygiene**  
Dry mouth, gum disease, tooth loss
- Heart**  
Increased heart rate and blood pressure, heart disease, heart failure
- LUNGS**  
Tracheal irritation, cough, wheezing, asthma, emphysema
- Stomach**  
Stomach pain, indigestion, heartburn, acid reflux
- SKIN CANCER**  
Basal cell carcinoma, squamous cell carcinoma, melanoma
- MONEY**  
The average pack of cigarettes costs \$10.00. A pack of JUUL pods costs \$23.99.

Nicotine is HIGHLY Addictive.

Teens who vape are more likely to smoke cigarettes

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## ESCAPE THE VAPE



CT Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW

## Reasons TO QUIT

How many 'likes' do you think this would get?



This is Quitting: Teens and young adults can join for free **text DIITCHVAPE to 88709**  
SmokefreeTXT for Teens: Teens ages 13 to 17 years old **text QUIT to 47848**

CT Quitline at 1-800-QUIT-NOW

## What We Can Do as a Community

Support and/or join your Local Prevention Council  
Contact: Sarah.Hartman@0601.2682.9346

Advocate that local Healthcare Professionals include substance use screening in youth annual check-ups.

Take note that local Tobacco Merchants are in compliance with the Tobacco 21 Laws.

Learn about your school vaping policy

Adults: Be a power of example and do not vape or smoke.

Get help and help others with nicotine use disorder by calling the number below.

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