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THE TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Your gateway to updates on programs, events, town services, and other important information!

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Siting Council Virtual Meeting regarding River Street Solar Project - Update



The Connecticut Siting Council has set a public hearing date of **February 8th** regarding the proposed solar project at 445 River Street.

The hearing has two parts. There will be an evidentiary hearing starting at 2:00 PM for those individuals and entities that were granted party and intervenor status. The public comment portion of the hearing will start at 6:30 PM via Zoom. The Zoom links are listed below. We have updated the town's website to include this information.

Evidentiary Session – 2:00 PM

Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:

[Attendee Join Link](#)

There will be no public comments received during the 2:00 PM evidentiary session.

Public Comment Session – 6:30 PM

Attendees can join by clicking (or entering) the following link:

[Attendee Join Link](#)

Please note that you need to sign up in advance with the Siting Council to speak during the 6:30 PM public comment session.

Information on how to sign up can be found by clicking the button below:

[Click here for more info](#)

Eversource Tree Removal and Pruning



Eversource has a regular ongoing program to complete tree trimming and a removal program. The goal of the program is to assist in maintaining reliable electrical service and to protect the power distribution infrastructure network. Click the button below to view Eversource's webpage for more information on their overall program.

In 2024 Eversource plans to conduct tree trimming and pruning work in Rainbow and Poquonock areas of town. They anticipate beginning this work later this month and through the spring/summer.

The tree trimming and removal program is regulated by the Public Utility Regulatory Authority (PURA).

- When trees or vegetation are located on town property or in the town's right of way, the town's Tree Warden has the authority to determine the scope and method of vegetation management. The CT DOT has that authority when the vegetation is on State property or ROW.
- On private property, only the property owner may give consent for the work unless it is deemed an immediate threat (e.g. tree branches are touching wires.) A homeowner can request information/consultation, object to the planned work, or request a modification of the work.
- On Town property, trees must be posted for removal 10 days before removal unless they are in contact with an energized wire or are determined to be in such a hazardous condition they need to be removed. If a tree is being removed on Town property, the utility company must notify the abutting property owners.
- On State property if a tree is over 18" and is selected for removal, the municipality must be notified. This provides the opportunity for the town to review and discuss the selection.

[Click here for more info on the program](#)

Multifamily Rehabilitation Grant Program



In late 2022 the Town Council approved the use of \$375,000 in American Rescue Funds for a Multi-Family Housing Rehabilitation program. The program has been well received with 18 fully complete applications in various stages of completion.

- three projects are fully completed
- eight are in the construction phase
- six are in the quote/contract evaluation phase
- one is awaiting final financing approval from Windsor Federal Savings.

The 18 projects represent 44 units of improved housing, with a minimum of 50% of units being rented to low or moderate-income persons.

Between all projects completed and in progress, the staff is forecasting approximately \$600,000 in construction activity. Approximately \$320,000 is being funded through town grants and approximately \$275,000 in private matching funds. The majority of applicants are utilizing their funds toward the required match with two owners working with Windsor Federal who agreed to partner with the town on this important housing preservation program. Improvements mainly include electrical upgrades, roofing, and boiler, furnace, and window replacements.

At this point, the Community Development staff is no longer accepting new applications and has started a waiting list to ensure there are sufficient funds for all applicants. There is currently one applicant on the waiting list.

EV Charging Station

The EV Charging Station at the Broad Street & Maple Street Municipal Parking Lot is now online and available for use.

Town Clerk's Office Annual Marriage Licenses



The Windsor Town Clerk's office is offering free marriage licenses on Wednesday, February 14th in honor of Valentine's Day for any couple wanting to get married in Windsor within the next 65 days. This is an annual tradition that began in 1962 by Town Clerk, George Tudan. To obtain a free marriage license, couples are required to make an appointment with the Town Clerk's office. Both parties must be present for the appointment and need to bring a photo identification. In addition, each couple will be eligible to win a beautiful gift basket filled with assorted gift items, which have been donated by our generous local Windsor merchants. For those who wish to marry on Valentine's Day, a Justice of the Peace will be available all day; however, prior arrangements must be made with the Justice of the Peace. For details, call

the Town Clerk's office at 860-285-1902 or visit the Town of Windsor's Town Clerk's website by clicking the button below.

[Click here to visit our website](#)

Join the Windsor Police Cadets!



Are you between 11 and 20 years old? Are you interested in community service, law enforcement, or making new friends? If so, the Windsor Police Cadets might be right for you! For more information go to www.windsorpolicecadets.org or contact Sergeant Bernard Petkis at petkis@townofwindsorct.com.

Budget Informational Workshop - February 15



On **February 15th at 6:30 PM**, town staff will host an informational meeting concerning the FY 2025 budget process as well as property revaluation. The hybrid meeting will be in-person at Town Hall at 275 Broad Street or via Zoom at [this link](#) via computer with webinar ID # 890 3268 0672 or via phone at 3017158592 or 89032680672 with webinar ID #890 3268 0672.

IN OTHER NEWS...



CAMP
FOXfire
at Northwest Park

The Ultimate Summer Nature Adventure!

Registration:

Residents - Opens Thursday, Feb 1

Nonresidents - Opens Thursday, Feb 15

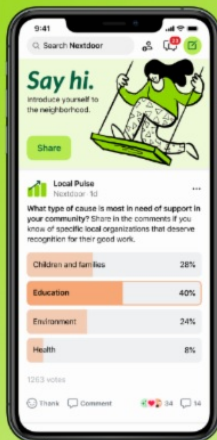
Open to grades PreK - Grade 8.

Ages 14 to 17 can apply to become a Junior Counselor.



Scholarships & payment plans available: townofwindsorct.com/recreation **NORTHWest PARK**

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