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Farmington Town Letter

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A NOTE FROM OUR TOWN COUNCIL CHAIR

Happy spring! I am sure we are all looking forward to the warmer weather in the months ahead. Our Public Works Department has begun the process of clearing winter debris, preparing our roads for repair projects, and getting our athletic fields ready for the spring outdoor activities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Town employees who continuously go above and beyond their respective duties to ensure that Town residents continue to receive exceptional services. For instance, the Public Works Department continues to oversee projects to improve Farmington's infrastructure. Many local roads were paved or reconstructed during the recent paving season, and additional roads are scheduled for paving as soon as the weather permits.

Thanks to our favorable business environment, Farmington continues to have a robust diverse business community that includes Fortune 500 headquarters, creative entrepreneurs, independent retail shops, national retailers, restaurants and many more! This year, the Economic Development Commission launched Explore Farmington, a dynamic online platform to create vibrancy, economic prosperity, and a more engaged community. This website highlights the places, events, and ideas that make Farmington a great place to live, work, play, and prosper.

The Town Council is gearing up to begin their strategic planning sessions in May. The Strategic Plan is the most important document for the Town of Farmington. It informs elected and appointed officials of the most immediate needs of Farmington residents and allows the Town to plan future activities to fulfill those needs. A joint workshop with the Board of Education has been scheduled for May 15 at Farmington High School, and additional meetings will take place on May 22 and May 29 in Town Hall Council Chambers. To view the Town Council meeting schedule, agendas, and minutes, please visit the Town Council's web page at www.farmington-ct.org under the "Government Section."

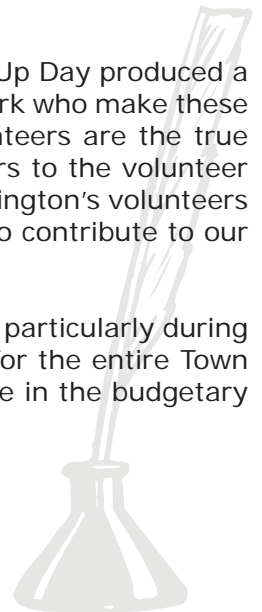
This year's Annual Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, April 21. Last year's Clean-Up Day produced a total of 4,000 pounds of trash. Many thanks to the wonderful volunteers for their hard work who make these Clean-Up days possible. The Town of Farmington whole-heartedly believes that volunteers are the true fabric of our community. From elected and appointed boards and commission members to the volunteer Fire Department, this Town cares for its community with its strong volunteer base. Farmington's volunteers make this a wonderful community in which to live, work, and play. Thank you to all who contribute to our town through volunteerism.

Lastly, I encourage you to stay informed and involved during this year's budget process, particularly during the Annual Town Meeting on April 16, and the Referendum Vote on April 26. I speak for the entire Town Council in saying that we welcome your input and hope that you will actively participate in the budgetary process.

Sincerely,

Nancy W. Nickerson

Town Council Chair





Enter a team and compete in the **"Heaviest Haul" Competition.**

Winners will be recognized in five categories:

- Families & Individuals
- Civic Organizations
- School Groups
- Youth Sports Teams and Scout Troops
- Businesses

**CALLING ALL FARMINGTON RESIDENTS!
"Pitch In" at the 21st Annual Town-Wide Clean-Up
SATURDAY, April 21st, 2018, 8am to 1pm**

THE DAY OF THE CLEAN-UP:

Register your group and pick up trash bags, gloves, and refreshments at...
Farmington Firehouse – 76 Main St., Farmington
Farmington Main Library – 6 Monteith Dr., Farmington
Tunxis Hose Firehouse – 11 School St., Unionville
Tunxis Mead Playing Fields - Gazebo

Sponsored by: The Town of Farmington Green Efforts Committee

With contributions from:

- * Dunkin' Donuts of Unionville * George's Pizza * Four Eat & Drink*
- * Farmington Miniature Golf and Ice Cream Parlor * Highland Park Market *
- * Naples Pizza * Stop & Shop of Unionville * Taprock Beer Bar and Refuge *

For more information and suggestions call: 860.677.6094

Competition Rules:

- Only trash that is brought to official Clean-Up centers on 4/21/18 between 8am-1pm will be weighed & posted
- Trash may be collected from April 1st to April 21st
- Any single item weighing more than 25 lbs. will be counted as 25 lbs.

To volunteer to clean one of the many "dirty spots" in town go to Sign Up Genius at:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4fa8a92ba02-2015>

For more information and suggestions call:
860.677.6094, or go to:
www.facebook.com/FarmingtonCTgreen, or
www.farmington-ct.org

STORMWATER RUNOFF POLLUTION: PET WASTE

Pet waste left in our yards and communities can have many adverse effects on the environment, as it is full of harmful bacteria and excess nutrients. Besides the fact pet waste is a neighborhood nuisance, it can make people sick, especially children who are more likely to come into contact with it while playing. Pet waste left on lawns can also kill or damage grass and other plants. When you fail to clean up after your pet, the waste left on sidewalks and lawns is both unpleasant and a nuisance. But it can become an even bigger problem when it rains and is carried by stormwater into nearby rivers, lakes and streams. When pet waste is washed into lakes or streams, the waste decays, uses up oxygen degrading water quality and affecting fish. It also contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth.

Here are some things "*You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution*":

1. Pick up after your pet. Pet waste can be a source of bacteria, and can lead to contamination of wetlands, streams, lakes, and rivers.
2. Pet waste should NOT be composted even in a biodegradable bag.
3. Dispose of cat litter in the trash. NEVER flush cat litter down the toilet or compost it.
4. BRING IT - Always bring a plastic bag when you walk your dog. Put bags in the car or tie them to the leash, so you'll be prepared when you travel with your pet. Place bags by the door so you don't forget them.
5. BAG IT - Use the bag as a glove to pick up the pet waste. Scoop up the waste and turn the bag inside out around the waste.
6. DISPOSE IT - Properly dispose the waste by placing it in a trash can or flushing it unbagged down the toilet. NEVER THROW WASTE DOWN A STORM DRAIN!
7. Talk to your family and friends about stormwater pollution and picking up after their pets!
8. **WASH YOUR HANDS!!!**

Be the Solution to Water Pollution!

TOWN OF FARMINGTON
HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE/ELECTRONICS/SHREDDING COLLECTIONS FOR 2018

The Town of Farmington is happy to announce that we are working with the Towns of Avon, Canton, Granby and Simsbury to provide Household Hazardous Waste Collections. The collections will run from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be open to all residents from Avon, Canton, Farmington, Granby and Simsbury. Farmington residents will no longer be able to participate in any of the MDC household hazardous waste collections.

There will be three (3) collection dates that Town of Farmington residents can attend:

- April 21, 2018 – at Farmington High School, 10 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT.
- June 9, 2018 – at Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Road, Simsbury, CT.
- November 3, 2018 - at Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Road, Simsbury, CT.

On the same dates and locations listed above, there will also be FREE collections of Electronics and Used Motor Oil for the residents of Avon, Canton, Farmington, Granby, and Simsbury.

SHREDDING

Simsbury Location ONLY on June 9, 2018 and November 3, 2018

Personal document shredding **Special hours: 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or until the truck is full** (please limit yourself to 2 boxes)

Farmington Bank offers free shredding events at various locations & dates.

Please visit their website at:

<http://www.farmingtonbankct.com/about/newsroom-events/events>

Below are some frequently asked questions related to Household Hazardous Waste disposal. For more specific information, please contact Farmington Highway & Grounds at 860.675.2550.

Acceptable items:

- ☺ Fluorescent and compact light bulbs
- ☺ Batteries – common household batteries including rechargeable batteries & car batteries
- ☺ Lawn care chemicals – fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, fungicides
- ☺ Switches or items containing Mercury – thermometers, thermostats, motion detectors
- ☺ Household cleaners – acids, adhesives, aerosol cans, ammonia, drain cleaner, disinfectants, moth balls, etc.
- ☺ Chemicals from the garage or workshop – antifreeze, ant/bug spray or bait, brake fluid, old gasoline, oil based and latex paints, lighter fluid, polyurethane, pool chemicals, road flares, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, wood stain, etc.

Unacceptable items:

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| ☺ Ammunition and/or explosives (incl. gunpowder) | ☺ Appliances |
| ☺ Asbestos | ☺ Smoke detectors |
| ☺ Business Waste – (collection is for residential waste only) | ☺ Tires |
| ☺ Cement | ☺ Used Oil Filters |
| ☺ Empty Containers – A container is considered empty when no more than one inch or 3% (by weight) of material is left in the container, these can be disposed of in the regular trash. | ☺ Ice melt – Ice melt is not hazardous and can be disposed in the regular trash |
| ☺ Fire extinguishers | ☺ Latex Driveway Sealer (Genite) – Driveway sealer is not hazardous; solidify then throw in the regular trash |
| ☺ Freon | ☺ Marine Flares – Pyrotechnic flares cannot be accepted at the Collection because they are categorized as explosives. |
| ☺ Medicine/Drugs/Needles/Syringes | |
| ☺ Propane Tanks for gas grills | |

How can I get rid of latex and oil-based paint?

Recycle your leftover paint through *PaintCare* – it's **FREE**

Starting 7/1/13, a Connecticut Law requires the paint and coating industry to develop a financially and environmentally sustainable solution to manage postconsumer architectural paint. Under the new program, the paint industry will make paint recycling more convenient by setting up drop-off sites throughout the state where consumers can take their paint. *PaintCare* will also conduct outreach and education about buying the right amount and using up remaining paint. For drop off locations and program information, please go to: <http://www.paintcare.org/connecticut/index.php>



Have you heard the good news? The Economic Development Commission has launched a community website filled with current events, special offerings and a business directory.

Our goal is to provide our community with a resource that will improve community engagement, and inform our residents of all that is available in Farmington. You'll also find Explore Farmington on Facebook and Instagram. Check us out at <https://www.civiclift.com/Farmington-CT>. What will you find...

REMINDERS FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

ELDERLY/TOTALLY DISABLED AND VETERANS TAX RELIEF PROGRAMS

NEW AND CONTINUING DEVELOPMENTS

Applications for the Elderly and Totally Disabled State and Town Homeowner programs are available in the Assessor's Office through May 15, 2018. Applicants must be 65 years of age by December 31, 2017 or totally disabled, no age limit, to qualify. Income levels for the State program cannot exceed \$35,300 for a single person and \$43,000 for a married couple. The Town program income limits are \$41,300 for a single person or \$49,000 for a married couple. You may download an application from the Town of Farmington website; go to the Assessor's Page, under "FORMS", or you may come to the Assessor's Office in the Town Hall. Please be sure to bring your Federal Tax Return, if you file one, and your Social Security Statement (SSA 1099) when applying. If you do not file a tax return, you must provide proof of all forms of income, including your 1099 statement, pension benefits, interest, dividends, etc.

The Veterans Program requirements are the same as the elderly programs. However if the applicant is 100% disabled, the income maximum is \$18,000 for a single person, and \$21,000 for a married couple, *excluding* Social Security.

If you have any questions regarding these programs, please contact the Assessor's Office at 860.675.2370.



2017 was a very busy year for the Assessor's Office. A Revaluation Update has been completed in conjunction with Tyler Technologies/CLT. More than 3,000 properties were measured and listed. The use of a drone assisted in reviewing properties difficult to access by a physical inspection. Photos were taken of all properties in town and are now available on each property card, along with a sketch of the building(s), details of the structure(s) and land information. Real Estate values were adjusted based on a market analysis to reflect current values in this time of change. We have seen shifts in value, both increasing and decreasing, throughout town, for the residential and the commercial/industrial markets. The medical field continues to grow, as evident in the expansion of the UConn Health complex.

There has also been ongoing development in new and existing subdivisions. In addition, many building permits were issued for various residential improvements, such as room additions, garages, porches, decks, and in-ground pools, as well as activity in commercial construction reflected in both Personal Property and Real Estate.

YOUR COMMUNITY NEEDS YOU!

REMINDERS FROM COMMUNITY & RECREATIONAL SERVICES

The Town of Farmington Fire Department is looking for operational and administrative volunteers of all backgrounds and skill sets. If you are interested, please call Fire Director Steve Hoffmann at 860.675.2322 or email him at: hoffmanns@farmington-ct.org



Join the Farmington Volunteer Fire Department today!

Unionville Friday Night Movies begin at dusk behind Union School on July 20, July 27, and August 3.

Summer of Music is held Thursdays 6:30-8:30 PM June 21 through August 16 at Alice Clover Pinney Park in Unionville.

Senior Center Fitness Membership includes guidance from a certified personal trainer. Call 860.675.2490 for more info.

Recreation Summer Camps
The days are getting longer and the temperatures are getting warmer. That means it's time to sign up for Summer Camps; see page 11 of the Program Guide at: <http://www.farmington-ct.org/departments/recreation>



WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY UPDATE



The inside of the UV Disinfection Building



Water passing through the bulb channels for treatment

The comprehensive upgrade to the Town's Water Pollution Control Facility began in March of 2016. After 2 years of construction, many of the new process facilities are being put into service this spring, including the Ultra Violet Disinfection system. This has eliminated the use of chemicals that were previously used to disinfect the treated wastewater. The project is currently running on schedule and is nearing 75 percent completion, with \$43,034,293 paid as of February 29, 2018. The completed facility will produce a higher quality effluent with greater reliability and efficiency for years to come.



POLICE ACCREDITATION

CALEA stands for Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. In 1979, the Commission was created through the combined efforts of four major law enforcement organizations; the International Association of Chiefs of Police, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, National Sheriffs' Association, and the Police Executive Research Forum. The purpose of the Commission is to develop law enforcement standards and to establish and administer the accreditation process. The accreditation process is how a law enforcement agency voluntarily demonstrates how they meet professionally recognized criteria for excellence in management and service delivery. The Farmington Police Department initially attained CALEA accreditation in 1992. Some of the benefits of accreditation include:

1. CONTROLLED LIABILITY INSURANCE COSTS
2. STRONGER DEFENSE AGAINST LAWSUITS AND CITIZEN COMPLAINTS
3. GREATER ACCOUNTABILITY WITHIN THE AGENCY
4. STAUNCH SUPPORT FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
5. INCREASED COMMUNITY ADVOCACY
6. IMPROVED EMPLOYEE MORALE



Since the initial accreditation in 1992, the Department has successfully attained re-accreditations in 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012, and 2015. The Department just had its ninth re-accreditation process in March of this year with a favorable recommendation from the assessment team to the Commission. In 2009, the Department was recognized as a Flagship Agency demonstrating success and achievement in the accreditation process and was awarded a Meritorious Service Award for being accredited for over 15 years. The Department in 2012 was awarded an Award with Excellence, a designation given by the Commission to those agencies that have demonstrated success in the accreditation process and have the best practices on how to address compliance, policy development, and file maintenance.

TARGETING OPIOID USE DISORDER (OUD)

As part of Connecticut's Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis, the Community Service Department and Farmington FOCUS has received a grant to help prevent opioid use and overdose. While police have already been trained in the effective administration of Narcan, as part of the grant Farmington's Fire and Rescue personnel have now also been trained. In the event of a suspected opioid overdose, call 911 immediately. First responders carry Narcan, an opioid antagonist, that can temporarily reverse the effects of an opioid overdose until further medical attention can be provided.

PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AGAINST OPIOID AND OTHER SUBSTANCE ABUSE:

- Store medications, particularly those at risk for abuse, locked and away from potential theft or misuse.
- If selling a house, keep all drugs away from those who may use the bathroom while the house is being shown.

- Be aware of signs and symptoms of OUD, including any changes in normal behavior, weight loss, small pupils, and/or disappearance of money or household items that can be sold to purchase drugs.
- If prescribed an opioid based painkiller, take only what is necessary to relieve the pain. Never take more than what is prescribed and never take pain medication longer than needed.

If you have general questions regarding opioid use disorder talk to a healthcare professional or dial Infoline at 211 (non-emergency). Questions about the Town of Farmington's prevention efforts may be directed to Christopher Montes at 860.675.2398 or montesc@farmington-ct.org.

REMINDER...There is a **DRUG DROP-OFF BOX** located at the Farmington Police Station. The drug drop-off box is always accessible, 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is a safe way to dispose of Rx medications..



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FAMILY AND FRIENDS CPR COURSE

- Do you know what to do if a family member collapses in front of you?
- Do you know how to relieve choking?
- Do you know how to use an AED?



CPR is designed for members of the general public who would like to learn basic CPR, including families with children or elderly relatives, community groups, and those who do not need a course completion card. **NO COST!!!**

If the answer to any of these questions is "no," join members of The Town of Farmington Fire Department at the Senior/Community Center as they instruct the American Heart Association's **Family and Friends** CPR Course.

Available Dates:

- ♥ **Friday, June 29th 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**
- ♥ **Wednesday, September 19th 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.**
- ♥ **Wednesday, December 12th 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Family and Friends CPR: This video-based course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults, children and infants. Use of an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is also included in the training, and participants receive a student manual for ongoing reference. Family and Friends

If you would like to sign up for one of these upcoming classes at the Senior/Community Center and learn the skills to help a loved one in distress, go to:

<http://www.farmington-ct.org/departments/fire-department/cpr-registration>

NOTES FROM PAULA RAY, TOWN CLERK

TOP DOG CONTEST

The Farmington Town Clerk's office will be holding a "Top Dog" drawing. Join the fun by entering your best friend for a chance to wear Farmington Dog License Number 1 free of charge for 2018-2019.



To Participate:

- ✓ The dog must be currently registered in Farmington or under 6 months of age.
- ✓ A photo of your dog no larger than 4x6 inches is required.
- ✓ On the back of the photo list the name of the dog, and the owner's name, address and phone number.
- ✓ Send the photo to the Farmington Town Clerk, 1 Monteith Drive, Farmington, CT 06032 between May 1st and June 1st.
- ✓ A drawing will be held on June 22, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Clerk's Office to determine Farmington's Top Dog.

LICENSING INFORMATION

The Town Clerk's Office reminds dog owners that renewal and new licenses are issued during the month of June. Please call the Town Clerk's Office at 860.675.2380 or email rayp@farmington-ct.org with any questions.

FISHING FACTS

There is a new regulation as of this year's fishing

season requiring a trout stamp. Frequently asked questions regarding the new Trout Stamp can be found on the Fisheries Web page at www.ct.gov/deep/fishing or by phone at 860.424.FISH. The stamp has a fee of \$5.00 (\$3.00 for CT residents age 16-17) and expires at the end of each calendar year.

A Trout Stamp is required for anyone age 16 or older, including those age 65 and over who:

- Harvest trout, Kokanee, or Salmon (except as described in 26-48c)
- Fishes in one of these four trout/salmon areas: trout management areas, wild trout management areas, trout parks or broodstock Atlantic salmon areas.

Opening day for fishing is April 14, 2018 by the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. Licenses are available online from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection www.ct.gov/deep/fishing and at the Town Clerk's office.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR FALL

The date of the Gubernatorial Election this fall is November 6, 2018. College students and anyone that will be out of town at election time are encouraged to fill out their absentee ballot applications before leaving town. Applications will be kept on file in the Town Clerk's office and ballots will be issued on October 5, 2018, which is the first day regular absentee ballots are available.

TOWN COUNCIL RECOMMENDED BUDGET FY 2018/2019

		FY17/18 Adopted Budget	FY18/19 Town Council Recommended Budget	Dollar Change	% Change
EXPENDITURES					
Education		64,172,641	65,799,897	1,627,256	2.54
Town		28,860,794	29,573,654	712,860	2.47
Debt Service		7,315,700	8,399,011	1,083,311	14.81
Capital Improvements		2,398,000	2,519,000	121,000	5.05
	Total	\$102,747,135	\$106,291,562	\$3,544,427	3.45
GRAND LIST					
Real Estate		3,140,510,560	3,193,799,380	53,288,820	1.70
Personal Property		221,970,453	228,781,599	6,811,146	3.07
Motor Vehicles		233,478,558	232,795,485	(683,073)	(0.29)
	Total	\$3,595,959,571	\$3,655,376,464	\$59,416,893	1.65
REVENUES					
Other Property Taxes		1,200,000	1,265,000	65,000	5.42
Licenses and Permits		648,000	648,000	-	-
Fines and Penalties		39,000	39,000	-	-
Interest		150,000	335,000	185,000	123.33
Grants		4,145,382	4,039,095	(106,287)	(2.56)
Service Charges		1,357,290	1,313,790	(43,500)	(3.20)
Other		27,000	51,500	24,500	90.74
Westwoods Contribution		335,030	335,030	-	-
	Total	\$7,901,702	\$8,026,415	\$124,713	1.58
TAX & MILL RATE					
Tax Levy		\$95,553,433	\$98,973,147	Every \$100,000 of assessed value = \$2,718 in taxes	
Mill Rate		26.68	27.18		
Mill Rate Change		0.90	0.51		
% Change		3.50%	1.90%		
Avg Residential Assessment		\$232,074	\$226,777		
Real Estate Taxes		\$6,191.54	\$6,164.88		
Dollar Increase		209.57	(26.66)		
Percent Increase		3.50%	-0.43%		

TAX CALCULATOR AVAILABLE

In this revaluation year, the tax impact on a property will depend on how much a property either increased or decreased in value; the magnitude of property value change will determine its taxes. A tax calculator has been added to the Town of Farmington web page for those who want to see what their tax impact will be with the proposed tax rate: <http://www.farmington-ct.org/about-us/town-budget>

IMPORTANT BUDGET DATES

April 16 Monday	7:00 p.m. Annual Town Meeting (FHS Auditorium)
April 26 Thursday	Referendum Vote
April 27 Friday	4:00 p.m. Special Town Council Meeting (if needed)
April 30 Monday	7:00 p.m. Second Town Meeting (if needed)
May 10 Thursday	Second Referendum Vote (if needed)
May 22 Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting - set tax rate

WHERE TO VOTE IN TOWN (POLLING PLACES)

District 1, Precinct 1, 2, 3, 4 - Irving Robbins Middle School, 20 Wolf Pit Rd., Farmington
 District 1, Precinct 5 - West Woods Upper Elementary School, 50 Judson Lane, Farmington
 District 2, Precinct 6 - Community/Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville
 District 2, Precinct 7 - Municipal Campus (High School, Library or Town Hall), Monteith Dr., Farmington

See other side for Voting Resolutions and Explanatory Text

REFERENDUM VOTE APRIL 26, 2018

TOWN OF FARMINGTON EXPLANATORY TEXT -- APRIL 26, 2018 REFERENDUM VOTE

1. "SHALL THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON PRESENTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND RECOMMENDED BY THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BE APPROVED?
YES NO"

A budget, as recommended by the Farmington Town Council at a meeting held on April 2, 2018, and to be presented and discussed at the Annual Town Meeting to be held Monday, April 16, 2018, shall be submitted under the ballot heading above to vote on voting machines of persons qualified to vote in Town meetings of the Town of Farmington on Thursday, April 26, 2018, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The budget as recommended by the Town Council is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.

"2. SHALL THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON APPROPRIATE \$650,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF A PUMPER FIRE ENGINE TO BE STATIONED AT THE TUNXIS HOSE FIRE STATION AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?"

"3. SHALL THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON APPROPRIATE \$1,935,000 FOR VARIOUS SCHOOL FACILITIES SECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?"

"4. SHALL THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON APPROPRIATE \$1,995,000 FOR VARIOUS SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?"

Resolutions adopted by the Farmington Town Council at a meeting held April 2, 2018, and to be presented and discussed at the Annual Town Meeting to be held Monday, April 16, 2018, shall be submitted under the ballot headings above to vote on voting machines of persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Farmington on Thursday, April 26, 2018, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in conjunction with the referendum on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget to be held on that date.

If approved, resolution #2 will appropriate \$650,000 and authorize borrowing for costs related to acquisition of a pumper fire engine to replace Engine #2 at the Tunxis Hose Fire Station, and related equipment.

If approved, resolution #3 will appropriate \$1,935,000 and authorize borrowing for costs related to various school facilities security and infrastructure improvement projects, and related work and improvements, contemplated to include relocation of the main offices at Noah Wallace School, and West District School; installation of security vestibules at East Farms School, Union School, West Woods Upper Elementary School, and Irving A. Robbins Middle School; mechanical control upgrades at East Farms School, Union School, and West Woods Upper Elementary School; wiring upgrades and limestone façade repair and replacement at Union School; chiller replacement at West Woods Upper Elementary School; replacement of the heat loop at West District School and replacement of the air handling units at Irving A. Robbins Middle School.

If approved, resolution #4 will appropriate \$1,995,000 and authorize borrowing for costs related to various school roof replacement projects, and related work and improvements, contemplated to include replacement of the K, N, O and 1959 sections of the Irving A. Robbins Middle School roof, replacement of the Union School roof, and replacement of the O,Q,R, and U sections of the Farmington High School Roof.

The full text of each resolution as approved by the Town Council is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.

Electors shall vote at their regularly assigned polling places, as follows: Electors residing in the First Voting District and assigned to polling places 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, and 1-4 shall vote at Irving A. Robbins Middle School, 20 Wolf Pit Road, Farmington, Connecticut; and those assigned to polling place 1-5 shall vote at West Woods Upper Elementary School, 50 Judson Lane, Farmington, Connecticut. Electors residing in the Second Voting District and assigned to polling place 2-6 shall vote at the Community & Senior Center, 321 New Britain Avenue, Unionville, Connecticut; and those assigned to polling place 2-7 shall vote at the Municipal Complex, Monteith Drive, Farmington, Connecticut. Voters qualified to vote at town meeting who are not electors shall vote at their respective polling place at Irving A. Robbins Middle School, West Woods Upper Elementary School, the Community & Senior Center or the Municipal Complex. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.

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REVENUES					
Other Property Taxes		1,200,000	1,265,000	65,000	5.42
Licenses and Permits		648,000	648,000	-	-
Fines and Penalties		39,000	39,000	-	-
Interest		150,000	335,000	185,000	123.33
Grants		4,145,382	4,039,095	(106,287)	(2.56)
Service Charges		1,357,290	1,313,790	(43,500)	(3.20)
Other		27,000	51,500	24,500	90.74
Westwoods Contribution		335,030	335,030	-	-
	Total	\$7,901,702	\$8,026,415	\$124,713	1.58
TAX & MILL RATE					
Tax Levy		\$95,553,433	\$98,973,147	Every \$100,000 of assessed value = \$2,718 in taxes	
Mill Rate		26.68	27.18		
Mill Rate Change		0.90	0.51		
% Change		3.50%	1.90%		
Avg Residential Assessment		\$232,074	\$226,777		
Real Estate Taxes		\$6,191.54	\$6,164.88		
Dollar Increase		209.57	(26.66)		
Percent Increase		3.50%	-0.43%		

TAX CALCULATOR AVAILABLE

In this revaluation year, the tax impact on a property will depend on how much a property either increased or decreased in value; the magnitude of property value change will determine its taxes. A tax calculator has been added to the Town of Farmington web page for those who want to see what their tax impact will be with the proposed tax rate: <http://www.farmington-ct.org/about-us/town-budget>

IMPORTANT BUDGET DATES

April 16 Monday	7:00 p.m. Annual Town Meeting (FHS Auditorium)
April 26 Thursday	Referendum Vote
April 27 Friday	4:00 p.m. Special Town Council Meeting (if needed)
April 30 Monday	7:00 p.m. Second Town Meeting (if needed)
May 10 Thursday	Second Referendum Vote (if needed)
May 22 Tuesday	7:00 p.m. Town Council Meeting - set tax rate

WHERE TO VOTE IN TOWN (POLLING PLACES)

District 1, Precinct 1, 2, 3, 4 - Irving Robbins Middle School, 20 Wolf Pit Rd., Farmington
 District 1, Precinct 5 - West Woods Upper Elementary School, 50 Judson Lane, Farmington
 District 2, Precinct 6 - Community/Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville
 District 2, Precinct 7 - Municipal Campus (High School, Library or Town Hall), Monteith Dr., Farmington

See other side for Voting Resolutions and Explanatory Text

REFERENDUM VOTE APRIL 26, 2018

TOWN OF FARMINGTON EXPLANATORY TEXT -- APRIL 26, 2018 REFERENDUM VOTE

1. "SHALL THE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON PRESENTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AND RECOMMENDED BY THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019 BE APPROVED?
YES NO"

A budget, as recommended by the Farmington Town Council at a meeting held on April 2, 2018, and to be presented and discussed at the Annual Town Meeting to be held Monday, April 16, 2018, shall be submitted under the ballot heading above to vote on voting machines of persons qualified to vote in Town meetings of the Town of Farmington on Thursday, April 26, 2018, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

The budget as recommended by the Town Council is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.

"2. SHALL THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON APPROPRIATE \$650,000 FOR ACQUISITION OF A PUMPER FIRE ENGINE TO BE STATIONED AT THE TUNXIS HOSE FIRE STATION AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?"

"3. SHALL THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON APPROPRIATE \$1,935,000 FOR VARIOUS SCHOOL FACILITIES SECURITY AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?"

"4. SHALL THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON APPROPRIATE \$1,995,000 FOR VARIOUS SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECTS AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION?"

Resolutions adopted by the Farmington Town Council at a meeting held April 2, 2018, and to be presented and discussed at the Annual Town Meeting to be held Monday, April 16, 2018, shall be submitted under the ballot headings above to vote on voting machines of persons qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Farmington on Thursday, April 26, 2018, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. in conjunction with the referendum on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 budget to be held on that date.

If approved, resolution #2 will appropriate \$650,000 and authorize borrowing for costs related to acquisition of a pumper fire engine to replace Engine #2 at the Tunxis Hose Fire Station, and related equipment.

If approved, resolution #3 will appropriate \$1,935,000 and authorize borrowing for costs related to various school facilities security and infrastructure improvement projects, and related work and improvements, contemplated to include relocation of the main offices at Noah Wallace School, and West District School; installation of security vestibules at East Farms School, Union School, West Woods Upper Elementary School, and Irving A. Robbins Middle School; mechanical control upgrades at East Farms School, Union School, and West Woods Upper Elementary School; wiring upgrades and limestone façade repair and replacement at Union School; chiller replacement at West Woods Upper Elementary School; replacement of the heat loop at West District School and replacement of the air handling units at Irving A. Robbins Middle School.

If approved, resolution #4 will appropriate \$1,995,000 and authorize borrowing for costs related to various school roof replacement projects, and related work and improvements, contemplated to include replacement of the K, N, O and 1959 sections of the Irving A. Robbins Middle School roof, replacement of the Union School roof, and replacement of the O,Q,R, and U sections of the Farmington High School Roof.

The full text of each resolution as approved by the Town Council is on file and available for public inspection in the office of the Town Clerk.

Electors shall vote at their regularly assigned polling places, as follows: Electors residing in the First Voting District and assigned to polling places 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, and 1-4 shall vote at Irving A. Robbins Middle School, 20 Wolf Pit Road, Farmington, Connecticut; and those assigned to polling place 1-5 shall vote at West Woods Upper Elementary School, 50 Judson Lane, Farmington, Connecticut. Electors residing in the Second Voting District and assigned to polling place 2-6 shall vote at the Community & Senior Center, 321 New Britain Avenue, Unionville, Connecticut; and those assigned to polling place 2-7 shall vote at the Municipal Complex, Monteith Drive, Farmington, Connecticut. Voters qualified to vote at town meeting who are not electors shall vote at their respective polling place at Irving A. Robbins Middle School, West Woods Upper Elementary School, the Community & Senior Center or the Municipal Complex. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office.