



THE FARMINGTON TOWN LETTER

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A Note From Our Town Council Chair

Fall in Farmington is a beautiful and comforting season, full of change and the promise of what is to come. Summer is over, but the New Year is fast approaching. As we look back on the projects Farmington's dedicated and hardworking Town employees have successfully completed this past Spring and Summer, we must also look ahead to what is in store for Farmington next year. It is also a good time for me, personally, to look forward to my next chapter. This will be my last newsletter as Town Chair of the Farmington Town Council. As a lifelong resident of Farmington, I am truly thankful for the opportunity to serve as the Town Chair, and I plan to continue to support the Town of Farmington and community organizations moving forward. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time on the Town Council, and hope that I leave the Town of Farmington poised for continued success.

The Public Works Department has been busy creating, implementing and overseeing projects to improve Farmington's infrastructure. Many local roads were paved or reconstructed during the recent paving season. Is your road scheduled for paving or repair? Find out in the alphabetical listing, "**Town of Farmington Road Report**," now available online at www.farmington-ct.org, on the home page, under "News."

The Farmington Village Center Committee developed a Master Streetscape Plan this past Summer. It can be seen at www.farmington-ct.org, on the home page, under "News." The FHS Building Committee was also busy this summer, selecting architects for the conceptual option phase, and working to improve communications. The Committee will be holding a "**Community Input Meeting**," **Wednesday, October 16th, from 6:00 – 8:30 pm, at Farmington High School**. Residents are encouraged to attend, learn about the needs of the FHS facility, and provide input. Registration for this event is requested, but not required to attend. To register for the event and learn more about the Building Committee process, visit the Committee's new website: www.fhsbuildingproject.org.

Our **bi-annual Bulk Waste Collection will take place October 21-25, 2019**. Farmington residents will also have the opportunity to participate in a **Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics, and Shredding collection in Simsbury, on November 9th**. Please refer to page 3 in this newsletter for more information.

I am extremely proud of all that Farmington has accomplished during my tenure as Town Council Chair, and I look forward to what is in store for the Town this Fall, upcoming Winter and beyond. Thank you for allowing me to serve you, in this capacity, for the last six years. It has been my pleasure. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all of the employees, volunteers, and committed citizens that continue to make Farmington a special place. I hope you enjoy the beauty of Fall in Farmington, and I remind you to vote on November 5th. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Nancy W. Nickerson
Town Council Chair

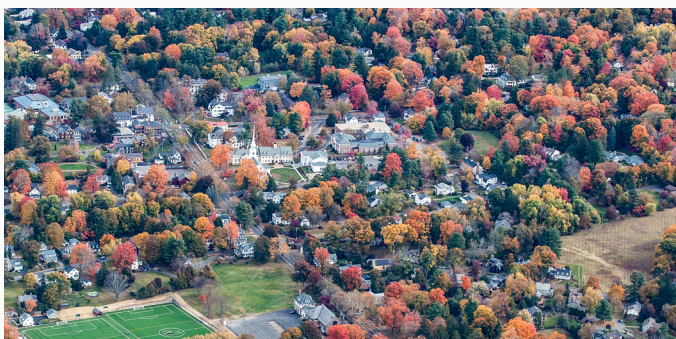


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Your Community Needs You!



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 Director of Fire and Rescue Services, Steve Hoffmann, at 860-675-2322, or email him at: hoffmanns@farmington-ct.org.

Join the Town of Farmington Fire Department Today!

Farmington Community Services Holiday Events



Saturday, November 23, 2019

Thanksgiving Food Drive

co-sponsored by Farmington Police Dept.

This event supports low-income families in Farmington and Unionville, by providing all the essentials for a complete Thanksgiving meal. Interested donors can participate by sponsoring one or more families, through our office, or by contributing at the annual Thanksgiving food drive held at Stop & Shop, 1799 Farmington Avenue, Unionville (food drive is typically 9 am to 2 pm).

Thursday, November 28, 2019

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

12:00 - 2:00 pm*, Community & Senior Center, 321 New Britain Ave., Unionville

Please join us as Farmington Community Services (FCS) hosts its annual town-wide Thanksgiving Day Dinner Gathering!

Participants, volunteers, and donors needed. Please contact Community Services at 860-675-2390 to make your reservation or for more information. ***Reservations required**



Friday, December 13, 2019

Stuff-a-Cruiser Toy Drive

co-sponsored by Farmington Police Dept.

Help make holiday wishes come true at the annual FCS and FPD toy drive at **Walmart, 255 W. Main Street, Avon**. This event helps provide toys, clothes and lots of good cheer to more than 200 local children. Donations can also be dropped off at our office. To sponsor a child, please contact FCS at 860-675-2390.

Saturday, December 21, 2019

Winter Holidays Food Drive

co-sponsored by Tunxis Hose & Farmington Fire Depts.

This event offers Farmington and Unionville residents in need all the essentials for a complete holiday meal. Interested donors can participate by sponsoring one or more families through our office, or by contributing at the two annual food drive locations:

Stop & Shop, 1799 Farmington Avenue, Unionville or Highland Park Market, 204 Main Street, Farmington (food drives are typically 9 am to 2 pm).

CPR Class



Join members of the Town of Farmington Fire Department at the Senior/Community Center for the **American Heart Association's Family & Friends CPR Course**.

This no-cost, video-based course teaches CPR and relief of choking in adults, children and infants, and the use of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

Participants receive a student manual for ongoing reference. This course is for those who want to learn basic CPR, but do not need a course completion card.

Next Date:

Wednesday, 12/11/19, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

To sign up for a class, go to:

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



October 21 - 25, 2019 – Fall Town-Wide Bulk Waste Collection

November 9, 2019 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Road, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fall Town-Wide Bulk Waste Collection

During the **week of October 21 - 25, 2019**, all Farmington residents who have trash collection by the Town's contractor (Waste Material Trucking Company) are invited to leave their bulk items curbside the night before their regular collection day and they will be picked up on your normal trash pickup day.

Separate bulk trucks will pick up tires, appliances and metal items, and clean/dry mattresses and boxsprings. These items should be separated from regular bulk items and four feet (4') from the Town of Farmington approved Trash and Recycling Carts. Small bulk items should be bundled, boxed or bagged. Tires should be removed from their rims. **The weight for all acceptable items is limited to the manual lifting by two persons. Six feet (6') is the maximum length.**

Additional information, including **lists of Acceptable and Unacceptable items, can be found on our Town website at: <http://www.farmington-ct.org/departments/highway-grounds/bulk-waste-collection>.**

Any questions or concerns, please contact the Farmington Highway & Grounds Division of Public Works at 860-675-2550.

Hazards of Improper Household Waste Disposal

Improper household waste disposal leads to water pollution, land pollution, air pollution, loss of biodiversity and exposes residents to health risks.

When improperly disposed, chemical wastes find their way into water bodies through surface runoff and seepage into groundwater. These polluted waters are unsuitable for recreation, consumption as drinking water, agriculture or any other economic activity due to their adverse health effects.

Additionally, many of us have mercury containing products at home: thermometers, thermostats, fluorescent lights, CFLs, barometers, and electrical switches and relays. It is important that any device containing mercury be disposed of at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. Mercury is a heavy metal that can be toxic to humans and wildlife or cause serious neurological or reproductive disorders.

REMEMBER: ALL STORM DRAINS LEAD TO A STREAM, POND OR RIVER. NOTHING BUT RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection

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 next collection will take place on Saturday, November 9th, at the Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Road, from 8:00 am - 1:00 pm.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.farmington-ct.org/departments/highway-grounds/household-hazardous-waste>.



We all have those items lying around the house that we aren't sure how to dispose of... Can I recycle it? Can it go in the trash? Is there a special disposal process?

CT DEEP has a great website to help answer these questions:

<https://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2718&q=325496#Books>.

Or simply type: "CT DEEP What do I do with" into your search engine, and the website will be the top option. It provides helpful, up-to-date information on how to dispose of any household item. Dispose of all items properly to avoid water, land, and air contamination! Thank you!



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Notes From Paula Ray, Town Clerk

Absentee ballots for the **November 5, 2019 Municipal Election are available starting October 4, 2019**, by mail or at the Town Clerk's office. To accommodate voters, the Town Clerk's office will be open **extended hours on Wednesday, October 30, 2019, until 7:00 pm** for voting by absentee ballot.

In order to vote by absentee ballot, you must first complete an absentee ballot application. You may obtain an application for an absentee ballot any of the following ways:

- at the Town Clerk's office
- by calling (860-675-2380)
- by emailing (rayp@farmington-ct.org)
- from the link contained in the Town Clerk's section of the Town of Farmington website (www.farmington-ct.org under the Absentee Ballot heading).

If you have any questions about voting by absentee ballot, please call my office at 860-675-2380.



FHS Building Project Committee Update

FHS Building Committee members have been busy throughout the summer engaging in the Conceptual Option Phase of the Committee's process. The Building Committee selected QA+M and TSKP Studio as the two architect firms that will engage in a competitive process to develop the following three conceptual designs, based on the Summary of FHS Facility Needs:

1. Maintain Current Facility
2. Renovate as New
3. New Building on the Existing Municipal Campus

Once six conceptual designs are developed and cost estimates are complete, one conceptual design will be selected, and a municipal project budget range and project scope will be set by the Farmington Town Council.

The FHS Building Committee recently launched a new website, www.fhsbuildingproject.org. Please visit the website to learn more about the FHS Building Committee process, the needs of the FHS facility, frequently asked questions, meeting information, upcoming events, and much more!

Residents are encouraged to engage in the process, visit the website, attend meetings, sign up for FHS Building Committee Updates, and follow the building committee on Social Media:

Twitter: @fhsbuildingproj
Instagram: @fhsbuildingproject
Facebook: @FHSBuildingProject

**FHS Building Committee
Community Input Meeting
Wednesday, October 16th
6:00 - 8:30 pm
FHS Auditorium**