



# THE FARMINGTON TOWN LETTER

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## A Note From Our Town Council Chair

***"Summer's lease hath all too short a date." – William Shakespeare***

The summer season already seems to be in full swing; the Community and Recreational Services' concert series has begun, the museums are running their warm weather programs and the riverfront is attracting crowds. I try to make it a habit of bringing an empty bag with me when I am using outdoor space, just in case someone missed an item when cleaning up.

I am excited to share that the Town recently received a grant from AARP, which will enable us to add a kiosk, benches, and a bike rack along the trails.

In addition, we have a number of major projects going on, during the summer months. I am pleased that the Main Street sidewalk replacement in Farmington Village, and the painting of the river bridge in Unionville are among those, and are also being funded by outside sources, not your local tax dollars.

The Farmington High School Building Committee is preparing for the construction of the new building, and I am happy to report that groundbreaking is on schedule for the fall of 2022.

A separate committee, the 1928 Building Committee, has also been formed. This committee meets regularly to help determine the future of the 1928 Building, which is part of the current high school structure. This past spring, a survey was sent to residents, to collect their input regarding options for this building. 73.7% of the respondents expressed interest in retaining this nearly 100-year-old building. The committee is studying various options, to propose as the next steps. It is anticipated that a decision will be made, at a referendum to be held, in May of 2023.

In other Town news, the Town Budget passed in May, with a modest increase of 1.80%, below our historic average of 3%.

On June 29th, Farmington swore in Colin Ryan, as the 8th Police Chief, for the Town of Farmington. Chief Ryan has worked for the Farmington Police Department for 23 years, and was the Police Captain since 2017. We also welcomed a new Director of Fire and Rescue Services, Thomas Fitzgerald, who was Captain of the New Haven Fire Department and served 23 years there.

Finally, on behalf of the Town Council, I want to congratulate the Farmington High School Class of 2022 and their families. The graduation ceremony was a great evening, with perfect weather.

I hope you all enjoy the summer.

Be Well,

**C.J. Thomas, Town Council Chair**



## FHS Building Committee Update

The Farmington High School (FHS) Building Committee remains focused on completing the detailed building design and cost estimate, in preparation for bidding to occur in late summer, and construction of the new high school facility to start this fall. The Building Committee is working collaboratively with Town and District representatives, as well as our professional partners, to carefully balance cost and design, in this very challenging market environment.

Preliminary site work for the project began in mid-July. The FHS Building Committee found value in completing these items over the summer, before school starts, so there are no student disruptions and new traffic patterns are established for the first day of school.

***Below is a project list of work to be completed, between July 2022 and September 2022:***

- Site and building preparation
- Security fencing and perimeter erosion control
- Relocation of site utility lines
- Building a temporary school parking lot, next to the library, at the base of the hill
- Creating a new traffic pattern

**The FHS Building Committee continues to meet every other Wednesday, at 5:00 pm. Please visit [fhsbuildingproject.org](http://fhsbuildingproject.org), for meeting information and project updates.**

## Notes From Maureen Frink, Town Clerk

**A Primary will be held on August 9, 2022, from the hours of 6:00 am - 8:00 pm. Absentee ballots become available on July 19, 2022, for the Primary.**

To vote by absentee ballot, you must first complete an application for the ballot. You may obtain the application by any of the following methods:

- at the Town Clerk's office,
- by calling the clerk's office (860-675-2380),
- by emailing (frinkm@farmington-ct.org),
- from the Town of Farmington website, farmington-ct.org, under the department of the Town Clerk.

The last day for Veterans to file a DD214, at the Clerk's office, to receive a tax exemption, effective for the following year is **September 30, 2022.**

**Election Day is November 8, 2022. Voting hours are 6:00 am - 8:00 pm, at your polling place.**

Absentee ballots will be available for the November Election, by mail or in-person, from the Clerk's office, on **October 7, 2022**, following the same procedures as above.

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



### Building and Planning Division Reminders

*Summer is a great time for outdoor projects. Please remember to file the necessary registrations and building permits for your projects.*

**Fences:** Fences over 7 feet tall require a Building Permit. Fences 7 feet and under are required to be registered with the Planning Division. There is no fee for registration with the Planning Division.

**Shed/Accessory Structures:** Sheds or accessory structures over 200 square feet require a Building Permit. Shed or accessory structures 200 square feet and less are required to be registered with the Planning Division. There is no fee for registration with the Planning Division.

**Swimming Pools:** Swimming pool installation requires a Building Permit for the installation of above-ground and in-ground pools.

Working with the Building and Planning Divisions at the start of your project will help ensure the work complies with Building and Planning regulations, and will avoid having to correct your project.

## Share the Road

The Town of Farmington Bicycle Advisory Committee would like to remind everyone of the State of Connecticut Law, requiring motorists to allow at least three feet of separation when overtaking and passing a cyclist.



- **Drive Cautiously.**
- **Reduce speed when encountering cyclists.**
- **Don't tailgate, especially in bad weather.**
- **Recognize hazards cyclists may face and give them space**
- **Pass with care. Give cyclists at least 3 feet. It's the law. Keep at least 3 feet of space between your vehicle and a cyclist.**
- **You may cross the center line to pass a cyclist, if it's safe. Vehicles may overtake and pass pedestrians, bicycles, and other obstacles, even in a marked, no-passing zone, provided such overtaking and passing may be conducted safely, with adequate sight distance and without interfering with oncoming traffic.**

## Improved Lawn & Yard Maintenance = Improved Stormwater Quality

1. Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and roads. If you apply fertilizer shortly before a heavy rainstorm, much of it will be washed into nearby storm drains, wetlands, streams, lakes, and rivers. So, when you fertilize your lawn, apply it well in advance of a rainstorm, use it sparingly, use organic slow-release fertilizers, and always follow manufacturer's recommendations. The University of Connecticut Cooperative Extension system has useful information regarding lawn maintenance tips, as well as a Nitrogen Fertilization Calculator. This information can be found at: [sustainability.uconn.edu](https://sustainability.uconn.edu).
2. Vegetate bare spots in your yard, to prevent soil erosion.
3. Use a mulching lawn mower in lieu of bagging and disposing of your yard waste. Mulching returns nutrients back to the soil and eliminates yard waste.
4. Instead of using pesticides, consider Integrated Pest Management techniques. Integrated Pest Management is a sustainable approach that provides long term solutions to pest problems. Additional information can be found at the UCONN Cooperative Extension website: [ipm.uconn.edu/root/](https://ipm.uconn.edu/root/).
5. Direct downspouts away from both your foundation and paved surfaces. Consider installing a rain garden or rain barrel, as a great way to recycle water, and to use around the yard for watering gardens. Information on rain gardens and rain barrels can be found at: [sustainability.uconn.edu/landscape/06-rain\\_barrels.html](https://sustainability.uconn.edu/landscape/06-rain_barrels.html).



# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **October 15, 2022 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection**, Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Road, Simsbury, CT, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm
- **October 17 - 21, 2022 - Town-Wide Bulky Waste Collection**

## Town-Wide Bulky Waste Collection Service

The next town-wide bulky waste collection will begin on Monday, October 17th, and will be picked up on your normal trash pickup day, during the week of October 17th - 21st, 2022.

During the week of October 17th - 21st, 2022, 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.

Additional information, including lists of acceptable and unacceptable items, can be found on the Town website: [farmington-ct.org/departments/highway-grounds/bulk-waste-collection](http://farmington-ct.org/departments/highway-grounds/bulk-waste-collection).

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

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Town of Farmington is happy to announce that we are working with the Towns of Avon, Canton, Granby, Simsbury, and Suffield to provide Household Hazardous Waste Collections. The collections will run from **8:00 am - 1:00 pm**, and will be open to all residents of Avon, Canton, Farmington, Granby, Simsbury, and Suffield.

### Upcoming Date and Location:

- **October 15, 2022** - Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Road, Simsbury, CT

On the same date and location listed above, there will also be FREE collections of:

- Electronics Recycling
- Used Motor Oil
- Personal Document Shredding - until the trucks are full (please limit yourself to 2 boxes)

For more information, including lists of acceptable and unacceptable items, go to: [farmington-ct.org/departments/highway-grounds/household-hazardous-waste](http://farmington-ct.org/departments/highway-grounds/household-hazardous-waste), or call Farmington Highway & Grounds at 860-675-2550.

## General Reminders for Trash & Recycling:

- To ensure proper trash and recyclable pickups, all are required to be at the curbside the night before your normal trash/recycling day.
- Carts should be placed within 6 feet of curb, 4 feet away from other objects, and with the front of the cart facing the street. Do not place carts in the roadway.
- Always bag trash, to keep cart clean and allow trash to flow out freely.
- Do not overstuff carts - lids must be closed. Recycle boxes must be cut to size, with lid closed.
- Do not leave anything on the side of the carts - pick up is only for what is in the cart.
- Wash/clean regularly, with ammonia or disinfectant cleaner, to deter animals.
- Keep bears and other animals away from your carts by taping dryer sheets to the inside of the lid.
- No bulk items, construction debris, hazardous items, or flammable materials in carts.
- No grass clippings, branches, or lawn debris in carts.
- No plastic bags, soiled pizza boxes, Styrofoam, or other foam plastics in Recycling carts.
- A copy of the current recycling calendar is included in this newsletter. For trash & recycling collection routes, and recycling week A and B street listings, please visit: [farmington-ct.org/departments/highway-grounds/trash-and-recycling](http://farmington-ct.org/departments/highway-grounds/trash-and-recycling).

## Tunxis Mead Compost Area Rules - For Residents Only

### 2022 Summer Days & Hours:

**Wednesdays & Saturdays, 8:00 am - 12:00 Noon**

Residents may bring brush, leaves, and pallets to the Compost Area at no charge. Also allowed: clean lumber and plywood (NO pressure-treated, stained or painted wood). This material is ground up to make bark mulch. Stumps and grass clippings are NOT allowed. **A photo ID, showing your Farmington address, is required. Gate closes promptly at 12:00 noon. For further information, contact the Highway & Grounds Division of Public Works, at 860-675-2550.**

Logs over 6" (six inches) in diameter must be cut into 2' (two foot) lengths, and require residential tickets, as listed below:

### RESIDENTIAL TICKETS:

**\$8.50 per ticket**

*(Purchase at Highway & Grounds Division of Public Works, 544 New Britain Ave., M - F, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm)*

- Passenger vehicles .....1 ticket per load = \$ 8.50
- Small trailer (towed).....2 tickets per load = \$17.00
- Van/pickup under 3/4 ton.....3 tickets per load = \$25.50





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## Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) Upgrade Update



**The Farmington Water Pollution Control Facility treated 1.36 billion gallons of wastewater from Farmington, Unionville, Avon, Canton, and Burlington, Connecticut, in 2021.** The regional facility achieved removal rates of over 98% for both BOD (Biochemical Oxygen Demand) and TSS (Total Suspended Solids).

The upgraded facility has a capacity of 6.30 MGD and a design peak of 18.97 MGD. During Tropical Storm Ida in September, the Farmington WPCF saw peak flows of 20.7 MGD, exceeding plant design. The facility performed without incident over this 72-hour period. There was not a single permit violation during the tropical storm.

In early 2021, the facility began work on a hybrid tank to further reduce total nitrogen and phosphorus in the effluent. The retrofitted tank added mixers and a RAS recycle line to supply the aeration tanks with increased levels of BOD and carbon, for nitrification and Bio-P (Biological Phosphorus Removal). In its first year of operation, the tank eliminated the need for chemicals for phosphorus removal, and the facility was able to achieve its lowest total nitrogen in plant history.

The 2018 plant upgrade and new hybrid tank have helped the Farmington WPCF reduce its energy and chemical costs. Plant management, operations, and maintenance will continue to work towards optimizing and enhancing plant processes.

## Friends & Family CPR - 2022 Dates & Times

The AHA's Family & Friends CPR Course is a video-based, classroom course, intended for anyone who wants to learn CPR and prefers to learn in an instructor-led or facilitated group environment. This course is for people who do not need a course completion card, for a job or other requirements. Family & Friends CPR is ideal for community groups, parents, grandparents, caregivers, schools and students, and others interested in learning how to save a life.

- Wednesday, 9/7/22, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
- Wednesday, 12/7/22, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Brought to you at NO COST, by the Town of Farmington Fire Department.**

Register today: [farmingtonct.org/departments/fire-department/cpr-registration](http://farmingtonct.org/departments/fire-department/cpr-registration).

**All Community CPR Classes will be held in the Yates Community Room, at the Farmington Police Station, 319 New Britain Ave., Unionville, CT, 06085.**

## Your Community Needs You!

The Town of Farmington Fire Department is looking for volunteers of all backgrounds and skill sets, to join their ranks. If you're interested, please email Amber Rush, Public Safety Management Specialist, at: [rusha@farmington-ct.org](mailto:rusha@farmington-ct.org).





# Town of Farmington-Recycling Calendar

Shaded weeks "A"

Un-shaded weeks "B"

## 2022-2023

July 2022						
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Please note the observed holiday highlighted in green. There will be a one day delay, starting with the holiday.

***"When in doubt, put it out!"***

Please remember:

- \* No trash or plastic bags in Recycling carts and lids must be closed
- \* Recycling and trash carts must be at curbside the night before normal collection day
- \* Recycling and trash carts must be at least 4 feet from other containers or objects
- \* Tape dryer sheets to inside of lid to ward off bears and other animals
- \* There is an arrow on the lid that tells you to point the front of the cart toward the curb

For additional information, please call Farmington Highway & Grounds at 860-675-2550

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# 2022 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

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- JUN 23** **MASS-CONN-FUSION**  
Strawberry Festival Motown and R&B
- JUN 30** **THE FUTURE HEAVIES**  
Ice Cream Social 80s Hits
- JUL 7** **NIGHTSHIFT**  
Fireman's Carnival 60s, 70s, 80s Hits
- JUL 14** **LOCOMOTION**  
Hits for All Ages
- JUL 21** **RAVE ON**  
50s & 60s Rock n Roll
- JUL 28** **CENTERLINE BAND**  
Rock & Roll, Country, Blues
- AUG 4** **WILLIE & JAN BAND**  
50s, 60s, 70s Folk & Country
- AUG 11** **WEDNESDAY BOWLING LEAGUE**  
50s & 60 Hits
- AUG 18** **BALL IN THE HOUSE**  
R&B, Soul, Pop Acapella
- AUG 21** **POSTPONED PALOOZA**  
Save this date for rescheduled shows!
- AUG 25** **JESTER JIM**  
Family Show Beatboxing, Juggling, Comedy

**THURSDAY  
NIGHTS**  
**JUN 23-AUG 25**  
**6:30-8:30 PM**  
**TOWN HALL COMPLEX**  
**MONTEITH DRIVE, FARMINGTON**

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