



THE FARMINGTON TOWN LETTER

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A Note From Our Town Council Chair

Summer in Farmington is a time of community bonding and vibrant activities, and we have an exciting array of events lined up to ensure that everyone can make the most of the longer days ahead.

One of the highlights of our summer calendar is the Community and Recreational Services' Summer Concert Series. This cherished tradition brings live music to our municipal campus, allowing families and friends to gather, relax, and enjoy an evening of entertainment. The concerts offer a diverse range of musical genres that cater to all tastes. Prior to the start of each concert, I'll be available at 6:00PM on the concert grounds at 2 Monteith Drive for "Town Council Unplugged," to allow residents a chance to discuss any questions, comments, or concerns about the community with me.

In April, the Town Budget passed at referendum in addition to the bonds for the Westwoods Elementary roof replacement, Police headquarters HVAC replacement, and the acquisition of two new fire apparatuses. I would like to thank voters for participating in the referendum and for approving these measures. Your engagement and support are invaluable to the progress and development of our Town.

On the subject of community engagement, the Town of Farmington has expanded our social media presence on Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly Twitter). While we've historically utilized Explore Farmington as the primary tool for social outreach, our objective is to use these official pages to share Town news from a reliable, trusted source. Follow along on Facebook at Town of Farmington, Connecticut; Instagram at @townoffarmingtonct; and X at @Farmington_CT.

One of the most anticipated events of the summer is the ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house for our new high school. This state-of-the-art facility represents years of planning, dedication, and the collective effort of our community. We are proud to provide our students with a modern, innovative environment that supports their academic and extracurricular pursuits. The ceremony will take place Monday, August 26th at 5:00 PM, and I warmly invite all residents to join us in celebrating this significant milestone.

On behalf of the Farmington Town Council, I wish you all a happy, safe, and fun-filled summer.

Warm regards,

Joe Capodiferro, Town Council Chair

BUY-A-BRICK FUNDRAISER



The 1928 Building Committee is pleased with the response to the "Buy-a-Brick" fundraiser to generate funds for the Stephen A. Flis Scholarship. Community members are able to purchase a brick with a custom message which will be placed by the main entrance of the renovated 1928 Building, which will serve as the new Town Hall.

This initiative serves as both a community-driven effort and a lasting tribute to Stephen A. Flis. Mr. Flis served as Farmington's Town Manager from 1955-1985. His scholarship seeks to provide financial assistance to Farmington residents who exhibit a track record of Community Service and wish to make it a career. Every year, the scholarship is given to a deserving Farmington student seeking a Graduate and/or Undergraduate Degree in Public Administration or Public Service.

Residents and businesses are able to purchase two options:
4" x 8" for four lines of text - \$100
8" x 8" for six lines of text - \$200

For more information, or to purchase a brick, visit:
www.1928building.org/buy-a-brick



Westwoods Recreational Construction Updates

Staff has been diligently working on the construction of the new Westwoods Recreation Center, which received \$500,000 in funding from a 2022 STEAP Grant and an additional \$200,000 from federal ARPA funds. The project includes the construction of eight pickleball courts, a splash pad, storage building, bathrooms, changing rooms, office space, and 80 additional parking spaces. PMB Construction was awarded a \$695,862 construction contract, aiming to have the facilities ready by the end of the year.



News from the Farmington Libraries

Visit the Main and Barney Libraries this summer and fall for vacation reads, books, games and more. Free entertainment from the library helps rainy days go by faster and can make car trips seem shorter! Visit us online from wherever you are to borrow books, audiobooks, movies, and television shows.

Our event calendar is full! Join us for art exhibits, musical performances, movies (classic films and Studio Ghibli favorites), lectures, craft activities, story time, and more. Both locations feature free events for library patrons aged 0 to infinity.

Make something! Our Maker space features a 3D printer, a wood engraving machine, Cricut machines, a sewing machine, and more. And our Library of Things has a plethora of maker tools to explore a new hobby or build on existing passions.

Don't have a library card? Stop into the Main Library at 6 Monteith Drive or the Barney Library at 71 Main Street to sign up for a card today. It is free and with over 200,000 physical items in over 10 languages and access to thousands of digital materials, there is something for everyone.

Visit our library website www.farmingtonlibraries.org to learn more.

We hope to see you soon!

From the Office of the Registrars of Voters

There will be a Republican primary for the office of US Senator on Tuesday, August 13th for registered Republicans only.

All polling locations will be open that day from 6am – 8pm.

Early Voting for the primary begins on Monday, August 5th and runs through Sunday, August 11th. Early Voting will be held at the Pavilion (located at the rear of Town Hall).

More details about Early Voting days & times can be found at bit.ly/RepEarlyVoting24.

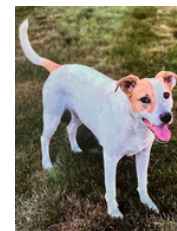
Questions? Call Ann Newbury, the Republican Registrar of Voters at 860-675-2378.

Summer is a great time to ensure that your voter information is correct on the registry for November's election! You may check or update your voter registration (name, address, party) or register to vote at myvote.ct.gov.

From the Office of the Town Clerk, Maureen Frink

A Republican Primary will be held on August 13, 2024 at your usual polling place for the office of US Senator. Absentee Ballots for registered Republicans will become available on July 23, 2024. There will be early voting for the Primary from August 5 – 11, 2024. For more information you may visit our website at www.farmington-ct.org

If you haven't licensed your dog yet, you can still do so at the Town Clerk's office. There is a \$1.00 late fee assessed per month starting July 1st.



*Meet Nala,
Farmington's
Top Dog 2024*

From the Office of the Town Assessor

Additional Veteran State & Local Benefits

The application period for the additional veteran property tax exemption is February 1 - October 1.

The applicant's 2023 total income must not exceed \$43,800 for unmarried persons, and \$53,400 for a married couple. For married couples, income for both husband and wife must be counted. Applications are available online on the assessor's page at the Town of Farmington website, you may visit the Assessor's Office to get an application or you may call at 860-675-2370.

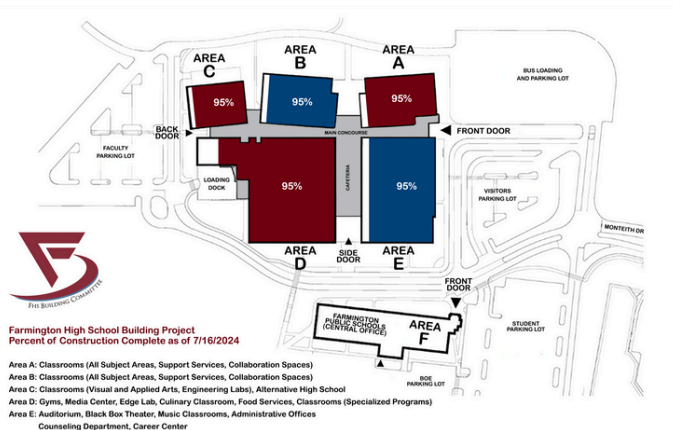
Farmington High School Building Project Updates



The Farmington High School Building project continues to make significant progress on the municipal campus and the new building. With just a few weeks left before school starts, summer work includes: sitework (new plantings, new sidewalks and additional parking lots), final asphalt paving up Monteith and around the new high school, completion of interior areas of the new school, abatement and demolition of the old FHS facility, moving of existing school items from the old building into the new building, and receiving and setting of the new furniture and technology items.



The graphic below illustrates the percentage of construction work completed for the new Farmington High School. Work by each building trade is performed sequentially, so Area A will be completed first, followed by B, C, D, and E. This is an efficient way to complete the work and ensures the schedule is maintained to open the building for students in August 2024.



FHS Campus Closed

Due to the final months of construction of the new building, sitework, and the beginning of demolition of the old building, the FHS campus and adjacent fields will be closed to the public.

During this time, there will be no access to the fields (including the turf field and track), parking lots, walking paths, or the facility. Members of the public will still be able to access Town Hall, Staples House, and the Library via Monteith Drive.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility during the final month of the new high school construction!

1928 Building Updates

The 1928 Building Project recently completed the construction document phase, representing the end of the design phase of the project to transform the 1928 Building into the new Farmington Town Hall. In May 2024, the 1928 Building Committee reviewed and approved the Construction Document cost estimate, keeping the project on budget at \$16,000,000. The next steps of the project include releasing bid packages for sitework and the renovation of the building.

Bid Updates

The 1928 Building Committee determined that separating the Civil Bid Package (for sitework) from the General Contractor Renovation Package may result in savings for the following reasons:

- The sitework contractor selected for the Farmington High School Building Project will be able to submit a competitive bid for the civil bid package. This may result in savings as the contractor will already be working on site.
- The 1928 Building Project is considered an “in-between” project as it may be too much work for smaller firms to handle but may not be a big enough project to garner interest from larger firms. Separating the civil bid package from the general contractor renovation package will allow smaller firms to submit competitive bids.

Schedule Update

The Civil Bid Package (for sitework) was posted on June 15, 2024, and bid responses are due July 16, 2024. If bid pricing for the civil bid package comes in favorably, the 1928 Building Committee will award the package on July 30, 2024, and the contractor can begin sitework in conjunction with the FHS Building Project. This will maximize site synergies and savings. If bid pricing comes in higher than anticipated, the civil bid package can be included in the full general contractor package.

It is anticipated that the general contractor package for the renovation of the 1928 Building will be posted on August 2, 2024, and bid responses will be due September 10, 2024. The 1928 Building Committee plans to award the renovation bid on September 17, 2024.

We encourage you to stay informed. Please visit www.1928building.org for the latest project updates.

Updates on the project status can be found on the FHS Building Project website, www.fhsbuildingproject.org



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 14-18, 2024 - Town-wide bulky waste collection

October 19, 2024 - Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Simsbury Public Works Facility, 66 Town Forest Road, Simsbury, CT (8:00am-1:00pm)

Town-Wide Bulky Waste Collection Service



The next Town-wide bulky waste collection will begin on Monday, October 14, 2024 and will be picked up on your normal trash pickup day during the week of October 14-28, 2024.

During the week of **October 14-28, 2024** all Farmington residents who pay for town trash service, by the Town's contractor (Waste Material Trucking Company) are invited to leave their bulk items curbside **the night before** their regular collection day.

For a full list of acceptable and unacceptable items please visit the Town website:

www.farmington-ct.org/departments/highway-grounds/bulk-waste-collection

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

Tunxis Mead Compost Area

The Tunxis Mead Compost Area (located at the end of Tunxis Mead Road) is open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8AM-12PM, weather permitting.

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 I.D. showing your Farmington address is required.

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

Residential Tickets are available for purchase at the Highway & Grounds Division of Public Works, located at 544 New Britain Ave, Monday-Friday 8:00AM-4:00PM

Passenger Vehicles1 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

Healthy Household Habits for Clean Water



Vehicle and Garage

- Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface to minimize the amount of dirty, soapy water flowing into the storm drain and eventually into your local waterbody.

- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery and equipment for leaks and spills. Make repairs as soon as possible. Clean up spilled fluids with an absorbent material like kitty litter or sand, and don't rinse the spills into a nearby storm drain. Remember to properly dispose of the absorbent material.

- Recycle used oil and other automotive fluids at participating service stations. Don't dump these chemicals down the storm drain or dispose of them in your trash.

Lawn and Garden

- Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly. When use is necessary, use these chemicals in the recommended amounts. Avoid application if the forecast calls for rain; otherwise, chemicals will be washed into your local stream.

- Select native plants and grasses that are drought- and pest-resistant. Native plants require less water, fertilizer, and pesticides.

- Sweep up yard debris, rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.

- Don't overwater your lawn. Water during the cool times of the day, and don't let water run off into the storm drain.

- Cover piles of dirt and mulch being used in landscaping projects to prevent these pollutants from blowing or washing off your yard and into local waterbodies. Vegetate bare spots in your yard to prevent soil erosion.

2024 Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics, Shredding Collections

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. Collections will run from 8:00am - 1:00pm.

October 19, 2024 - 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)

TOWN OF FARMINGTON-RECYCLING CALENDAR 2024-2025

Shaded weeks "A"

Un-shaded weeks "B"

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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



Scan here to view the full list of Week A and Week B Streets



2024 Summer Concert Series

June 13 CENTERLINE

 **Strawberry Festival** At **New Horizons** 38 Bliss Memorial Rd., Unionville

June 20 TRIBULATIONS

Opening: The '06 Band

June 27 THE SOUNDS OF FRANK

Opening: Ken Cooley

July 11 NIGHTSHIFT

 **Firefighter's Carnival**

July 18 DENMAR JAMZ!

Opening: Rudra & Vedant Kansara

July 25 THE JUKEBOX 45 SHOW BAND

Opening: Sofia Mucciacciaro

Aug 1 THE STEVIE EXPERIENCE

Opening: Twelve Pack of Safety Glasses

Aug 8 WEDNESDAY BOWLING LEAGUE

Opening: Sofia Mucciacciaro

Aug 15 BILLY BOUCHER'S BLUEGRASS BAND

Opening: Sofia Mucciacciaro

Aug 18 POSTPONED PALOOZA!

Aug 21 CabareT - Disney Magic

Wednesday Disney Songs Through the Years

THURSDAY
NIGHTS
June 13 - Aug 21
6:30 - 8:30 PM

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Town Planning and Zoning: Take a Pass on Plastic

Plastic is frequently made with PFAS, a group of “forever” chemicals often used in household products and textiles. Deteriorating plastic releases those chemicals into the soil, air, and, eventually, our water supply and food chain. In 2021, CT passed a law prohibiting the use of PFAS in firefighting foam and food packaging. Just this year another law banned the addition of “forever chemicals” from 14 product categories: carpets, cookware, cosmetics, children’s toys, and menstrual products, to name a few. Try going for a day without plastic and see how much we all rely on it.

Not much plastic gets recycled; most ends up in landfills, where a detergent bottle, for instance, can take 450 years to break down. So, how to get some of it out of your life? Find alternatives....

Kitchen: Put the usual plastic bag in your garbage container BUT add a paper bag for the garbage. When it is full, fold the top over, take it out to the trash and make the plastic one work for you again and again.

Don't use plastic wrap for leftovers; **do** use glass and Pyrex containers with silicon or metal lids. Or aluminum foil. Clean it well and use it again – or recycle it.

Do use compostable food and garbage bags when you do need to throw away something smelly or rotten. Put grease in an old coffee or yogurt container.

Do use dishwasher tablets packaged in paper or cardboard.

Sponges made of cellulose, derived from plants, are actually compostable.

Don't use a plastic bag for your recyclables; plastic bags CAN'T be recycled. Just put the items directly into your bin.

Laundry and bathroom: Ditch the big jug and use concentrated laundry detergent you mix yourself. Or try one of the many new detergents available in sheet form and packaged in cardboard. Ditto for household cleaners.

Do use soap bars wrapped in paper rather than plastic bottles filled with cleanser.

Do put a paper bag in all the wastebaskets in the house.

Do use bar shampoo; skip the bottle.

Do use tablet toothpaste; no more squeezing a plastic tube.

Don't stock up on hotel toiletries; most just rattle around in a drawer.

Eating Out: Bring a Pyrex dish for leftovers and say no to Styrofoam and plastic containers. Refuse the plastic utensils and straws, too.

Skip paper plates and coffee cups. They're often lined with a plastic coating containing PFAS. Bring a reusable mug; many places will give you a discount.

Microplastics are in 90% of bottled water. Switch to tap water.

Garden: Bring your black plastic plant pots to Home Depot or Lowe's for recycling.

Farmington Police Department: Trail Safety

Farmington Rails to Trails Rules, Regulations, and Best Practices

As we progress through the summer months, the Rails to Trails (RTT) becomes a bustling hub for outdoor enthusiasts of all kinds. To ensure everyone has an enjoyable experience while utilizing Farmington's beautiful trails, guests are asked to practice safe and courteous behavior.

Here are some tips for making the most of your experience:

1. Share the Trail: The RTT is a multi-use path, welcoming walkers, joggers, cyclists, and more. Be mindful of others and share the trail courteously. Cyclists should yield to pedestrians and announce their approach with a friendly "passing on your left."

2. Keep Right, Pass Left: Just like driving, keep to the right side of the trail except when passing others. When overtaking someone, signal your intention and pass on the left at a safe distance.

3. Respect Wildlife and Nature: The RTT runs through beautiful natural landscapes. Help preserve this environment by staying on the designated trail, respecting wildlife, and disposing of trash responsibly. If you encounter sick or injured wildlife, please notify Farmington Animal Control at 860-675-2440.

4. Be Visible and Audible: Cyclists and runners should wear bright colors and use lights or reflectors in low-light conditions. When passing use a bell, horn, or verbal signal to alert others to your presence.

5. Control Your Speed: Be aware of your surroundings and adjust your speed accordingly. Slow down around blind corners, crowded areas, or when approaching intersections.

6. Stay Alert: Keep distractions to a minimum. If you're wearing headphones, keep the volume low enough to hear approaching traffic or fellow trail users.

7. Follow Local Regulations: Familiarize yourself with any specific rules or regulations for the RTT. These may include leash laws for pets, speed limits, or restrictions on certain activities.

8. E-Bikes: There has been a growing popularity of E-bikes. Class 1 and Class 2 E-bikes are permitted to use the RTT but Class 3 E-Bikes are prohibited from the RTT.

Police Officers and Community Service Officers will be patrolling the trails to ensure a safe and fun experience for all those who are walking, jogging, or biking.

For more information and updates, visit <https://fchctrail.org/guidelines-for-trail-users/>, the Town of Farmington Website, and follow us on social media.

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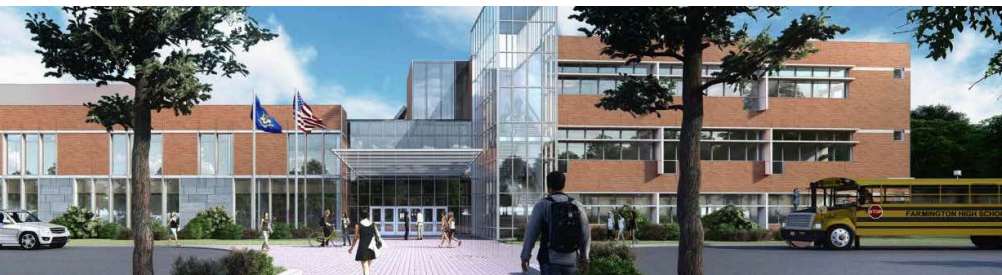


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Ribbon Cutting & Open House



**MON
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26** **5:00PM - 5:45PM**
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
5:45PM - 8:00PM
Open House

After years of planning, dedication, and effort, we are pleased to celebrate a significant project milestone with the FHS ribbon cutting and open house. The ceremony will take place Monday, August 26th at 5:00 PM, and will be followed by an open house before students officially begin the school year the next day.



FOR MORE INFORMATION, SCAN HERE
OR VISIT WWW.FHSBUILDINGPROJECT.ORG

