



# MANAGEMENT REPORT

Frederick J. Presley, Town Manager

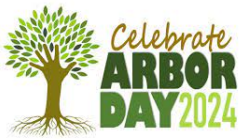
April 26 – May 10, 2024

[Town of Wethersfield Website](http://www.wethersfield.org)



Wethersfield Town Hall  
Business Hours  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 am – 4:30 pm

*May 1 - 31, 2024*  
*Main Street, Old Wethersfield*



**Arbor Day Ceremony & Tree Planting**  
**Saturday, April 27, 2024**  
**9:30 am**  
**Hanmer School**

## Walk This May!

**Four Town Walking Competition**  
**May 1 – May 31, 2024**

Do you live or work in Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill or Wethersfield? Interested in helping your town win a friendly competition? Then sign up for “Walk this May”

More information on flyer later in this document or at the link below.

<https://www.ccthd.org/walking-competition>

### OFFICE OF THE TOWN MANAGER

#### **Town Manager’s Report**

The sun has returned and spring is in full bloom here in Wethersfield! I hope everyone is getting outside to enjoy the nice weather! One way you can do that is by participating in the annual Walk This May! four-town walking competition that has Wethersfield Residents going up against our neighbors in Berlin, Newington, and Rocky Hill sponsored by the Central Connecticut Health District. Residents can sign up by going to [www.ccthd.org/walking-competition](http://www.ccthd.org/walking-competition) or by calling (860)785-8380 ext. 216. This is a great way to show your Wethersfield pride while getting some exercise and enjoying all the lovely areas of Town! Sign up today! We need your steps!

The Town budget process continues to move along with a series of Budget Work Sessions being held by the Town Council before the final budget adoption vote by May 15<sup>th</sup>. In order to ensure a more transparent process and to provide better access to citizens during this process, all budget workshops will be held in the Town Council Chambers and live-streamed. Residents will then have access to the recordings from our website at



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<https://wethersfieldct.gov/government/agendas-and-minutes>. Please take advantage of this opportunity to engage in this important process.

The Old Wethersfield Shopkeepers are busy preparing for the annual Bicycles on Main that will run for the entire month of May in Old Wethersfield. This year's display promises to be the biggest and best yet with around 60 displays in total! Prizes for various categories will be announced following the Bike parade on May 19<sup>th</sup>. For more information go to the Shopkeepers' webpage at: <https://oldwethersfield.com/>.

On May 18<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. the Town of Wethersfield and the Veterans Commission will hold a special Dan Camilliere Memorial Green Dedication Ceremony during which the Town will dedicate Dan Camilliere Way and Dan Camilliere Green in honor of the former Mayor and U.S. Army World War II Veteran.

Another reminder that if you haven't ordered your brown yard waste barrel yet; do so soon! The grass is growing again and the time is right to do your part to help the environment. The yard waste collection program started the first week of April and the response has been excellent so far. The yard waste collection program is an important part of our efforts to reduce our waste stream. Separating yard waste from the green trash barrels greatly reduces the volume of trash sent to regional trash facilities and reduces the amount of methane gas released into the atmosphere. It's a great way for Wethersfield residents to contribute to Wethersfield's environmental sustainability efforts. The program runs the first full week of April through the last full week of November. The program will not replace the fall leaf collection program. Residents may purchase a 95-gallon brown barrel for yard waste. The brown barrel cost is \$98.64. Call Paine's Inc. at (860) 844-3000 to order a brown barrel. Payment with a credit card or check prior to barrel delivery is required. This is a one-time fee and the resident then owns the barrel and is able to take it with them should they move. Initial limit of 1 barrel per household. Alternatively, residents can utilize the 30-gal compostable lawn and leaf bags that they can purchase from any hardware or home improvement store. For all of the details on the program, go to our webpage at: <https://wethersfieldct.gov/content/398/4594/26485.aspx>. Here you will find what is acceptable yard waste and what is not allowed. Yard waste collection will be on the same day as your current recycling pick up (every other week). A reminder that yard waste is not allowed in the green, blue or pink bins and this will be strictly enforced moving forward. Do your part to help us reduce our environmental impact!

Have a great weekend and week ahead!

**Wethersfield Government Access Television**  
Town Council, Board of Education and Planning & Zoning Commission meetings available to view  
[WGTV's YouTube Channel](#) - Live streamed / viewable any time  
[WGTV Meeting Replay](#) - Replay on WGTV

## COUNCIL AND BOARD

[Board & Commission Agendas](#)

- **Town Council Budget Workshop:** Monday, April 29 6:00 PM
- **Board of Education Facilities and Maintenance Committee:** Tuesday, April 30 6:00 PM
- **Town Council Budget Workshop:** Wednesday, May 1 6:00 PM
- **Town Council:** Monday, May 6 7:00 PM
- **Town Council Budget Workshop:** Wednesday, May 9 6:00 PM

## LIAISON MEETINGS

[Board & Commission Vacancies](#)

Heritage Commission	Tues, 4/30	Councilor Clancy
Advisory School Building Committee	Tues, 4/30	Councilor Zambrello
Youth Advisory Board	Thurs, 5/2	Councilor Carbone
OPEB / Vol Firefighters Pension / Pension Committee	Mon, 5/6	Councilor Timbro



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Advisory Committee for People w/Disabilities	Mon, 5/6	Councilor Zambrello
Planning & Zoning Commission	Tue, 5/7	Councilor Timbro
Veterans Commission	Mon, 4/23	Mayor Lesser
Human Rights & Relations Commission	Wed, 5/8	Councilor Clancy
Economic Development & Improvement Commission	Thurs, 5/9	Councilor Duric

## DEPARTMENT/DIVISION NEWS

### Employment Opportunities

<https://wethersfieldct.gov/human-resources>

- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Summer Physical Services Positions
- Police Civilian Accreditation Manager
- Maintainer III – Trades Worker HVAC/Plumber
- Certified Police Officer
- Entry Level Police Officer

## ENGINEERING

- **DOT Putnam Bridge Trail Opening:** DOT has informed the Town that the state will officially open the Putnam Bridge Trail on Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. A press release will be issued by the state soon and a press conference will be held at that time along Great Meadow Rd in Wethersfield.
- **Great Meadow Rd & Marsh St Trail:** VHB is currently completing preliminary design of new multi-use trails along Great Meadow Rd and Marsh St to connect the Putnam Bridge trail to Main St in Old Wethersfield. We anticipate the trail will follow a new concrete curb to be installed along the edge of Great Meadow Rd and will primarily be located off of Marsh St within state on town rights-of-way.  
**A Public Information Meeting for this project will be held on Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers of Town Hall.** Preliminary plans showing the proposed trail alignment will be presented, and representatives from the Town and VHB will be present to solicit feedback and answer questions. The Town has been awarded \$2.3M in state LOTCIP funding for these two phases of construction, which at this time are expected to start in 2025. Please contact the Engineering Department at 860-721-2850 or [engineering@wethersfieldct.gov](mailto:engineering@wethersfieldct.gov) if you cannot attend the meeting and have questions regarding the project.
- **Temporary Great Meadow Rd & Hart St Trail:** With the state trail opening, the Town will be providing a temporary trail along the current Heritage Way Trail route that follows Great Meadow Rd and Hart St to provide a safer bicyclist and pedestrian connection between the bridge and Main St. Temporary pavement overlay has been completed in limited areas along these roads and we anticipate that pavement markings will be revised next week to allow for installing a 12" wide yellow stripe with placement of moveable, vertical delineators (tall, orange cones) to create a trail along the sides of the roads. The temporary trail will be 8' to 10' wide in most areas, except for the east-west segment of Hart St where the trail will only be 5' to 6' wide due to the limited road width. As part of this work, a new stop bar and signs will also be installed along Great Meadow Rd at the Burbank Rd intersection and new painted crosswalks will be provided at this intersection, and at the I-91 on and off ramp crossings. **We ask that the public please use caution when driving and using the trail in these areas.**
- **Main Street Reconstruction and Safety Improvements (Phase 2):** The Town has been notified that CRCOG selected the Town's \$3.9M application to receive state LOTCIP funding to reconstruct Main St from the limits of the Phase 1 project at Church St further north to Hart St, which includes installation of an off-road, multi-use trail from the Phase 1 limits at Hart St to the existing trail in Cove Park. The Town has already been approved for \$3.9M in funding for Phase 1 through this program. The conceptual plans for both phases were presented to the Historic District Commission this week.
- **Transportation Alternatives Grant Application:** Staff is developing conceptual plans and cost estimates for a proposed application to install new sidewalks that will close "gaps" in the system within walking routes for elementary schools. The application is due next month and the project will be consistent with the state's Safe Routes to School Program.



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- **DOT Putnam Bridge Rehabilitation (State Project No. 0053-0199):** DOT recently held a virtual public meeting for residents of Wethersfield and Glastonbury to discuss their upcoming bridge rehabilitation project. The project will address water leaks through the concrete bridge deck and associated corrosion of the steel substructure with construction expected to occur in 2026-2027. Since Great Meadow Rd will be used again for construction storage areas, DOT has agreed to reconstruct the road upon completion of this project.
- **CNG Griswold Rd Gas Main Improvements:** CNG's contractor is currently installing new gas mains within the Griswold Rd right-of-way between Prospect St and Highland St. The alignment will impact existing sidewalks in this area, which will temporarily be restored with bituminous walks that will later be replaced with concrete. Please use caution when traveling through this area during construction.
- **Old Common Drainage System:** Staff is currently redesigning drainage system improvements located south of Old Post Rd to minimize impacts and the frequency of flooding occurrences on private property. Once finalized, this work will be completed by the Physical Services Dept.
- **Meadows Access Road Drainage:** Staff is currently designing improvements to the access road to the Meadows located beneath the I-91 bridge. The road will be regraded to address recurring issues with standing water after rain events, which limits access between Elm St and the Meadows.
- **Spring Paving Program:** Tilcon is scheduled to start pavement reclamation and milling operations next week, and paving work is tentatively scheduled to begin the week of May 20<sup>th</sup>. The roads included in this program are as follows:

STREET	FROM	TO
DUSTY LN	GOFF BROOK CIR	CUL DE SAC
FIELD DR	DUSTY LN	CUL DE SAC
GOFF BROOK CIR	HIGHCREST RD	CUL DE SAC
MINNIE LN	HANG DOG LN	CUL DE SAC
QUAIL HL	HIGHCREST RD	CUL DE SAC
SAGE RD	HIGHCREST RD	CUL DE SAC

## PARKS AND RECREATION



The Summer Brochure is available online at [2024 Summer Brochure](#). Program information includes Many options for children, adults and seniors.

Like us on our Wethersfield Parks and Recreation Facebook page (@ParksRecWethersfield). Program updates, special event notifications and weather cancellations will be posted.

## PHYSICAL SERVICES

<https://wethersfieldct.gov/physical-services>

### Tree Crew:

- Storm damage clean-up of mature oak at Highcrest school.
- Hazard removal of trees at Highcrest Athletic fields.
- Helped parks with athletic fields.
- Pruned street trees around Broad St.
- Starting Spring Tree Planting.
- Arbor Day this coming Saturday at Hanmer School/Garden St.

### Mechanics & Trades:

- Electrician- new light installation, Main Street light repairs
- HVAC/Plumbing-damper replacement Town Hall, pool opening preparation
- Painting/Carpenter-power washing, installing bulletin boards Town Hall, line painting
- Mechanics-repairs to police and fleet vehicles. Repairs to fire and dump trucks. Small engine repairs

### Schools:

- Electrical - Repaired lighting at WHS, Hanmer
- Installed new power outlet and phone line at Emerson
- Lowered the stage extension at WHS
- Carpenter - Replaced broken shades
- Made keys, Charles Wright- delivered Custodial supplies, Emerson Williams-repaired hole in Ceiling repairs
- Added vent to IT room for ventilation





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Misc. carpentry repairs

**Plumbing:**

Snaked toilets

Faucet repairs Hanmer replace drain girl's bathroom

Replace filter on bottle fillers throughout the schools

Toilet repairs in multiple schools

**HVAC:**

Checked and replaced valves; checked flow and operations

Repaired reach-in cooler at CW

Hanmer repaired hot water heater flue pipe to prevent soot coming back supported the B-vent 18 feet high

Replaced the old flue pipe due to corrosion ad a 6 inch galvanized round pipe T with end cap for future clean out

Disconnect gas burner gas valve service the burner tubes of the water heater

**Parks & Grounds:**

Prepping playing fields, rolling fields and painting

Trash pickup throughout town

Clearing leaves and brush from parks and schools

Landscaping around town buildings

Road work:

Filling potholes all over town

Hauling materials

Working on the Meadows roads

Catch basin replacements

Sidewalk replacements

## SOCIAL, YOUTH AND SENIOR SERVICES

Phone: 860-721-2880

### Senior Center News

[www.wethersfieldct.gov/senior-center](http://www.wethersfieldct.gov/senior-center).

### Energy Assistance

Residents may call the office at 860-721-2880 to schedule an application appointment.

More information at [State of CT Energy Assistance](http://www.ctenergyassistance.com).

**Weekend Meals** - Children receiving free or reduced lunch are automatically eligible for this program. Those experiencing financial difficulties may also sign up. Contact Social & Youth Services for application or appointment.

**Food Bank and Special Needs Fund** - This fund is used to assist eligible residents with various needs in addition to food insecurities. <https://rec.wethersfieldct.gov/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/donation.html>



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

[www.wethersfieldchamber.com](http://www.wethersfieldchamber.com)

President: Natia Shukakidze



CONNECTICUT  
COUNCIL OF SMALL TOWNS

[www.ctcost.org](http://www.ctcost.org)



Capitol Region Council of  
Governments [www.crcog.org](http://www.crcog.org)



Connecticut Conference of Municipalities:

**Prescription Discount Card:** This program was developed in conjunction with ProAct Inc. to help lower the prescription drug cost for Connecticut residents. The card is designed to be used by those who do not have insurance or if a prescription is not covered by your current insurance program. The card cannot be used in conjunction with another insurance program to discount your co-pays/deductible. Cards available at Town Hall. <https://www.ccm-ct.org/Services/Prescription-Savings>



<https://www.crtct.org/newsroom/publications/>



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## ATTACHMENTS:

- CT DOT – Press Release: Milling & Resurfacing Project, Russell Road
- Social, Youth & Elderly Services – Food Panty Fundraiser Flyer
- Veterans Commission – Coffee with a Veteran Flyer
- Dan Camilliere Memorial Green Dedication Ceremony Flyer
- Frank Weston Garden Update
- Agendas for Upcoming Meetings as Available

# Connecticut Department of Transportation

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[CT.gov Home](#) (/) [Department of Transportation](#) (/dot) UPDATED: Milling and Resurfacing Project: State Route 424 (Russell Road) in Wethersfield

## CTDOT Press Releases



**CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**  
**2800 BERLIN TURNPIKE**  
**NEWINGTON, CT 06111**

04/19/2024

### UPDATED: Milling and Resurfacing Project: State Route 424 (Russell Road) in Wethersfield

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (CTDOT) is announcing that a milling and resurfacing project will be performed on State Route 424 (Russell Road) in Wethersfield from Route 175 (Wells Road) to the end of State Route 424. The project DOT01710506CN consists of milling and resurfacing a 0.86-mile segment of State Route 424 (Russell Road) in Wethersfield from Route 175 (Wells Road) to the end of State Route 424. This project is scheduled to begin milling on Monday, April 29 to Wednesday, May 1, 2024. The resurfacing segment of this project is anticipated to begin on Thursday, May 2 to Thursday, May 9, 2024. The work will be performed by Tilcon.

This project is included in the District 1, CTDOT's 2024 Vendor Resurfacing Program.

#### **LANE CLOSURE INFO**

Motorists can expect lane closures on State Route 424 (Russell Road) in Wethersfield from Route 175 (Wells Road) to the end of State Route 424. Traffic control personnel and signing patterns will guide motorists through the work zone. The night work schedule for this project is Monday, April 29 to Monday, May 6, 2024, 7:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., Monday-Friday.

Motorists should be aware that modifications or extensions to this schedule may become necessary due to weather delays or other unforeseen conditions. Motorists are advised to maintain a safe speed when driving in this area.

#### **FOR MEDIA INQUIRIES:**

OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

**860-594-3062 (tel: 8605943062)**

**[CTDOTMedia@ct.gov \(mailto:CTDOTMedia@ct.gov\)](mailto:CTDOTMedia@ct.gov)**

Twitter: [@CTDOTOfficial \(https://twitter.com/CTDOTOfficial\)](https://twitter.com/CTDOTOfficial)

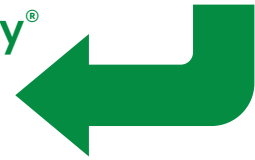
Facebook: [Connecticut Department of Transportation \(https://www.facebook.com/ctdotNewington/\)](https://www.facebook.com/ctdotNewington/)

Share this information on:



# WETHERSFIELD FOOD PANTRY FUNDRAISER

Drop by your local participating Subway® restaurant to enjoy some great food while supporting a good cause!



## WHEN

April 30, 2024  
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

## WHERE

770 SILAS DEANE HWY  
WETHERSFIELD, CT 06109

**25% of all sales will be donated.**







**JOIN US FOR  
COFFEE WITH A VETERAN**



**SATURDAY, MAY 18**

**12:00 - 3:00 PM**

**DONUT STATION**

**486 SILAS DEANE HIGHWAY, WETHERSFIELD**

**Thank You  
Veterans**

**SPONSORED BY THE WETHERSFIELD VETERANS COMMISSION**



**THANK YOU TO THE DONUT STATION FOR HOSTING THIS EVENT!**



The Town of Wethersfield invites you to the



# Dan Camilliere Memorial Green Dedication Ceremony

*Please join the Town of Wethersfield as we dedicate Dan Camilliere Way and Dan Camilliere Memorial Green honoring former Mayor of Wethersfield and U.S. Army WWII veteran.*

**Saturday, May 18 ★ 11AM - 12PM**

**Dan Camilliere Memorial Green**

Street parking will be available along Garden Street, Northbrick Lane, Nott Street and Hartford Avenue.

**For more information please contact  
Wethersfield Parks & Recreation at 860-721-2890.**





**COMING SOON:**

**NEW AND IMPROVED FRANK WESTON GARDEN!**

Sadly, the old rose bushes had become infected with a virus (Rose Rosette Disease) so they were removed this spring. Currently, garden designer Peter Winne, in partnership with the Wethersfield Men's Garden Club and the Town of Wethersfield, is planning an improved rose and flower garden for planting in fall of 2024. In the meantime, the empty beds will be planted with wildflowers for your enjoyment this summer!



**AGENDA**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**  
***Monday, April 29, 2024***  
***6:00 PM***

***Town Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway***

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## **Notice of Special Meeting - Budget Work Session**

### **To: Chairperson and Members of the Town Council and Town Manager**

Pursuant to Sections 305 of the Charter, Section 34-2 of the Municipal Code, and Section A180-3 of the Internal Rules of Procedure, and at the direction of Mayor Ken Lesser, you are hereby notified that a Special Meeting of the Wethersfield Town Council is scheduled for Monday, April 29, 2024 from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers, Wethersfield Town Hall, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, CT 06109.

## **Agenda**

Call to Order

TIME	DEPARTMENT
6:00 PM	Information Technology Services
6:15 PM	Board of Education

## **Adjournment**

Dated at Wethersfield, Connecticut this 5th day of April, 2024.

Attest: Susan I. Schroeder, Town Clerk

### **Meeting Viewing Options**

Town of Wethersfield YouTube Channel [Wethersfield Government Access TV](#)  
COX channel 16 or Frontier channel 1601  
Town of Wethersfield's Facebook page



## ***Wethersfield Heritage Commission***

### ***Regular Meeting Agenda***

Town Manager Conference Room

Tuesday, April 30, 2024 – 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call (6 members required for quorum)
- 3) Public Comment
- 4) Approval of Minutes – March 26, 2024
- 5) Open Items (Old Business)
  - a) Certified Local Government
  - b) Cultural District
  - c) Marketing Budget
  - d) America250
  - e) Commission Name Change
- 6) New Business
- 7) Reports – Affiliate Commissions/Organizations
  - a) WHS – Amy Wittorff
  - b) Wethersfield Arts Academy – Mark Wasielewski
  - c) Old Wethersfield Shopkeepers –Melinda Robidoux
  - d) Economic Development & Improvement Commission – Judy Keane
  - e) Website and Social Media – Jesse Smith
  - f) WDS – Brenton Grom
  - g) Chamber of Commerce – Julie Lemos
  - h) Wethersfield Village Improvement Association – Betty Standish
  - i) Town Council Liaison – Cindy Clancy
- 8) Correspondence
- 9) Other Business
- 10) Next Meeting – May 28, 2024
- 11) Adjourn

Wethersfield Public Schools  
127 Hartford Avenue  
Wethersfield, Connecticut 06109

Facilities and Maintenance Committee  
Tuesday, April 30th 2024  
6:00 p.m., Stillman Building, Lower Level Conference Room  
127 Hartford Avenue

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Elementary School Survey Results and Discussion
3. Building Committee Discussion
4. Facilities Update
5. Other Business
6. Adjournment





**AGENDA**  
**TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, May 1, 2024**  
**6:00 PM**

*Town Council Chambers, 505 Silas Deane Highway*

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**Agenda**

Call to Order

Budget Deliberations

**Adjournment**

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

Attest: Susan I. Schroeder, Town Clerk

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