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Let me wish everyone the best for the holiday season. The town center looks very festive at this time of year with the decorations on the town buildings, especially the wreaths, and the lighting on the caboose. Look for more next year since we'll have more time for planning.

Today we signed an agreement to change the lighting in the Day Care Center, Town Hall and the Town Garage from its current fluorescent bulbs to LED's. Eversource has given us a grant to convert these over to the more efficient lighting. After the grant money is applied to the cost of purchase of the new fixtures, the savings in electricity per year offset the remainder, which is paid off by a four-year interest free loan provided by MCAP. While this won't be a huge cost savings on a monthly basis in the initial four-year period, it will save the town about \$4,000 per year in ensuing years. The LED's come with a five-year warranty to boot. Nothing earth-shattering here, but it is a move to greater sustainability. Plus, the lighting is greatly superior.

Like many of you in the village, I am taking off to spend Christmas with my family. I wish you safe travels and a happy gathering with friends and family wherever you may be.

12/3/2018

This will be the second installment of a weekly blog highlighting events, general happenings and points of interest to our residents.

We had a successful tree lighting and ceremony on the Town Green last night followed by hot chocolate, cookies and a visit from Santa. Despite the drizzle and cold, we had a good attendance.

I encourage you to visit the Main Street during December to notice the decorations that dress up many of the Town buildings. Also, thanks to all of those who have donated to the private fund that allowed this to happen.

Let me correct a typo in my original blog of last week. The correct spelling is Tracey, not Tracie. This will be the first of many mistakes that I will make over time. Mea culpa!

On a serious note, **we need volunteers for the FVVFD**, especially those who are willing to act as EMT's. The dedicated crew that staff our ambulance is getting a little thin. This is a volunteer job that is critical to the maintenance of the safety of our citizenry. What could be a better thing to do in this holiday season than to join this team that saves lives and protects our town's homes and businesses. And I have to add, this is a fun group of people.

November 28, 2018

Welcome to my blog as First Selectman. It is my intention to update this on a frequent basis so that residents and/or visitors to our beautiful village can get an idea of what is currently happening from me directly.

To begin, most of you have noticed that we have two new additions to our staff at the Town Transfer station. Our new Coordinator is Tracie Wilson, a long-time resident of Falls Village. She replaced Fred Palmer who had been working for the town for almost 30 years. Our new attendant is Peter Roussis in replacement of Norma Galaise. Norma is moving to Pennsylvania. They are both doing an excellent job and I encourage you to introduce yourself to them when you are next there.

Our tree lighting ceremony is Sunday, December 2 from 5-7 PM. A short, song-filled greeting to the new season followed by Santa and refreshments in the Senior Center. We hope that you will attend. While you wander around the village that night, note the decorations that have been placed on many of the town buildings. This is the kick-off of a new yearly expansion of our holiday celebration in the village, "The Festival of Wreaths". This is a privately funded project led by Felicia Jones and Pamela Todd. It is their intention to expand this throughout the town in years to come and you'll hear more about this long before the next holiday season.