

# WINCHESTER WIRE

*The latest, direct community updates from the Town of Winchester, CT.*



## HEADLINES

**HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE; PREPARE HOMES AND HELP NEIGHBORS**

**SENIOR CENTER RUNS 55+ PROGRAMS AGAIN; FOR INFO, SEE WEBSITE & WSC NEWSLETTER**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT FIRE DEPT; LEARN HOW AT WINSTEDFIRE.ORG**

**CONCERTS ON THE GREEN TO BE HELD ON; THURSDAYS IN JULY & AUGUST AT 7:00 PM**

**TOWN HALL REQUIRES MASKS BE WORN BY UNVACCINATED**

## Town Seeks Board & Commission Volunteers

The Board of Selectmen and the new Town Manager, Josh Kelly, are working together to identify which boards and commissions currently have vacancies, and they are seeking qualified and caring individuals to fill those empty seats. Generally, residents of Winchester who are registered to vote can volunteer for these positions. To volunteer for a position, please visit: [townofwinchester.org/vacancies](http://townofwinchester.org/vacancies). As of June 15, vacancies are available on the Conservation Commission, Recreation Board, and more. For more information, please contact Town Hall.

## Budget Approved; Taxes Due

On Saturday, May 29, the residents of Winchester and Winsted went to the polls and voted on the Town's annual budget proposal and an authorization for the Winsted Water Works to bond for infrastructure improvements. Both of these measures were approved by an extremely wide margin.

July property taxes are due! Taxes can be paid in-person with cash or check or online at [townofwinchester.org/tax-collector](http://townofwinchester.org/tax-collector).

## Spotlight: Youth Services

The Winchester Youth Services Bureau is located at 480 Main Street in the Winsted YMCA. The WYSB serves Families with Service Needs, convenes the Juvenile Review Board, and hosts Rising Star Camp in the summer. During the school year, the staff run small groups in schools, after school, and special youth groups at the Winsted YMCA. Staff also help students who are experiencing absenteeism and who struggle with academics. The WYSB can be reached at 860-379-0708 x208.

## A Closer Look: Public Works



The Department of Public Works (DPW) is one of the most visible parts of our town government - and one of our most impactful, too.

DPW is divided into two divisions: the Street Division, which is responsible for maintaining and improving streets, cemeteries, parks, buildings, and grounds; and the Water & Sewer Division, which is responsible for maintaining and protecting two reservoirs; operating the Water Treatment Plant, 40 miles of distribution mains, fire hydrants, and booster pump stations; and operating 45 miles of sewer mains, sewer pump stations, manholes, and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. While Winchester has

not invested enough in its infrastructure in the past, the water bond that was approved at May's referendum will allow the department to make much-needed upgrades to water mains and the Water Treatment Plant, and the department is working diligently to chart a course forward for continued road improvements.

Following the retirement of Dennis

## Meet the New Street Supervisor

Millard, Phil Bascetta was hired as the Town of Winchester's Superintendent of Streets. Phil brings with him a diverse work history of municipal and commercial construction, as well as excellent communication and organizational skills. Please help us give Phil a very warm welcome to this position! If you would like to meet Phil, you can call 860-379-4070 to schedule an appointment.

## Recreation & Fun



Free Movie Night will be held on Friday, August 20, at 7:45 PM at Resha Beach. All are welcome - bring seats, snacks, friends, and enjoy!



Yoga is being held at Resha Beach on July 13 and Aug 10 from 6:15 - 7 PM with Sanctuary Power Yoga. Donation suggested: \$5 - \$15.



The Winsted Fire Dept Annual Carnival to run Aug 25-28. Fireworks to be held Fri, Aug 27, at 9 PM. Parade to be held Sat, Aug 28th.

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## Civic Corner: the Winsted Lions Club

Winchester Wire, we want to highlight the hard work that various civic groups around town are doing in the service of others. This edition, we take a look at the Winsted Lions Club (23-B). This is a charitable group that has recently focused on helping provide vision tests and eyeglasses to those in need, supporting local Scout troops, organizing blood drives, and more. They are seeking new members and can be reached at [thomas.winstedctlions@gmail.com](mailto:thomas.winstedctlions@gmail.com).



## Winsted Business on the Rise



Since April, the town has seen the Railway Cafe, the Live boutique, and Asa's Steak & Seafood open to the public, with news of Laurel Lanes reopening under new ownership in the near future, a wine bar opening on Main Street, possible exciting developments to come at 10 Bridge Street and other sites around town, and more. Business in Winsted is currently on the upswing, and we hope that residents will shop locally to support these wonderful new additions to our community!

If you are someone who is interested in or planning to open a business in town, please contact the Town's Planning & Development office at [pcolombie@townofwinchester.org](mailto:pcolombie@townofwinchester.org) or 860-738-6593.

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Visit our website at [townofwinchester.org](http://townofwinchester.org) to find links to our social media pages (Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube, and Nextdoor. Town Hall can be reached at 860-379-2713 or [townmanager@townofwinchester.org](mailto:townmanager@townofwinchester.org).