

# ***TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT***

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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Town Council Committee of the Whole, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, Town Council Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1

## **NAUTILUS OVERLOOK PARK**

The Town of Groton departments of Public Works and Parks and Recreation will be teaming up with the Navy SUBASE, for a second year, providing a community service to the Town. The Chief Selectee class of 2018 will be working closer to “home” this time. Last year, their muscle, skills and leadership brought back the Poquonnock Plains Park to the gem that it once was.

This year the project will be the Nautilus Overlook Park, just outside of the main gate to the SUBASE. Nautilus Overlook Park was constructed by the Town in 1983 from land purchased from a local resident. The tract of land had views of the Thames River, but just as important, it would provide a backdrop for the historic ship Nautilus and the Submarine Force Museum. The park provides several parking spaces and benches that the general public can view not only these, but if the time is right, submarines moving to and from the SUBASE.

As with anything, the park’s age is starting to show and a makeover is needed. With the Town providing the materials and the Chief Selectee class of 2018 providing the rest, the park will be brought back to life.

The Chief’s management and planning skills will be tested by completing all of this within 6 hours on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m. The team will highlight their manual skills on re-planking the benches, pruning the existing plantings and adding new ones. They will also be repairing the erosion of the grassed areas along the fence line by installing several timbers along the bottom of the fence and then placing loan or gravel. In addition, they will be power washing and staining the existing wooden rails.

This project, along with the reconstruction of Crystal Lake Road and the resurfacing of Route 12, will bring the area back to being the pride of the Town and a salute to the men and women of the United States Navy.

During this time, there will be no parking at the site. Parking will be available at the Submarine Force Museum parking lot with just a short walk to the site.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is the Groton 2020 School Construction Program Status as of August 8<sup>th</sup> from the Public Works Department.
2. Attachment 2 is a project update from the State of Connecticut for the Gold Star Bridge south construction. Beginning August 13, 2018 the sidewalk on the bridge will be temporarily closed. SEAT Transit will provide shuttle service during this time. Please see the attachment for shuttle location information.
3. Attachment 3 is a flyer from the Groton Human Services department for the “Back to School” event. Donations of school supplies are needed for the children and their families in our community. Please consider donating items to the Human Services department between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by August 17<sup>th</sup>.
4. Attachment 4 is a flyer from the Groton Town Police for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Classic Car Show at Esker Point Beach on August 26<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is a \$10.00 donation to register a vehicle for the show. Proceeds will benefit MADD Connecticut.
5. Attachment 5 is a flyer from the Ledge Light Health District for the “Cook Well, Eat Well, Age Well” four- week cooking class for adults living with diabetes. This event will take place Thursday evenings from September 6<sup>th</sup> through September 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Andrew Church, 310 Fort Hill Road.

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