

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

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## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

- Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, Town Council Committee of the Whole, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1
- Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, Town Council Special Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, CR1

## **HUMAN SERVICES PROVIDED 160 BACKPACKS TO GROTON STUDENTS**

Over the past several weeks, Human Services has provided 160 backpacks filled with grade-appropriate school supplies to eligible Groton children ranging in age from 4-18 years old. Local churches, businesses, civic groups and individuals donated the backpacks and supplies. Human Services also maintains a supply of the backpacks for children in need who may enroll in Groton Public Schools later in the school year. The schools are aware that the department is ready to help students who may lose a backpack or have one that gets damaged. At the request of a local school, the department will make a backpack available to any child deemed by the school to be in need. The department first offered the backpack program in 2005, following a donation of approximately 20 backpacks and school supplies from St. Andrew Church. Over the past 13 years, the program has expanded to meet the needs of eligible children in the Groton community. Any child whose family receives any form of State/Federal assistance and/or meets eligibility requirements for programs offered through Groton Human Services is eligible to receive a backpack and supplies.

## **FLU SHOT CLINIC**

The Groton Senior Center is hosting the Medicine Shoppe for a Flu Shot Clinic on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you can't make this date, there will be a second clinic on Wednesday, October 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please be sure to bring your insurance card with you to the clinic.

For more information, please contact the Groton Senior Center at 860-441-6785.

## MONTHLY MANAGEMENT REPORT

### Library (August)

- The Director announced her plans to retire on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- The Director developed a policy for use of the LED sign by Town Departments.
- The Summer Reading finale was held on August 10<sup>th</sup>.
- The Library participated in the National Night Out at Poquonnock Plains Park and spoke with 327 attendees.
- A candidate has been chosen to fill the vacant Municipal Video Technician opening.
- The Jr. Friends voted to provide \$1,250 to help with the children's room renovations.

### Office of Planning and Development (August)

- The Zoning Board of Appeals granted variances of the landscaping requirements and the placement of drive through facilities for a commercial building on Route 12.
- The Department met with Dennis Godeere, the new City Planner, and with Felix Reyes, the new New London Director of Development and Planning, in an effort to continue a good working relationship with neighboring communities.
- Staff met with owners of the industrial property off of Hazelnut Hill Road and Flanders Road, planning several projects for the property.
- Marketing staff continues to increase the use of social media to compliment their website.
- Discussions and meetings with finalists for the Mystic Education Center continue.
- The submittal deadline for the Groton Heights property was extended to September 17<sup>th</sup> at the request of the development community.

### Public Works Department (September)

- Connecticut DEEP conducted a surprise inspection of seven underground storage tanks on August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The General Permit for the discharge of Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activity was set to expire September 30, 2018; however, DEEP extended the Industrial Stormwater General Permit "As Is" until September 30, 2019.
- The General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) is now in the second year and new requirements have become effective.
- The Department submitted a performance period extension request to the State for the Noank Town Dock Superstorm Sandy Repairs.

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**Library Activities**

- Library Director activities
  - The Director announced plans to retire on November 2.
  - Met with vendors to develop plans for renovation of the children's area.
  - Participated in grant reviews for CT Humanities. The Library is eligible to receive some funding to develop a program on fake news. Met with the social media team at *The Day* to co-sponsor this program.
  - Working with CT College to offer monthly webcasts of Jazz at Lincoln Center Concerts. The director of the College's jazz program would serve as the "jazz ambassador" at the concert, introducing the music to the audience.
  - Developed a policy for use of the LED sign by Town Departments.
  - Finalized plans for the one book author visit on September 26 at CT College.
- Library activities
  - The Groton Public Library was nominated by Senator Chris Murphy for the 2019 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. This annual award is presented by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and was created to underscore the significant contributions that museums and libraries make to their communities. The award honors institutions that demonstrate extraordinary approaches to serving their constituents and that exceed expected levels of community outreach.
  - Summer reading finale was held on August 10.
  - The Library participated in the National Night Out at Poquonnock Plains Park and spoke with 327 attendees.
  - The Teen Iron Chef program was featured in *The Day*.
- GMTV updates
  - A candidate has been chosen to fill the vacant Municipal Video Technician opening. He will begin on September 4 upon the successful completion of the hiring process.
- Library Board Update
  - Library Board members attended the meeting of the Jr. Friends on August 8 and presented them with a cake to thank them for all they do for the Library and to celebrate their award from the CT Friends of the Library.
- Circle of Friends
  - The Jr. Friends voted to provide \$1,250 to help with the children's room renovations.