

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Your gateway to updates on programs, events, town services, and other important information!

All Things Budget!



Annual Budget Referendum

The town's annual budget referendum is **Tuesday**, **May 14th**. All polling locations will be open from **6:00 AM to 8:00 PM**. If you're unsure where to vote, you can easily check for your polling location on our website by clicking below.

Absentee Ballots are available in the Windsor Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours, Monday - Friday from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is the day prior to referendum. Absentee ballot requests on the last day must be in-person at Town Hall. For additional information, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 860-285-1902.

Find your polling location

Info on the FY 25
Budget

FY 2025 Budget Information

Based on the proposed budget approved by the Town Council on Wednesday, April 24, the Budget in Brief, Tax Calculator and Build-A-Budget have been updated and can be found by clicking below. Click below for more information on the Board of Education budget and adjustments.

FY 25 Budget Tools

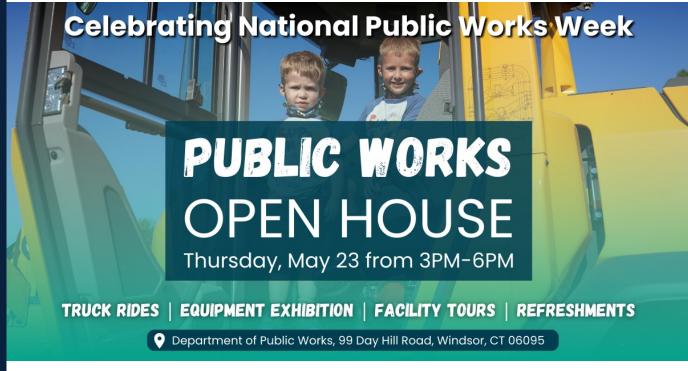
Board of Education Budget

Community Budget Forums

Community budget forums sponsored by the League of Women Voters and CT Votes will be held on the following dates and locations:

- May 7, 2024 10:00 AM Senior Center
- May 7, 2024 6:30 PM Poquonock School
- May 8, 2024 6:30 PM 330 Windsor Avenue Community Center

Public Works Open House



To celebrate National Public Works week, we are hosting a Public Works Open House event on **May 23rd from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM at the Department of Public Works**, 99 Day Hill Road.

This is a great opportunity to meet the amazing public works crews who take care of the community. Those attending will see firsthand the large equipment used on daily basis, go for a ride on a plow or can take a tour of the facility to learn more about what goes on behind the scenes at the facility.

Recreation and Leisure Services News



All summer camp programs are open for registration. Registration for summer swim lessons and pool passes begins on **May 23**. Residents can register online at by clicking below or call the recreation office at 860-285-1990 for more information.

Work continues on the major renovations to Welch Pool. There have been delays in receiving certain supplies and materials such as the new pool liner resulting in the expected completion date being pushed back to the latter part of June. Recreation staff are developing plans to utilize Veterans Pool at the high school similar to last summer. Staff have also been in contact with parent teacher organizations that have traditionally used Welch Pool for year-end activities. The groups are planning to use other town or school facilities for their events

Click here to register for programs

Pavement Rehabilitation Work



Contractors are planning to start pavement rehabilitation work in mid-May on Sylvia Lane, Millbrook Circle, Mountain Road – from Millbrook Circle to Bloomfield Avenue – Avon Circle, Strafford Court, Sheffield Drive, Trent Drive and Surry Lane. Rehabilitation of the roadways will be through a method called micro surfacing. Micro surfacing is an economical way to extend a roadway's service life. The process typically includes the installation of two lifts of asphalt emulsion, aggregates, mineral filler and water. Click the button below for more info on this method.

Work is planned to take place within the existing roadway limits. Access to driveways will be maintained. DPW crews have been repairing/ replacing storm water catch basin tops in preparation of the paving contractors starting in mid-May.

Click here to learn about microsurfacing

52nd Kiwanis 5K Shad Derby Road Run And Walk



The 52nd Kiwanis 5K Shad Derby Road Race and Walk will be on **May 18, 2024 at 10:00 AM**. The race winds through the Town of Windsor starting at the Windsor Green, along the picturesque Farmington River and back to the Windsor Green.

Bring your family & friends to help us celebrate! The proceeds support scholarships for Windsor High School graduates attending a 2 year or 4-year education program. Free T-shirts will be given to the first 100 registrants.

To register for this event online please click the button below. Race day entries will be cash or check only.

Click here to register

Shad Derby Parade and Festival



The Shad Derby Parade and Festival will take place in Windsor Center on **May 18 from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM**. Festivities include games, activities, food, drinks, entertainment and parade. For more information, contact the Windsor Jaycees at www.windsorjaycees.com or email at info@windsorjaycees.com.

Oliver Ellsworth Birth Date



Given May is Historic Preservation month, it is appropriate to recognize that last week marked the 279th anniversary of Oliver Ellsworth's birth. He was born here in Windsor and played a large part in our country's earliest years as a framer of the United States Constitution. He served as a United States senator and the third chief justice of our country. His homestead on Palisado Avenue is carefully preserved and curated by the Connecticut Daughters of the American Revolution. This historic landmark is open to the public.

Click here for more info

Windsor Lion's Club Spring Arts and Crafts Fair



Join us on **Saturday, May 11th from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM** for the Windsor Lion's Club Annual Spring Arts and Crafts fair which will take place on the Windsor Town Green. Every vendor will have handmade items, from yarn to soap to candles to jewelry! You are bound to find something that you like and perhaps find something for mother's day at the same time. For more information contact the Windsor Lion's Club at krf.lions@gmail.com.

WinWag Photo Contest



To help promote dog licensing efforts, the annual Win Wag Photo Contest has begun as of May 1st. The photo contest is free and open to Windsor residents. The entry period for the

contest ends at **noon on May 15th**. The voting period begins May 17th and ends May 31st at noon. This year's contest has eight categories: Top Dog, #1 Puppy, Best Smile, Best Athlete, Community Ambassador, Town Employee Mascot, Most Spoiled and Judges Choice. The winning entries determined by online public voting through our website will be announced on June 4th.

Enter today!

Local Tax Relief for Elderly and Persons with Disabilities



Real Estate tax relief reductions for elderly and person with disabilities are available to qualified Windsor residents meeting the income and/or age guidelines. The application period ends **May 15th**. A taxpayer who is 65 years old, or 100% Social Security disabled, owns and occupies a home in Windsor and meets certain income guidelines may be eligible for elderly tax relief benefits. Annual income guidelines for the State of Connecticut program are:

- Single person household up to \$43,800
- Married up to \$53,400

In addition to the state program, the Town of Windsor provides for local elderly tax relief benefits under the local HEART program. Any taxpayer that is 65 years old, owns and occupies a home in Windsor, and does not meet the previously mentioned income guidelines may still be eligible for a local benefit listed below. Income guidelines for this year are:

- Single: \$43,801 \$60,300
- Married: \$53,401 \$60,300

A guide to these exemptions is available at the Town Assessor's office and on-line by clicking the button below. For more information or questions, please call the Assessor's Office at 860-285-1817.

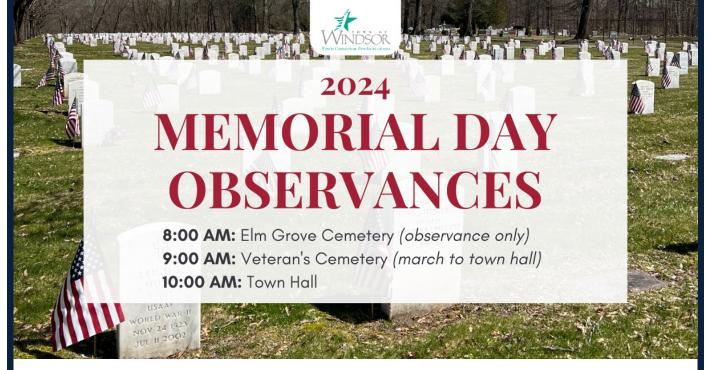
Click here to view the exemption guide

National Public Service Week

The first week of May is National Public Service Week and I would like to thank all of you and our other local elected officials as well as our many volunteers and our employees for the dedication, commitment and effort to make Windsor the great community that it is. Your passion and energy for our community is much appreciated.

IN OTHER NEWS...

Memorial Day



Please join us for the 2024 Memorial Day Observances this Monday, May 27, as we remember and pay tribute to those who sacrificed for our freedom.

Beginning at 8:00 AM at Elm Grove Cemetery, followed by Veterans' Cemetery at 9:00 AM, marching to Town Hall for the final observance at 10:00 AM.

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