

TOWN COUNCIL WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Tuesday, October 8th, Town Council Committee of the Whole, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex, Community Room 1

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Groton received a \$1.5 million Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) grant award for a housing proposal involving Mystic River Homes. This is a large grant relative to Connecticut's total \$13 million statewide allocation. Work will entail Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access improvements, elevator replacement and upgrades, new fire system pump, hot water system upgrades, new backup generator, interior flooring upgrades, common area upgrades, unit upgrades, and new roadways and parking areas.

BEST PRACTICES CERTIFICATION

Groton received notice that it had gained Connecticut Economic Development Association's (CEDAS) "Best Practices" certification. Groton will formally receive its award on October 23rd in Bridgeport. CEDAS developed the certification program to encourage "best practices" in municipal economic development and land use to spur continuous improvement. The program is intended to drive communities to pursue excellence in land use and economic development practices and to recognize the communities that have established best practices. In the pursuit of best practices, planners and economic development professionals can use this program to engage community stakeholders in discussions about how to achieve higher standards and develop creative, community specific ways to implement them. This program accelerates the sharing of best practices across Connecticut, improves the overall quality of economic development services at the local level, and ultimately results in more economic development in Connecticut.

FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION OF OLDER ADULTS

The Groton Senior Center completed their program, Preventing Financial Exploitation of Older Adults. The grant for the program was offered by the

National Council on Aging. A panel discussion, with state and local agencies, was held before the session to see what was deemed the most seen scam and ways to prevent it. Officer O'Brien from the Groton Police Department helped the Senior Center implement the presentation. The Center conducted three sessions with a total of 81 participants. The program consisted of a power point presentation, spam victims speaking about their experience, and a questions and answers segment. The program will be offered again on November 19th.

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

PLAYAWAY LAUNCHPAD COLLECTION

The Groton Public Library will soon be adding Launchpads to their collection. Launchpads are tablets preloaded with content and designed with a simple, easy-to-use interface with no download time or need for WiFi. The Library will offer two types of Launchpads; tablets with educational gaming apps for kids and tablets with videos and television shows, like Sesame Street, Clifford, and many others. This will be a wonderful new addition to the Library collection for children to check out and enjoy. This collection is made possible by Groton Public Library's Circle of Friends.

NIGHT- TIME LANE CLOSURES – GOLD STAR BRIDGE

The Connecticut Department of Transportation announced nighttime lane closures on the Gold Star Bridge (I-95 southbound) began on September 30th. The closures are necessary for construction crews to complete final "punch list" items to officially close-out the rehabilitation of the southbound Gold Star Bridge. Multiple nighttime lane closures will be necessary to perform the work occurring for approximately three weeks. Additional off-peak lane closures may also be necessary to expedite the work activities.

For additional information, please visit the Department's Gold Star Memorial Bridge website at the following location: <http://www.i95goldstar.com>

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 is a flyer from SCRRA for the Household Hazardous Waste 2019 Collection Schedule.
2. Attachment 2 is a flyer from the Groton Police Department for the Blood Drive on October 22, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

