

STAFFORD QUARTERLY

A Newsletter from the Town of Stafford, Connecticut

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READ ALL ABOUT IT

— from the Office of the First Selectman —

Thank you for taking the time to read our first quarterly newsletter of 2022. This publication hopes to cultivate a stronger understanding of local government, broaden communication within our community, and provide important information and resources to the public. We'll share project updates, exciting initiatives, departmental achievements, events, and more. Our ultimate goal is to extend transparency in local government and provide clarity to important issues that impact the Town of Stafford.

In this issue, we have a variety of important town departmental updates, information about upcoming meetings, and offer opportunities for you to share your perspective and how to get more engaged with your local government. As we enter a new budget season, we encourage you to get involved in the process.

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BACK TO BUSINESS

LOCAL BUSINESS VISITATION PROGRAM

Strengthening relationships with business owners and civic partners is essential to a healthy community. Our "Business Visitation Program" is the opportunity for us to learn more about your company or mission and allows us to discuss opportunities and roadblocks face-to-face. During the visit, we'll discuss your operations, learn if you have any challenges or concerns, share pertinent local and regional initiatives and resources, and tour your facility. Have a capital project in the works? Do you have a business success to celebrate? Challenges at any level? We'd like to hear from you! To request a visit, please send an email to amberw@staffordct.org or call 860-851-8102. Typically, visits include the First Selectman and Grants & Marketing Specialist. Please identify any additional staff that would be productive during your visit.



FY22/23 BUDGET

The Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget process is currently underway. The Budget sets forth a strategic resource allocation plan that is distinctly aligned with community goals, preferences, and needs. The Budget is a policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communication device all in one. The annual budget process refers to the proposed plan of expenditures and revenues for a given fiscal year starting each July 1st and ending the following June 30th for the Town's main operating fund which is also known as the General Fund. Please get involved in the process! A series of town meetings and referendums will take place until the budget vote in May. Visit staffordct.org for meeting times & details.



RECENT CERTIFICATIONS & ACCREDITATIONS

We are proud to announce recent graduates of the Connecticut Training & Technical Assistance Center (T2 Center) at the University of Connecticut. The T2 Center provides education and technical assistance to members of Connecticut’s Transportation and Public Safety Community through a series of comprehensive educational and transportation-related training designed to improve workforce skills, knowledge, and efficiencies. Congratulations to the following 2021 Graduates of the Stafford Public Works Department:

ROAD MASTER PROGRAM

Clement Langlois III

PUBLIC WORKS ACADEMY

Marc Burke

Mark Mclaughlin

Devin Cowperthwaite

Johnathon Whetton

Clement Langlois III

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT



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Stafford Department of Emergency Management has been extremely busy the past three months. As new COVID-19 virus variants continue to emerge both in the United States and globally, we continue to work with our Federal, State, and Local agencies to help guide local response. We held two COVID-19 vaccination clinics in Stafford to ensure residents had the opportunity to receive their first, second or booster dose. All of our Emergency Services, Police, Fire, EMS and CERT have worked together to disseminate COVID-19 Home Test Kits and N-95 Masks to Stafford residents. Since the beginning of 2022, we have conducted three large drive-through distribution events. We continue to collaborate with Stafford Social Services to ensure our vulnerable population also has the opportunity to receive these important items and working with our local health district to bring services to our homebound resident. [Home test kits are still available for pickup at the Stafford Police Department - for info call \(860\) 684-3777.](#) For Town residents who are homebound or have a special needs, you may request reasonable accommodations to receive these items by calling the Director of Emergency Management at 860-247-8920 with questions.

The Director of Emergency Management has reviewed and updated our Town Emergency Operations Plans, which includes our new elected officials. Since the beginning of 2022, our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was been activated for winter storm events and has remained in partial activated mode for Covid-19 responses. The Department of Emergency Management is currently updating our EOC radio system to maintain direct contact with the State’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This system also has direct contact with Police, Fire, EMS and Department of Public Works.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY

The Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) is relining 1,300 ft. of old clay sewer piping that was installed in the 1930’s on Westford Avenue, Willington Avenue, and Curtis Street. The benefits of relining include less mess and damage to our roads. Traditional sewer line repair services, sewer contractors needed to bring in excavation equipment to dig a trench to make the repair or insert the new pipe causing traffic delays and longer construction time..
...Faster Repairs. ...Cost-effective.
...Long-lasting Repairs. Relining these pipes will keep ground water out of our system and will be less water that needs to be treated at the WPCF.

WPCA has hired 1 new entry level individual to replace a person that had retired.

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COMMUNITY/SENIOR CENTER

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The Stafford Community Center is a multipurpose hub, providing a range of services and activities benefiting Stafford residents. Services are distinguished by three main categories:

SENIOR CENTER

The Stafford Senior Center offers programs and information to assist older adults ages 60 and up to lead more enriched lives. Programs that have remained open throughout the pandemic include:

- Meals on Wheels
- Medical appointment transportation services for seniors and persons with disabilities.
- Municipal Agent for The Elderly - providing information and referral services, distributing information, assisting them in learning about community resources, and helping them apply for benefits
- CHOICES Counseling (Connecticut's program for Health insurance assistance, Outreach, Information and referral, Counseling, Eligibility Screening).
- Renters' Rebate Program
- Medical equipment lending library
- Application assistance for Connecticut Department of Social Services programs, such as the Medicare Savings Program and Connecticut Home Care program for the Elderly.

Last quarter, we were able to restart the on site Congregate Meals Program, which serves lunches Monday through Friday at the Senior Center to seniors and their guests. We also resumed monthly out-of-town shopping trips on our Senior Bus, weekly board games and quilting group, and a select movies and art classes.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Stafford Social Services programs are designed to assist individuals and families with meeting their basic needs. We are able to provide direct assistance through:

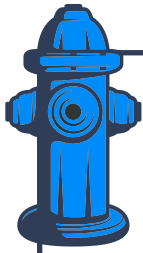
- Bi-weekly Mobile Foodshare distributions and our Emergency Fuel Bank and Emergency Food Bank, both of which are funded through private donation
- Community Garden - there are raised garden beds located at the Community Center, providing free, fresh produce during the growing season.
- Social Services is also the Stafford intake site for the CT Energy Assistance Program, Operation Fuel, The CT Water Assistance Program, Ever-source Payment arrangements, and the Salvation Army.
- Application assistance for programs offered through the CT Department of Social Services, such as Husky Health, the Supplemental Nutrition Program (SNAP), and cash assistance.
- Collaboration with Safe Net Ministries, the Stafford Family Resource Center & Early Head Start, and Santa's Toy Box to administer programs for Back-to-School, holiday assistance.

Last quarter, the Emergency Food Bank inventory was expanded to include supplies of diapers, baby wipes, and CVS gift cards purchased through a Stafford Thrift Store donation; gift cards may be used by clients for the purchase of baby formula.

COMMUNITY CENTER

The Stafford Community Center is a gathering place for meeting and event spaces for various town boards/commissions, and a venue for events that enrich our community at large. There are six boards and commissions that meet at the Center on a regular basis, as well as the Stafford Lions Club and an Al-Anon Family Group. The building has been the site for vaccine clinics, blood drives, arts and crafts shows, town police and emergency management trainings, is a rain location for the summer concert series, and host scouting events.

Our newest community partnership is with the Stafford Family Resource Center & Stafford Early Head Start, with new program space dedicated to their Learn & Play Group, for children birth to age 5 and their parents or caregivers. Each session, which meets every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., provides young children with opportunities to develop important language socialization skills, and motor skills. Parents and caregivers interact with their children during Learn & Play Groups to support these emerging skills while also connecting with other parents, grandparents, and caregivers. The partnership gives us a valuable connection to families and serves as a gateway to learn about additional beneficial services and programs offered by the Community Center. The program is free and no registration is required. If you have questions, call the West Stafford School at 860.684.3181 to speak with FRC or EHS.



FIRE MARSHAL

Sustained winter weather can bring a chill into our homes. Portable space heaters have become a popular way to supplement central heating or heat one room. Space heaters account for about one-third of home heating fires and 80 percent of home heating fire deaths annually. If you plan to use portable electric space heaters, make sure to follow these tips and recommendations:

- Purchase a heater with the seal of a qualified testing laboratory.
- Keep the heater at least 3 feet away from anything that can burn, including people.
- Choose a heater with a thermostat and overheat protection.
- Place the heater on a solid, flat surface.
- Make sure your heater has an auto shut-off to turn the heater off if it tips over.
- Keep space heaters out of the way of foot traffic. Never block an exit.
- Keep children away from the space heater.
- Plug the heater directly into the wall outlet. Never use an extension cord or power strips.
- Space heaters should be turned off and unplugged when you leave the room or go to bed.

Another popular form of heating for residents is wood burning. Now that we are nearing the end of wood burning season, it is a good time to inspect and clean chimneys. More than half of all reported chimney fire occur in later winter/early spring. Always remember to burn the correct fuel in your fireplaces and stoves, you should only burn wood in a wood stove, and coal in stoves designed for coal. Be aware when disposing ashes from your stove or fireplace, never store them in a combustible container and remember ashes can stay hot for several days after the fire has gone out.

Remember to test your smoke detectors monthly. Smoke detectors are an important way to keep your family safe by providing you with early notification in case of a fire. Make sure you replace the batteries in your detectors with the time change each year. Batteries are still available from the Stafford Fire Marshal's Office during normal business hours if you need some. These batteries were given to the town as part of a grant program applied for through Energizer. Smoke detectors need to be replaced every 10-years. After 10-years the detector starts losing sensitivity and may not detect smoke in a timely manner.

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PUBLIC WORKS

The Replacement of the Leonard Road Bridge has begun! If you drive by the Leonard Road Bridge you will note that Rotha Contracting Company, Inc. has begun activity at the site. They have been working feverishly during the winter to complete their submittals in order to begin in March. The current construction schedule displays a tentative completion date in late 2022.

As we transition from winter operations to spring operations (weather permitting), we have begun sweeping our roads, making drainage repairs, and preparing for upcoming paving projects. Please slow down for work zones to ensure the safety of our hard-working Public Works Staff.

The Parks Department has begun performing maintenance to the grounds, fields, and playscapes throughout Stafford to get them ready for warmer weather. Soon, we will see upgrades at Olympic Field to the play structures, field, and basketball courts.

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PLANNING & ZONING

The Planning and Zoning Commission is currently updating The Plan of Conservation and Development. The Commission began reviewing the current plan and discussing topics ranging from Economic Development, open space, town facilities and infrastructure in March of 2021. The Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) is a comprehensive plan for Stafford's future.

The State requires the Planning and Zoning Commission to prepare POCDs every ten years. Developing a POCD provides us an opportunity to reflect on our collective vision of our economic, natural and social environments. We then create goals and tasks to accomplish that vision. This plan acts as a statement of policies, goals and standards for the physical and economic development of the municipality. This Plan is required to be completed and approved by October 2022.

The Commission, with the assistance of David Perkins and Amber Wakley, will soon have a completed first draft of the 2022 plan available for review by other Town boards and commissions as well the residents of Stafford. It is anticipated that there will be several "workshop meetings" discussing and polishing the draft with a public hearing upon completion. If any residents, business owners or concerned parties wish to participate, they are welcome to attend the meetings and have themselves heard. The Planning and Zoning Commission meets the first and third Thursday of each month.

COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT POCD SURVEY

To better understand issues of Stafford residents and help shape a community plan for the future, an assessment survey was created to gather feedback. Your input is needed! Please take a moment to share your thoughts on our town >> WWW.SURVEYMONKEY.COM/R/STAFFORDPOCD



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TOWN CLERK

The Stafford Town Clerk is the recipient of a Connecticut State Library Historic Documents Preservation Grant. Town Clerk, Karen Troiano, will use the grant for the purchase of land record vault shelving & a file cabinet for housing essential documents. A portion of the fees for land recording fund this municipal grant program. Stafford Town Clerk will receive \$5500.00 in grant funds.

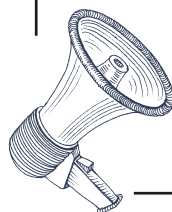
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TOWNS COLLABORATE ON BUILDING OFFICIAL SERVICES.

The Town of Stafford and Town of Somers recently joined together in an agreement that will provide needed Building Official services to the Town of Somers while they conduct a search to replace their vacant Building Official position. The Town of Stafford is very fortunate to have two qualified Building Inspectors, Glenn Setzler and Mark Morrison, who is also the Town of Stafford's Fire Marshal. This enables Stafford the ability to extend Building Official services to Somers without disruption to Stafford's Building and Fire Marshal functions. In return, the Town of Somers will compensate Stafford through sale of service fees and provision of additional Fire Marshal support. A collaboration of this kind is a new relationship for Stafford and Somers, one which First Selectman, Salverio Titus, looks forward to expanding in other areas in the future.

SUMMER REC IS BACK!

It's a thrill to announce the Stafford Summer Recreation Program is returning in 2022! The 6-week program takes place at Staffordville Lake and is open to all Stafford students in K-7th Grade, M-F 8:30am to 2:30pm. Campers experience opportunities for structured games, arts & crafts, and swim lessons, amidst other recreational activities that promote fun and socializing. Program details, Registration and Summer Staff Applications will be posted soon! Please visit www.staffordct.org for updates and announcements.



GRANTS & MARKETING OFFICE

RECENT AWARDS & APPLICATIONS

SURVEY AND PLANNING GRANT \$20,000
STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE - RECEIVED

For consultant services to complete a Historic Designation Report and the necessary documentation to nominate an area in Downtown Stafford Springs to the State Register of Historic Places. This high-level study includes field investigation, photography, archival research, and report preparation. The project will ensure the preservation of Stafford's history, the pursuant of a Historic District, spur economic development, bolster community pride, and encourage future preservation, while benefiting both residents and business owners.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES GRANT \$36,000
CT DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - PENDING

To control and eliminate water milfoil and aquatic invasive species in Staffordville Reservoir (present in 20.2-acres) and in Stateline Pond (present in 40 to 50 acres). The project works to preserve existing recreation amenities, sustain water bodies, and prevent worsening conditions.

BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT \$18,000
JUSTICE & SECURITY STRATEGIES/BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE - RECEIVED

Aid for the costs associated with the purchase of body-worn recording equipment (as mandated by Police Accountability Act of 2020) for use by the sworn members of the Stafford Police Department.

SITE-SPECIFIC CLEANUP GRANT \$600,000
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) - PENDING

Abatement and Renovation of the former Earl M. Witt School to reactive the site, preserve the attractiveness of the community and Hyde Park, and improve the overall quality of life for residents.

STATE & LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS

The Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program, a part of the American Rescue Plan ACT (ARPA), delivers \$350 billion to state, local, and Tribal governments across the country to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Town of Stafford will receive \$3,519,740.29 in funding. Funds must be obligated by December 2024 and spent by December 2026. Funds can only be used in accordance with the Act, which generally allows for the support of public utilities, elements of economic development, elements of social services, pandemic-related emergency services, and recovering lost municipal income.

The Stafford ARPA Committee was formed to help oversee funds, prioritize/identify projects, solicit community input, and ensure proper procurement practices. The Grants Office oversees documentation, reporting, and compliance, while pursuing additional funding opportunities through relief legislation. Public Meeting is being planned for early May, where the ARPA Committee will present planned projects and solicit input for potential expenditures. Please get involved!

[VIEW MEETING MINUTES & AGENDAS](#)

[ARPA COMMUNITY INPUT SURVEY](#)

SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

In 2018, the Town of Stafford received a Small Cities CDBG grant from the Connecticut Department of Housing to continue its housing rehabilitation program town wide. The Program can provide eligible homeowners a 0% deferred payment loan of up to \$25,000 to make needed property improvements. The loan is repaid at sale, transfer, or refinance with cash out. Owners qualify based on their income – i.e., a two-person household maximum income limit is \$63,950. Owners must also be current on town taxes, have equity in the property and agree to the program terms and conditions. Work can include, but is not limited to new roofing, windows, heating system, septic system, electrical and plumbing upgrades. For more information or to receive an application package, please contact Mary Bromm, Program Manager, at 860-779-5355 or mbromm@killinglyct.gov

NEW TOWN WEBSITE COMING!

The Town of Stafford will realized a new website platform and communications systems mid-2022! The expenditure was approved by the ARPA Committee under the Capital Expenditures (EC 1.1-3.5) category, which allows for investments in technology infrastructure resources to improve access to and the user-experience of government information technology systems, including upgrades to hardware and software as well as improvements to public-facing websites or to data management. The new website and technologies will improve community outreach, increase public access, and improve public delivery of government programs and services.

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!

To make the most robust platform possible, community involvement is needed. The Marketing Office and IT Department are seeking high-res digital photographs to help tell Stafford's story. You're invited to send photos of landscapes, streetscapes, attractions, favorite trails, businesses, parks, community groups, projects, and pastimes! Additionally, the Marketing and IT offices are accepting input on functionalities and content that will best serve residents.

Please email amberw@staffordct.org to contribute or call 860-851-8102 for more information.

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The Stafford Library is a wonderful fun and free resource to learning, support literacy and education! There's always something new to experience at the Library, this is what's on the upcoming calendar:

UPCOMING HAPPENINGS AT THE STAFFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

Activity calendar is subject to change and some opportunities require pre-registration. Please visit www.staffordlibrary.org for full participation details.

LITTLE ROCK STARS STORYTIME • WEDNESDAYS, 10:30AM

Ongoing, Music, stories, motion and more!

MOVE AND GROOVE STORYTIME • FRIDAYS, 10:30AM

Ongoing, Enjoy stories, movement, and music!

POKEMON CLUB

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Join fellow trainers at this monthly meeting to talk, battle, trade (with parent's permission), or show off your collection. This is a child-led program intended for elementary-school age children. Please register at www.staffordlibrary.org

CIVIL WAR REENACTOR: FRANK NIEDERWERFER

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 7:00PM - 8:00PM

Join the Friends of the Stafford Library as they welcome Civil War reenactor Frank Neiderwerfer to discuss Civil War veterans and Stafford's connection to the war.

YA BOOK TO MOVIE: BOOK THIEF

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us for a special after hours book talk and movie. This month's selection is The Book Thief by Markus Zusak. Snacks will be provided. Please register at www.staffordlibrary.org

FUN WITH WATERCOLOR

SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 11:00AM - 1:00PM

Join us for a special watercolor art lesson taught by local artist Helen Dewey. This art lesson is for children in grades 4 - 6. All supplies are provided, but space is limited so be sure to sign up early at www.staffordlibrary.org

OASIS: OPEN ART STUDIO IN STAFFORD

FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Join us on May 3 at 6pm for OASIS, a monthly open art studio night for Adults and Teens. Supplies are provided, but limited. Be sure to register early.

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MON/TUES/THURS: 10AM-8PM • WED/FRI: 10AM-5PM • SATURDAY: 10AM-3PM

JOIN A BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Our town government is enhanced by the hard work and dedication Board and Commission volunteers. Currently, there are numerous vacancies on a myriad of committees. These appointed advisory boards are an important and valued part of our community. Stafford needs involvement and representation in order to face the challenges of the future while maintaining the quality of life that we all enjoy.

If you want play a more active role in helping move our town in a positive direction, please consider sharing your time and talent. Applications and Board/Commission details are available on the Town website: www.staffordct.org/boards.php or download the application [Application of Interest Form here](#).

ARTS COMMISSION

Encourages all-ages in the promotion, development, acceptance and appreciation of, artistic and cultural activities.

5 Member Vacancies

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

Public involvement in these appointed advisory bodies is an important and valued part of City government. They bring

3 Member Vacancies

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Promotes sound land use practices in conjunction, increases public awareness of ecology, awareness of local conservation resources, and encourages outdoor activities.

1 Member Vacancy

3 Alternate Member Non-Voting Vacancies

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Tasked with the promotion and development of the economic resources of the Town of Stafford.

4 Member Vacancies

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Dedicated to conserving energy and saving the Town money through the use of clean renewable energy source.

1 Member Vacancy

FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Maintaining interest in matter of programs, services, and community interests related to Stafford Family Services.

3 Student Representative Vacancies

BOARD OF FINANCE

Interests and duties related to the fiscal policies of the Town. Board members are elected by Stafford voters in town-wide elections for staggered terms.

1 Alternate Non-Voting Member Vacancy

ENERGY ADVISORY COMMISSION

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1 Member Vacancy

HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMISSION

Task force of volunteer citizens dedicated to conserving energy and saving the Town of Stafford money through the use of clean renewable energy sources.

1 Member Vacancy

1 Alternate Non-Voting Member Vacancy

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

Local elected body charged with overseeing land use and development activity reflective of our community's desires and needs.

1 Alternate Non-Voting Member Vacancy

RECREATION COMMISSION

Promotes and enhances recreational opportunities with primary oversight for youth sports activities. Current goals include establishment of a formal recreation department and to develop all-ages programming beyond sports.

5 Member Vacancies

MORE INFO? CONTACT THE OFFICE OF THE 1ST SELECTMAN AT (860) 684-1777 · STAFFORDTOWNHALL@STAFFORDCT.ORG
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STAFFORD CHILDHOOD COLLABORATIVE

Stafford Childhood Collaborative (SCC) was established in 1998, first as the local School Readiness Council, when Stafford first received School Readiness funding. School Readiness provides affordable, quality Early Childhood experiences for 3 and 4 year old children living in Stafford. To learn more about School Readiness, [click here](#).

The Stafford Childhood Collaborative continues to serve as the local School Readiness Council ensuring the quality components of the School Readiness legislation are met. This cross-sector group of educators, childcare providers, parents, businesses, town service representatives, and health providers meet bi-monthly to ensure the appropriate monitoring of all programs receiving State funds, to serve as an advisory group, and to identify actions to address goals identified in the community plan. To learn more about the Stafford Childhood Collaborative, [click here](#).

If you are interested in serving on the Stafford Childhood Collaborative, please let us know! We are currently seeking parents and businesses who are interested in learning more about SCC and how they can be a part of supporting families and young children in Stafford. Meetings are currently being held virtually. Contact co-chairs Laura Lybarger or Mandy Mayer at Stafford Childhood Collaborative staffordchildhoodcollaborative@gmail.com for more information.

STAFFORD CHILDHOOD COLLABORATIVE
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STAFFORD *community-wide* CLEANUP APRIL 23, 2022

Help make Stafford a cleaner, greener, and more beautiful place to live and play! In collaboration with the Stafford Garden Club, the Town of Stafford invites all citizens to pitch in for a Community-Wide Cleanup Day on Saturday, April 23. Families, friend groups, neighbors, civic organizations, and businesses are encouraged to register and clean up a neighborhood, roadside, park, or trail that is meaningful to you. Not only will the event help beautify our town and make it safer, it brings together all corners of the community for a rewarding and productive day.

FREE collection bags, safety gear, and no-charge disposal will be available for registered participants.

Supplies may be picked up at Town Hall Monday, April 18 through Thursday, April 21 from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm and on Saturday, April 23 from 8:00 am - 10:00 am. These special collection bags have been designated specifically for this cleanup event, which allows for free same-day disposal on April 23. Once you've collected litter and debris from your registered location, return designated collection bags to Town Hall between 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on April 23 for free disposal.

The goal is to cleanup as much of Stafford as possible, improve aesthetics and bolster civic pride!

DETAILS:

www.explorestaffordct.com/cleanup

REGISTRATION:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/StaffordCleanup

CLEANUP MAP:

www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1R3_Lbow9jsPIC720AoMds_VfKvxUpmQ6&usp=sharing

TOWN OF STAFFORD TRANSFER STATION



Recently, the Transfer Station has been experiencing problems with residents trying to get away with out paying for their trash disposal. This will not be tolerated, and the police will be notified. Those who refuse to follow the rules will be banned from using the facility.

PAY-AS-YOU-THROW PROGRAM

The Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) Program is a method of charging for trash disposal based on the amount disposed of – **you pay for your trash as you throw it out.** This is accomplished by purchasing and utilizing town-issued purple trash bags, available in local stores. When you use these bags, you are paying for the cost of disposal – only your cost, and not anyone else's. This disposal method is the most equitable and rewards recycling, composting, and source reduction, ultimately reducing the amount of garbage thrown away. Source reduction is the cheapest waste management strategy and thus of the highest priority. More and more communities throughout the country use this method to increase recycling and to lower costs.

The Stafford PAYT Program began November 1, 2006. Only trash contained within the town-issued purple bags is accepted through the front disposal area at the Transfer Station. Any trash not contained within town-issued purple bags is charged by weight and required to use the facility's vehicle scale. When utilizing this method residents first drive onto the scale to be weighed, proceed to the rear of the building for disposal, then are reweighed on the scale, and charged \$.09 a pound for what was disposed of. Residents will save time by using the Stafford purple bags.

TOWN-ISSUED TRASH BAGS:

There are two sizes of town-issued purple trash bags: 33-gallon bags that come in packs of 15 for \$10.00 and smaller, 15-gallon bags, that come in packs of 10 for \$8.00. These bags are available at local stores, such as in-town hardware retailers and grocers.

BULKY WASTE FEES

- Couches & Chairs - \$9.00
- Box Springs & Mattresses - \$8.00
- Auto & Light Truck Tires - \$6.00
- Freon Units - \$21.00
- Appliances - \$11.00

You also have the option of hiring a private trash service for your household waste. Private trash services will provide you with their company-issued container and will pick up your trash curbside at your home. However, they will not collect bulky waste, you would still need to bring those items to the Transfer Station and pay for the disposal.

Remember the more you recycle, reuse, reduce and compost the fewer bags you will need.

SWAP SHED

The Swap shed is for people to recycle items in good condition, it is not a place to dump your junk to avoid paying disposal fees. TVs, Computers, printers, appliances are NOT accepted at the swap shed. If individuals continue to disobey the rules posted at the swap shed, then the Town will have to discontinue its use.

OTHER LOCAL DONATION CENTERS:

- **Stafford Area Community Thrift Store** 860-684-6121 located next to Town Hall at 2 River Road #101. The thrift shop accepts clean, gently used clothing, small furniture, and household items.
- **SAVERS:** 860-648-9436 at 432 Buckland Hills Drive in Manchester, and accepts almost anything.
- **Goodwill:** locations in Enfield and Manchester, CT and, Palmer, MA.

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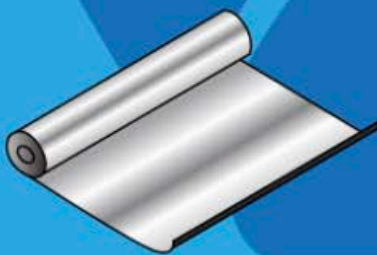
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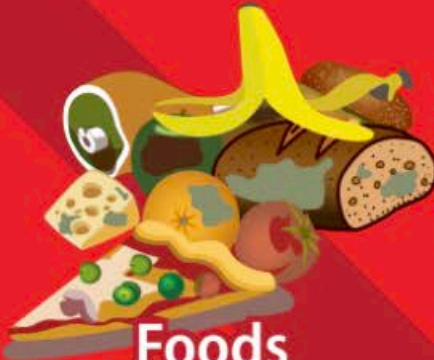
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