

SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT

October 19, 2021

Assessor

- Started fall inspections
- Filling state education fund refunds for settled appeals
- Cristina is taking IAAO 102- Income Approach to Value
- Continual homestead declarations processing
- Joe will be taking IAAO 311- Real Property Modeling Concepts
- Updated or CAMA system to the current version

Finance

FYE 2021 Audit

Auditors review October 4th-8th and 12th-15th

Presented Finance Department and Auditing FYE 2023 Budgets to Select Board
Processing VCAAP II Requests by residents:

The 2021 Vermont COVID-19 Arrearage Assistance Program (VCAAP II) provides financial support to customers who may face disconnection of service because of past-due balances for their electric, landline telephone, Vermont Gas (natural gas), water or sewer/wastewater charges.

Fire Department

The department participated in an active shooter exercise in Lebanon. This exercise utilized multiple agencies, tested interoperability in communications and tested our mass casualty plan. Crews are touring the Wilder Dam this month while one turbine is being serviced. Pre-planning confined spaces in the facility.

Conducted CPR training for HPD staff.

Shifts completed trench and cutting torch operations training events.

Chief Cooney and Fire Marshal Peltier attended the community wellness working group meeting.

The department responded to 129 calls for service during this period.

Incident Log:

Calls for Service 9/28-10/13	129		
Incident Type Categories			
Fires	2		
Overpressure Rupture/Explosion	0		
Rescue/Medical	88		
Hazardous Conditions	3		
Service Calls	13		
Good Intent	9		
False Alarm	14		
Weather Emergency	0		
Special Incident/Other	0		

Parks & Recreation Department

- The Parks and Recreation Department held our first of what we hope to be an annual Halloweenie Movie Night. This was a collaboration with Dothan Brook Elementary PTA, Hartford Community Coalition and the Parks & Recreation Department. Attendance was just over 150. Participants were able to roast a hotdog and smores over an open fire prior to our Movie Curious George and the Halloween Boo Fest. The event was held at Lyman Point Park.
- Introduction to Fly Fishing Clinic took Place September 29th through October 6th with a total of six new anglers.
- All our fall youth sports continue with Flag Football, Field Hockey and Soccer.
- Department held a Teen Adventure Getaway to the Outdoor Laser Tag on October 11th. We have a van of participants.
- We have a total of 22 Trunks for our Trunk or Treat Event scheduled for October 30th from 4:00pm to 6:00pm.
- The Fall Park Challenge is underway. The program takes place during the month of October. The Hartford Parks & Recreation is CHALLENGING YOU to stay active. From October 1 - 31, 2021, complete tasks assigned in our Fall 2021 Parks & Rec Challenge to total a minimum of 100 points. Once tasks are verified, you will win a prize. Download your worksheet at hartfordrec.com or stop by the Rec office.
- The public parks continue to be busy with weekly and weekend permits. Permits include the High School Soccer Program, Fall Baseball, Mia Technique Class, Paul Mahoney Tai Chi, Pickleball, Anne Bower Tai Chi, Georgia Michalovic.
- The Department spent a majority of our time preparing the WABA Arena for regular season operations. The sheet of ice was prepared for painting and completed last week. Skating with youth and adult groups started October 11th with our first weekend of public skating starting on the 17th.

Town Clerk

1. The Clerk's Office has resumed Monday through Friday office hours, 8am-5pm after a two months of Friday closures. We thank the public and staff for their understanding during that time. The Clerks continue to experience a steady flow of call volume and in-office traffic for a variety of needs including marriage licenses; deed requests; researchers; Green Mountain Passports; dog licensing; DMV registration renewals; certified copy requests for birth and death records and the usual array of interesting questions of the day.
2. The Board of Civil Authority held four Tax Abatement Hearings on September 28, 2021. One Abatement was approved; three were denied. Minutes are posted on the website on September 30th and Decision Letters were issued by certified mail on October 1st to the applicants.
3. The Clerk is beginning to draft submissions for the 2021 Town Report and do preliminary preparations for Town & School Meeting Cycle.
4. The Clerk is preparing for budget presentation for October 26th Select Board Meeting.

Police Department

Lord William Singleton III joined our department and began his field training. He previously worked as an officer Springfield PD.

Members of the police department participated in the Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) drill at Hypertherm in Lebanon.

Officers responded to 3 non-fatal overdoses and possibly 1 fatal overdose (tox pending) within the past two weeks. Community overdose outreach with our Turning Point partners was conducted as a result.

The first collaborative health and community wellness meeting was held with representation from area stakeholder community partners.

During this reporting period the department handled 311 incidents with 10 arrests. The breakdown is as follows:

Animal Problem – 9
Arrest on Warrant – 3
Assault – 4
Burglary – 1
Citizen Dispute – 5
DLS – 2
Drug Possession – 2
Fraud – 1
Juvenile Problem – 6
Missing Person – 1
MV Disturbance – 17
Noise Disturbance – 3
Suspicious Person or Circumstance – 31
Traffic Accident – 16
Trespassing – 5
Vandalism – 1
Weapon Violation – 1
All other – 203

Public Works

1. The Highway Crew has been dedicated to completing 2021 road work for our annual capital project. We are optimistic that BlakTop will be able to pave the majority of our roads before they shut down at Thanksgiving.
2. The Water Department has repaired a significant leak on Hewitt Street and also completing our annual fall hydrant flushing and testing.
3. The Wastewater Department responded to an emergency pump failure at our Ferry Boat pump station and completing the internet upgrades at our Quechee facility.
4. DPW Administration has been focused on preparing our budget presentations, preparing for next year's construction projects, and day to day items.