



TOWN OF TOLLAND

REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

Steven R. Werbner
Town Manager

April 12, 2011

Town Manager's Office

Employee Updates

After a full recruitment process, Tolland's new Firefighter Angelo J. Fichera began work on March 28th. Most recently an Assistant Manager at Anderson Automotive, Angelo was also a volunteer firefighter in Tolland for the past three years obtaining the rank of lieutenant. Initially stationed at Fire House 240, we are happy to have Angelo added to the ranks of our full-time Firefighters.

After more than a year on the job as a 10 hour per week Animal Control Officer, Paula Harrington will be resigning as of May 15, 2011. She is leaving to pursue a degree in biology and we wish her well in that and future endeavors. A recruitment to fill this position will begin soon.

Fuel and Heating Oil Contracts

The Town operations and BOE locked in gasoline, heating oil and diesel contracts immediately in Jan./Feb. 2011 saving approximately \$72,000 compared to prices on March 8th. These bids are through the Capital Region Purchasing Council. The chart below highlights the wide range of prices per gallon with taxes locked in over the last several years:

	<u>#2 Oil</u>	<u>Diesel</u>	<u>Gasoline</u>
FY2009	\$4.11	\$4.17	\$3.74
FY2010	\$1.65	\$1.78	\$1.53
FY2011	\$2.32	\$2.37	\$2.54
FY2012	\$3.00	\$3.00	\$2.78

Parker School

Town representatives and BOE officials have been discussing possible use of the rear portion of Parker School for a Recreation/Community center. The immediate need is a location for summer campers to go in inclement weather due to the temporary loss of the pavilion at Crandall's Park. After viewing the space, which is about 14,700 square feet divided between a small gym, eight classrooms, and bathroom facilities it is my opinion that the space should be made available on a year round basis for recreation and community uses. Originally I had been lead to believe that the utility lay out in the building made it difficult to segregate sections of the building, however, after further review this does not appear to be the case. This portion of the building can be

segregated out from the rest of the building by some minor modifications to the water and heating systems. People using the facility can enter through a side entrance. There are repairs that would have to be made to the heating system as well as some floor tile work, painting and replacement of ceiling tiles. It is anticipated that for \$30,000 all of the major work can be done utilizing our own forces for much of the renovation. Money is available in our contingency account from savings realized in salaries and vacant positions. With the approval of the Town Council I would like to proceed to develop a Facility Use Agreement with the Superintendent of Schools and begin to get the space ready for the summer camp programs and then year round use. Longer term it would be the plan to move the offices of the Recreation Department to this site along with possibly the Tolland Tykes Program. By so doing, space would be available in the future in the Town Hall for possible expansion of the Library into the gym area and use of the Tolland Tykes room for a program/meeting room. The area that Recreation currently occupies could be utilized by the Registrars office and the current Registrars office could be used for map storage and the plotter. Again, renovations to these areas could be done by Town forces over time. Floor plans are attached showing these proposed renovations. In addition, the available space at Parker may satisfy the space needs of the groups looking to construct a youth hall near Crandall's Park. The house at that location is unsafe and should be demolished as soon as possible. If we move forward as I have outlined, I would ask Tom Ainsworth to meet with the Youth Hall group about how this space might fit into their overall plans.

Tolland to Receive Dividend from CIRMA

In late July 2011, CIRMA, Tolland's property and workers compensation insurer will distribute a \$26,497 dividend. This equity distribution required three year membership (FY2010 through FY2012) and is based on a pro-rata basis. This projected dividend has been programmed in the FY2012 capital plan to fund the environmental abatement and demolition at 1125 Tolland Stage Road, a town-owned property. Several years of dividends will be required to fully fund the project.

Town Property located at 227 Hartford Turnpike

The Economic Development Commission recently discussed the fact that this piece of property was offered to the market on a Request for Proposal basis, with no responses forthcoming. Possible reasons for lack of interest may be the .25 acre size which limits reuse possibilities, the limited frontage and the lack of sewer.

The Commission at this time is recommending the house be demolished and possible uses for the property are:

- the creation of new signage for the Town and Park including the opportunity for a tenant directory.
- land bank the property for longer term possibilities of sale of the parcel to an abutter or to a developer of adjacent parcels.

Demolition costs are estimated to be \$12,000 with the source of funds being prior rental income from the property.

The Commission feels that since this is an entry point into the Park with three of our largest taxpayers at this location, a timely decision on a course of action should be made.

Update on the Collapsed Crandall Park Pavilion

As you know, the outdoor pavilion at Crandall Park in Tolland collapsed on February 8, 2011. The weight of the heavy snowfall during January caused the roof to cave in. This structure was originally built in the early 1970s. Several similar pavilions have collapsed this winter at other towns including Glastonbury and Durham. The only contents within the structure were picnic tables and trash cans most of which were completely destroyed. The Town of Tolland Public Works Department cleared a snow path up to the pavilion following the collapse so that the town's insurance adjuster could review the damage. The town's property insurance company hired an environmental remediation company to demolish and remove the structure, which occurred on March 3rd and 4th. Everything was removed, a total of more than 70,000 pounds of debris. The concrete slab was saved and will be used as the base for the new structure. On March 16th we had preliminary discussions about rebuilding a similar like structure with a builder affiliated with Tolland's insurance company, which would expedite the rebuild time substantially. Once a scope of work is developed and approved by our insurance company more information will be forthcoming.

2011 Celebrate Tolland Update

Off the success of the 2010 Celebrate Tolland Festival last year, the date for this year's celebration is set. The date will be Saturday, September 17, 2011 at Tolland High School. Save this date on your calendar! A steering committee will be meeting regularly to plan and develop new ideas and as more information becomes available it will be distributed.

Engineering

Tolland High School – AT&T Easement

- The Southern New England Telephone Company d/b/a AT&T Connecticut has proposed a utility easement at 1 Eagle Hill (Tolland High School). This easement was approved by the Tolland Board of Education and will be on the agenda for the April 12th Town Council meeting for consideration. A one-time payment of \$25,000 will be given to the Town in consideration.

ConnDOT Route 74 Bridge over I-84

- ConnDOT will hold a public information session on April 18th in the Town Council Chambers regarding the rehabilitation of the Route 74 Bridge over I-84. There will be an open forum from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. that will be followed by a formal presentation by ConnDOT.

Tolland Village Area – Commuter Lot Concept Plan

- Based on a meeting with ConnDOT, the Town Engineer developed a concept plan for a new commuter lot that would be located off of the new connector road between Merrow Road and Cider Mill Road. The Town is proposing to swap this property for the parcel where the existing commuter lot is located. This would allow for another access road into the Tolland Village Area off of Merrow Road. This plan has been conceptually approved by ConnDOT.

Hicks Memorial Municipal Center & Library Parking Lot Expansion

- As part of the geothermal project that will be taking place this summer, the Town Engineer has been exploring options to expand the existing rear parking lot to accommodate the excess of vehicles that this lot has been experiencing. The lot will move approximately fifteen feet towards the building and expand forty-five feet towards TIS. This expansion will allow for approximately another thirty-five parking spaces. Additionally, the lot will be brought up to the current American Disability Act (ADA) code, having the required number of ADA accessible spaces and required grades/slopes.

Tolland Water Commission

- The Town Engineer and Water Commission have been working with our consultants to put together the additional information that CT DEP requested in their letter regarding the revised Diversion Permit Application. A response letter was sent to CT DEP on March 29th and we are awaiting their final decision.
- The Water Commission has received final approval for the repair work that was required per CT DPH's sanitary surveys for the Tolland Water Main System and Skungamaug System.
- At the TWC regular meeting on April 4th, Steve Amedy, owner and operator of the water system at Village at Crystal Springs proposed a rate increase of approximately 23%. The Water Commission asked that he consider increasing the rates by approximately 15% this year and implement another increase next year if needed.
- The Water Commission, Attorney Conti and the Town Engineer will be meeting on April 12th with the Connecticut Water Company and their counsel to discuss the proposed Regional Pipeline Agreement. Once the agreement is closer to being finalized, the Commission and the Connecticut Water Company will present the project concept and agreement conditions to Town Commissions and Boards.
- The next regular Tolland Water Commission meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Water Pollution Control Authority

- CT DEP has completed their initial review of the Final Draft of the Phase II Wastewater Facilities Plan was submitted last month and have stated that they do not believe that the proposed plan for additional monitoring and testing of the sensitive areas (i.e. Apple

Road and Willie Circle Neighborhoods) is adequate. The WPCA is drafting a letter in response and requesting a meeting between the WPCA, Town Engineer and CT DEP to further understand their concerns and develop a plan that would be agreeable by both parties.

- The Town Engineer continues to research and work with the WPCA to develop a connection fee schedule that would replace the current "Increased Special Benefit" fees.
- The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers.
- The next workshop meeting is scheduled for April 20th at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Human Services

Residents may call any of the following Tolland Human Services personnel for more information about state programs and local initiatives:

Beverly Bellody, M.S., Human Services Director (860) 871-3611
Nancy Taylor Dunn, L.P.C., Youth Services Coordinator (860) 871-3612
Jennifer Therian, L.M.F.T., Counseling Services (860) 871-3615
Rebecca Ellert, Elderly Outreach Case Worker/Food Pantry (860) 870-3726
Fran Weigand, Senior Center Director (860) 870-3725
Donna Francis, Human Services Secretary (860) 871-3648

Youth Services

Tolland Youth Services Community Theater (TYSCT) will hold a Coffee House on Saturday, May 7th, 7:30 p.m. in the Tolland High School café. Local high school youth will perform for an audience of approximately 250 youth and community members. Tickets are \$5 at the door; donations for the Tolland Food Bank will also be collected. Coffee House Auditions will be held on Monday, May 2nd, 2:30 p.m. at Tolland High School. Registration is required; a signup sheet will be in THS Guidance office. Interested youth may also contact Nancy Dunn, Tolland Youth Services, at 860-871-3612, nancydunn@tolland.org, or visit the Coffee House on Facebook (search Coffee House – TYSCT).

Doctor Dolittle registrations open April 11th: TYSCT has selected *Doctor Dolittle* for our summer 2011 production, with performances on Friday and Saturday, July 29th & 30th. *Doctor Dolittle* Auditions for lead roles will be held on Monday, May 16th; youth entering 7th grade & up are eligible to audition. Auditions are not required for Junior Chorus (students who will enter grades 4-6 in fall 2011) or Senior Chorus (students entering grades 7 and up). Watch for press releases and other program information. For more information, please contact Nancy Dunn @ 860-871-3612 or nancydunn@tolland.org.

The 17th annual PAWS (Peers Are Wonderful Support) Conference, sponsored by ERASE (East of the River Action for Substance Abuse Elimination) was held at Manchester Community College. Youth Services attended with 5 high school students on March 24th and 16 middle

school students on March 25th. The conference featured workshops and speakers focusing on positive decision-making and healthy life-choices.

Youth Services, in collaboration with Tolland High School administration and Resident State Troopers, submitted a grant application for the 2011/2012 Police and Youth Program, a funding opportunity of the Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division, Office of Policy and Management. Local public agencies are eligible to apply for one-time funding of up to \$10,000 to increase or enhance opportunities for youth and police to work together. The goals of the Police and Youth Program are to promote positive youth development and to increase the numbers of police officers who are experienced and comfortable working and interacting with youth. This is a competitive grant which has historically been awarded to 10 applicant agencies.

Winter Heating Assistance

The ACCESS Agency reports the following Connecticut Energy Assistance Program 2010-2011 heating season statistics for Tolland households through April 6, 2011:

Total # of Households Served: 197 (42 new households served)
Total # residents served: 487
Total amount of funds awarded to date: \$193,665

Tolland Human Services will continue to accept applications for energy assistance as follows:

- through May 2, 2011, for households with a deliverable heat source (must submit deliverable fuel invoices dated November 1, 2010 through March 15, 2011; if approved, benefits will be paid directly to the fuel vendor as a credit towards the household's next delivery).
- through May 16, 2011, for utility heated households with a shut-off notice only.

Eligibility for Energy Assistance is based on the annual gross income and the size of the household.

2010-2011 Gross Income Guidelines for homeowners, and renters who pay separately for heat
(At this level, renters are not eligible if heat is included in the rent):

Household Size – including homeowners and renters that pay separately for heat. At this level, renters are not eligible if heat is included in the rent.						
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Under \$31,712	Under \$41,470	Under \$51,228	Under \$60,986	Under \$70,743	Under \$80,501	Under \$82,331

2010-2011 Gross Income Guidelines for renters whose heat is included in their rent
(as long as more than 30% of gross income is paid toward rent):

Under \$16,245	Under \$21,855	Under \$27,465	Under \$33,075	Under \$38,685	Under \$44,295	Under \$49,905
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Tolland residents may contact any of the following for an appointment to apply for Energy assistance: families contact Nancy Dunn, 860-871-3612; seniors, contact Rebecca Ellert, 860-870-3726; residents may also contact the ACCESS Agency in Willimantic, 860-450-7423. When scheduling an appointment, residents will be provided with a list of documentation that will be needed. If for any reason you cannot make a scheduled appointment, please contact the provider to reschedule your appointment. We are unable to process walk-in applications.

Operation Fuel Utility Assistance

Tolland Human Services will begin to take applications for the Operation Fuel Utility Assistance Program on Monday, May 2, 2011. Grants are given to households that have received a shut-off notice or already be shut-off. Eligible households need to have made four utility payments in the past 12 months prior to the appointment, with one payment made during the Winter Moratorium. Operation Fuel Programs are income based, therefore applicants must present income documents for all persons in the home and prove that there is a need for assistance. Operation Fuel management is in the process of finalizing guidelines for the Utility Assistance Program and will release them on or around Wednesday, April 13th. Tolland residents may contact Nancy Dunn @ 860-871-3612 beginning April 18th for information about eligibility for Operation Fuel utility assistance.

Counseling Service Available

The Human Services Department provides counseling services and clinical assessments to town residents. Common concerns are school issues, depression, anxiety, job loss, divorce, adjustment issues, family conflict, medical illness and chronic mental illness. Human Services staff collaborates closely with the schools and other providers, and provides referrals as needed. Services are offered to residents of all ages on a sliding fee scale. For more information residents may contact Jennifer Therian, L.M.F.T., at 860-871-3615.

Food Bank

The Food Bank will gratefully accept donations received from individuals, organizations and businesses on an on-going basis. Anyone wishing to donate, or to sponsor an organization or neighborhood food drive, is asked to contact Rebecca Ellert @ 860-870-3726 or Nancy Dunn @ 860-871-3612; these individuals will let donors know if there are specific items that the Food Pantry needs.

Library

Children's Programs—April, 2011

- Tuesday: April 5th, 12th & 26th – **Preschool Storytime** for ages 3½-5 at 10:15 a.m.
- Tuesday: April 5th & 26th – **Mother Goose RhymeTime**. Lapsit program for babies ages 6-24 months with parent or caregiver at 11:15 a.m.
- Wednesday: April 6th, 13th & 27th – **Toddler Storytime** for ages 2-3½ at 10:15 a.m.
- Wednesday: April 13th – **Mother Goose RhymeTime**. Lapsit program for babies ages 6-24 months with parent or caregiver 11:15 a.m.
- Thursday: April 7th, 14th & 28th – **Afternoon Storytime** for ages 2-5 at 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday: April 7th – **R.E.A.D. Dog Smokey** will be at the library with his handler to provide a chance for children to read aloud to improve their reading confidence. Children in grades 1 and up may sign up for a 15-minute block of time. From 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday: April 14th & 28th – **PJ Storytime** – Join Mrs. B for a story, for ages 2 to 8. Children are welcome to come in PJs and to bring a favorite stuffed animal. No sign up required; drop in as your schedule permits. From 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.
- Friday: April 15th – **Young Volunteers Clean Sweep** – Students in grades 6 and up are invited to earn volunteer time by straightening and cleaning up in the library from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday: April 23rd – **Rabbit Storytime and Library Egg Hunt** – Hop on by to celebrate rabbits galore at our spring Saturday Storytime! Kids ages 3 and up are invited for Rabbit stories and a craft, followed by an egg hunt in the library! Sign up requested.

New Computers

The library has purchased six laptop computers for use in the library. They are WiFi ready and loaded with the Microsoft Office Suite. They do not have the capability to print, so you must bring your own device to save and print to one of our stand alone computers. Patrons will check out the laptops on their Tolland Public Library card for use in the library only.

Upcoming Career and Job Skills Workshops

Tuesday, April 12th and Tuesday, April 26th from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Are you struggling with unsteady income? Are you looking to increase your influence? Are you eager to catapult your business to the next level? If any of these situations apply, you must attend How to Profit More & Prospect Less. Marge Piccini, a success coach and former award winning sales professional for a Fortune 100 company, will present this seminar designed for business owners, entrepreneurs, consultants and sales professionals.

How to Ace a Phone Interview

Wednesday, April 20th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Come and learn the tricks of the trade to ace the dreaded 15 minute phone interview. If you think 15 minutes is too short of a time to cover your whole work history well, you'll learn the technique to sharing just enough and leaving them wanting more.

Take Advantage of This Recession

Tuesday, April 26th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Join an interactive discussion on how to manage your money, work, life, and self to benefit during this prolonged economic recession.

These workshops are offered by Fiona Della Ventura, BA, MBA.

All workshops are free and open to the public. To reserve your space, please call the library at 860-871-3620 or email Barbara at bbutler@tolland.org.

The Eaton-Dimock-King Author Series

Veteran journalist Susan Schoenberger will speak about her debut novel, *A Watershed Year*, on April 27th at 7:30 p.m. which tells the tale of Lucy, a woman struck by the haunting power of things left unsaid following the death of her best friend, Harlan. Lucy finds renewed hope in e-mails Harlan arranged to send to her after his death and in her adoption of a four-year-old boy. Schoenberger, the West Hartford editor for AOL's Patch.com, has been a writer, editor and copy editor at The Baltimore Sun and The Hartford Courant.

Planning & Community Development Department

Planning & Zoning Commission

• **Tolland Village Area:**

- The PZC will hold a Public Hearing on May 23, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers on the proposed Zoning Regulations, Zoning Map and Design Guidelines. Additionally Public Hearings will be held on that date regarding a complete revision of the numbering system for the zoning Regulations, revision to the Low Impact Development and Road Design and Construction Manual to reflect the addition of the Tolland Village Area and changes to road construction standards.
- Steve Werbner testified before the government Administration and Elections Committee regarding the town parcel that was conveyed to the town by the State to be used for economic development purposes and the relocation of the commuter lot to land behind Subway/Papa T's at some point in the future when there is demand for commercial activity in the current commuter lot location.
- Steve O'Neill, Traffic Engineer from VHB, is completing a report regarding the proposed connector road to Cider Mill Road and potential road improvements to Route 195. Additionally conceptual road improvement plans of the proposed new

- intersection on Route 195 have also been developed. This information will be presented to the Town Council at their April 26th meeting.
- Updated information, including the proposed Zoning Regulations and Design Guidelines are available on the PZC website at www.tolland.org/pzc.
 - An article, "Crowdsourcing Design Principles", about the Tolland Village Area Visual Preference Survey Workshop by Heidi Samokar of Planimetrics and Linda Farmer appeared in the January-March 2011 CT Planning Association Magazine. The magazine can be viewed at www.ccapa.org under publications, 1st quarter 2011 magazine (pages 18 & 19).
- The PZC will hold a Public Hearing for April 11th on an application to operate an adult day care facility "Senior Moments" at 31 Kingsbury, formerly the Moose Lodge.
 - Discussions continue on revisions to the Sign Regulations to permit freestanding signs larger than 32 sq. ft. under certain conditions, to permit "halo" lighting, to permit corporate logos and other clarifications and modifications. A Public Hearing will be held in early summer.

Planning Office

- Staff continue to work with the other communities in CROG to make the final modifications to the View Permit tracking system. Online permitting is available at this time and a counter computer is available in the Development Group for use by staff and the public.
- Additional modules for Planning, Zoning and Wetlands are being reviewed by the towns and CROG - Tolland staff is participating in the Zoning Module subcommittee.
- Staff continues to work with the Conservation Commission on finalizing Management Plans, providing maps for new open space parcels, coordinating the use of open space parcels and improving and updating the website.
- Linda Farmer will be on the interview panel to hire a new Planning Director for the Town of Mansfield.
- Staff has completed the work with a land surveyor on the A-2 Survey of the 83.3 acre Luce property currently being reviewed by the DEP Surveyor. A closing will be held on the property once the survey has been approved by the state.
- Staff continues to work with the Tolland Agricultural Center and their farmland and agricultural consultants regarding a potential expansion of the site on Hartford Turnpike in Tolland and Vernon.
- Linda Farmer will be attending the National Planning Conference in Boston April 9th to April 13th.

- Staff are completing research and coordinating with Rick Conti on the discontinuance of a portion of Cook Road and possibly a small roadway stub off of Laurel Ridge.
- Steve Lowrey, Zoning/Wetlands Agent, has been busy creating and modifying maps and data layers for the town's computer based GIS mapping to meet the needs of emergency services and staff and:
 - Continues to attend monthly meetings of the Connecticut GIS Council as the representative of towns with populations of less than 30,000.
 - Continues to generate mapping for the Tolland Village Area.
 - Continues to work on developing a GIS layer of all Town Drainage Easements, which will be able to show the easements on maps, reference the document (and filed map where possible) that transferred the easement to the Town and help the Public Works Department quickly find the location and dimensions of the Town's drainage easements.
 - Updates GIS layers based upon new aerial photography.
 - Aids residents with zoning questions, resolutions to problems and helping with variance applications.
 - Created mapping for the Water Commission showing interconnection between Tolland Water and Connecticut Water.
 - Used GIS to help Fire Marshal find fire hydrants "lost" in the snow.
 - Added Latitude & Longitude data to fire hydrant data to make it easier to find the hydrants next winter.
 - Beginning work on data to identify which residents are responsible for clearing out hydrants.
- Additional projects Steve is working on include:
 - Designing a Lighting Plan for the expansion of Hicks Parking Lot.
 - Looking for ways to incorporate Low Impact Development techniques into drainage for Hicks Parking Lot.
 - Working with Gardner & Peterson and personnel from the DEP Property Management Bureau to complete the information needed to finish up the A-2 survey requirements for the open space grant for the Luce property.

Wetlands Commission

- The Wetlands Commission continues to pursue clean up of Gages Brook; they have sent letters to property owners who have lawn close to the brook and have asked for their help. Within the next month the Commission plans to walk the brook to identify areas that need work. They are also looking for state & federal grants to help commercial property owners in the Industrial Park redesign parking lots to improve water quality.
- The Inland Wetlands Commission has been working with Steve Amedy to find a solution to the siltation problem that the Village at Crystal Springs is having with their pond.
- The Wetlands Commission will be holding a Public Hearing in the spring to update their regulations to reflect changes in the state statutes and other revisions.

Building Department

Routine Building Department and permit activity is beginning to pick up now that the snow has cleared. The Building Official continues to work with property owners who had snow related structural issues. Colonial Gardens is rebuilding its collapsed structure. Several other properties have completed demolition and are beginning to rebuild.

The Building Official is working on several ongoing projects including the Town Hall HVAC system, the new elevator at the Town Hall, the Library roof, and rebuilding the Pavilion. The Building Official will soon be issuing a Certificate of Occupancy for a consignment shop opening at 68 Hartford Turnpike.

- See attached Monthly Building Report

Recreation

Another White Elephant Sale is taking place Saturday, April 9th in the Hicks Gym from 8 a.m. till 12 p.m. We have had a good number of donations already and expect more this week. All monies raised will go towards the Pavilion Rebuild Fund and the Scholarship Fund.

The Spring/Summer program activity flyer can be found in the Town newsletter that was mailed to residents last week. The Recreation Staff did a nice job compiling the information from the departments and community groups and putting it all together in an attractive and easy to read format. I would also like to thank them for the extra time and effort they put in working to help offset costs by soliciting ads from area businesses.

There is a group raising funds to buy and install a memorial bench to honor Ed Errickson. Ed was very active in youth sports in Tolland for years and also served over ten years on the Parks & Recreation Board. The Board has volunteered their services to install the bench once a suitable spot is approved. Since Ed was mostly involved with soccer, several locations overlooking soccer fields are being looked at for the bench including at Cross Farms or Heron Cove.

Efforts to rebuild the Crandall Park Pavilion are continuing. Town staff has been working with CIRMA to finalize a design and construction schedule. The Recreation Department is accepting donations to the Pavilion Rebuild Fund to help offset insurance deductibles and depending on the amount raised, to help fund some improvements to the structure. Suggestions for improvements include some high end things like a stone fireplace and metal roof. Smaller items included new accessories for the gas grill, portable tables for group use and improved lighting.

In an effort to help offset the high cost of keeping the beach at Crandall Park open, the Recreation Department will be collecting daily fees for swimming weekdays. Prior to this year, fees were only charged for weekend swimming. Residents can purchase a season pass for \$40 for a family, up \$10 from last year's pass. The new fees are expected to bring in \$1,000 to \$1,500 and will mostly come from non-residents who use the beach.

Spring sports are starting up with organizational meetings scheduled for the adult softball league that runs Monday through Friday at Crandall Park. The number of teams in the league is expected to increase this year.

Planning for summer programs is continuing, including finding an alternate spot for the summer camp program if the Pavilion is not built in time. One alternative would be the back wing in the Parker School building.

Resident Trooper Update

Statistical Report – Sgt. Smith has provided the attached Tolland Resident Trooper’s Statistical Report for March 2011. The report represents statistics on criminal investigations, accident investigations, motor vehicle enforcement and miscellaneous services.

Other Business

- (a) Meetings Calendar: Attached is a calendar of upcoming town meetings and events.
- (b) Monthly Reports: Animal Control Report for February, Highway Department Report for February, Senior Happenings for April and Town Clerk’s Monthly Report.

OTHER BUSINESS TO BE ANNOUNCED AS WARRANTED

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Attachments

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