

FEBRUARY 18, 2025



THE TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

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

State of the Town Address

WINDSOR IN PROGRESS

CONNECTING, ENGAGING, AND
CELEBRATING COMMUNITY

Mayor Nuchette Black-Burke will be hosting a State of the Town address titled, Windsor In Progress: Connecting, Engaging, & Celebrating Our Community. This will focus on celebrating 2024 and looking forward. The event will take place on **Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 6:15 PM** at Town Hall in the Council Chambers beginning with a mingling and connecting component, followed by a presentation and Q&A. All are welcome to attend.

Valuation Appeals

For those looking to appeal assessments on their real estate, personal property and motor vehicles, the deadline to submit an appeal is by the end of the business day on **Thursday, February 20th by 11:59 PM** if submitting an email to townassessor@townofwindsorct.com.

Those who submitted an appeal should expect to be notified by the Assessor's Office starting the week of February 24th for appointments with the Board of Assessment Appeals (BAA). The BAA will be holding meetings during March and potentially into April. An individual has the ability to appeal the BAA's decision to the Superior Court within 60 days of notice of their decision.

If an individual has not filed an appeal through the BAA they cannot go through the Superior

Town Awarded \$400,000 CDGB Grant

The State of Connecticut has awarded the town a \$400,000 grant through the competitive Small Cities Communities Development Block Grant program. This grant will help to continue the town's long standing housing rehabilitation program. A huge thank you to Flavia Rey De Castro and Patrick McMahon for preparing a successful grant application package.

Our Housing Rehabilitation Loan program assists low and moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate their homes. Ten housing units are expected to be rehabilitated with the funding. Upgrades will include roof replacement, heating systems, window replacement, lead paint and asbestos removal, and electrical and code upgrades.

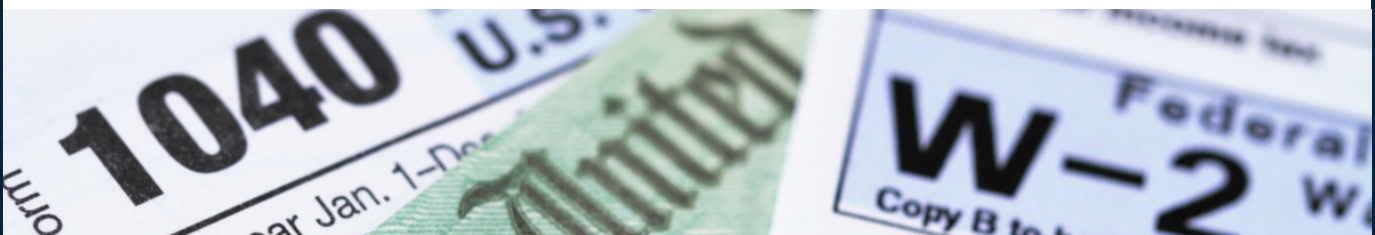
We are one of just 8 grant awardees statewide.

Windsor 2035/POCD Public Workshop



Come and share your vision and ideas at the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) workshop on **February 27, 2025 at 6:30 PM** at town hall in the Council Chambers. This interactive workshop will raise awareness of the Windsor 2035 Plan: Shaping our Future Together. It will help individuals understand Windsor's current Plan of Conservation and Development and its progress, highlight key trends and statistics shaping our town's future and engage the community in discussions to generate ideas. The workshop will begin with a brief presentation, followed by three 20 minute breakout sessions where attendees can share their thoughts on the topics that matter the most to them. Visit the 'Plan' website to learn more at <https://plan.windsorct.com> and take the survey. You can also go to the town's website at www.townofwindsorct.com or contact the Planning Department for more information at 860-285-1980.

VITA Tax Assistance for the Elderly



The IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program offers free basic tax return preparation to qualified individuals. VITA offers assistance to people who generally make \$68,000 or less, persons with disabilities, and limited English-speaking taxpayers. A VITA representative will be on site at the main library for appointments on Monday evenings from **5:00 PM – 8:00 PM from February 3 – April 14**. Appointments are required. Please sign up at windsorlibrary.com or by calling the Reference Desk at 860-285-1918. A VITA representative

will be on site at the Wilson Branch on select Saturdays from 11:00AM-2:00 PM from February 8 through April 12.

Camp FoxFire



All info available at: TownofWindsorCT.com/recreation/nwp-camp-foxfire/

Join us at Camp FoxFire! For kids Pre-K to Grade 8. This day camp at Northwest Park offers children an unforgettable summer filled with active, hands-on exploration in nature. Our programs are designed to nurture each child's curiosity and foster a sense of wonder in the great outdoors.

Registration is now open for the camp for any number of the six uniquely themed sessions for each age group. Registration is processed on a first-come, first served basis and is open to all Windsor residents on **Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 8:00 AM** and nonresidents on Saturday, February 15, 2025 at 8:00 AM. Fees are \$150 for Windsor residents and \$175 for non-residents. Register online at www.townofwindsorct.com/recreation or call 860-285-1990 for more information.

Black History Month Movie Screening: *Summer of Soul*



Join the Windsor Human Relations Commission and the Windsor Art Center for a special screening of *Summer of Soul*, a documentary that captures the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival and its impact on music, culture, and Black history. This award-winning film, directed by Questlove, brings to life a moment that was nearly lost to time. The screening takes place on **Saturday, February 22, 2025, from 12 to 2 PM** at the Windsor Art Center, 40 Mechanic St. Free and open to all. Don't miss this inspiring celebration of history and music.

Police Statement

In light of the recent police-related incident, we want to reassure the public that the safety and

well-being of our residents are our top priority. We understand the impact this has on community trust in law enforcement. While this incident remains under investigation, we would like to provide information on the training our department provides to officers related to use of force.

Our police department is committed to maintaining professionalism, accountability, and public safety. Officers undergo ongoing training in de-escalation, conflict resolution, and the proper use of force, including tasers and firearms. This well exceeds standards for accreditation and/or CT POST requirements. This training ensures that officers make sound decisions and use force only when necessary. However practical training cannot fully replicate the intense, unpredictable stress and emotional pressure officer's experience during real-life incidents.

While the Office of Inspector General's investigation into this use of force continues, our police department is conducting a concurrent internal administrative investigation into this use of force. While awaiting the conclusion of these investigations, the officer involved has already received additional remedial retraining and will remain in a limited duty status.

Transparency and accountability remain our priority as we continue to build trust with our community.

Thank you for your patience.
Donald Melanson, Police Chief

WINTER PARKING RULES ARE IN EFFECT

No street parking during a snow/ice storm or from
1:00 AM to 6:00 AM.

STAY *Connected*



Town of Windsor, Connecticut

**275 Broad Street
Windsor, CT 06095**

publicrelations@townofwindsorct.com



Town of Windsor | 275 Broad Street | Windsor, CT 06095 US

[Unsubscribe](#) | [Update Profile](#) | [Constant Contact Data Notice](#)