

**LEGAL NOTICE
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
COLUMBIA, CT**

The duly qualified electors and voters of the Town of Columbia, Connecticut and any other persons entitled to vote upon any of the matters contained in this warning are hereby notified to meet in the Adella G. Urban Conference Room, at 323 Jonathan Trumbull Highway, Columbia, Connecticut, on Tuesday, October 3, 2017, at 6:45 p.m. for the following purposes:

Clause 1 - To determine whether the Town of Columbia shall finance the energy efficient conversion to LED lighting at the Town Hall building and the Beckish Senior Center building, through M-Core Credit Corporation of Montebello, New York, which has offered two non-interest-bearing four-year loans starting in the current fiscal year in the aggregate amount of \$19,155.61.

Clause 2 - To approve, if Clause 1 is adopted, the funding of the loan payments for the current fiscal year to M-Core Credit Corporation or its assignee from the Administration Electricity, #10-4112-230 and the Beckish Senior Center Electricity, #10-2260-230 line items of the 2017-2018 Town Budget, which are the line items used to pay Eversource Energy Service Company for the respective electricity services. Eversource Energy Service Company is facilitating these LED lighting projects and has agreed to include the proper loan amounts on its billings and forward the loan payments to M-Core Credit Corporation or its assignee.

Carmen Vance
First Selectman

Steven Everett
Deputy Selectman

William O'Brien
Selectman

Robert Hellstrom
Selectman

Robert Bogue
Selectman

Dated at Columbia, Connecticut this 19th day of September, 2017.

MOTION

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Town of East Lyme Parks and Recreation

***Michael McDowell, Director of Events
mmcdowell@eltownhall.com***



***41 Society Road
Niantic, Connecticut 06357
Phone: 860-739-5828
Fax: 860-691-2409***

August 23, 2017

The Honorable Carmen Vance
First Selectwoman
Town of Columbia
323 Jonathon Trumbull Highway
Columbia, CT 06237

Dear Ms. Vance,

East Lyme Parks and Recreation is scheduling our annual cycling event for Sunday, October 1, 2017. The purpose of the event is to raise money for local historical properties and open spaces in the town of East Lyme through sponsorships, rider registrations, and donations.

One of five rides will pass through Columbia and the Department of Transportation requires us to obtain your permission by signing the attached form. The route details are explained in the attached descriptions of each ride.

There will be only one group riding about an hour and a half apart. The ride is as follows:

- **The Horrible Hundred Ride of 100 miles is for experienced riders, will depart at 6:00 AM, and takes riders through East Lyme, Salem, Lyme, East Haddam, Colchester, Hebron, Lebanon, Columbia, Windham, and Bozrah**

The rides begin at staggered times so as to return to the staging area at the Smith Harris House in East Lyme between 12:00 PM and 4:00 PM for a barbeque lunch.

The routes have been chosen by experienced riders who know the area and were chosen in the interest of keeping riders off the busier sections of town highways whenever possible.

There will be temporary direction signs at key intersections, placed for the event only, and volunteers will drive the routes to offer assistance to riders if needed.

Our website www.bikeandbbq.com provides details and maps about the event and rides. We respectfully ask that you sign the attached DOT application and return it to us so that we may submit it along with forms from the other Towns for our event Permit.

The form can be mailed to 41 Society Road in Niantic or scanned and emailed back to eastlymeparks@gmail.com. You can also reach me by phone at 860-739-6788 or by email at mmcdowell@eltownhall.com.

Best Regards,

Mike McDowell
Special Events Coordinator
East Lyme Parks and Recreation





CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

APPLICATION FOR THE USE OF STATE HIGHWAYS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS

NAME OF APPLICANT(S): East Lyme Parks and Recreation

ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER: 41 Society Road, Niantic, CT 06357
860-734-6788

DESCRIPTION OF EVENT - Include the name of event, the type of event, date, time, and route(s) to be used (attach additional sheet if needed):

The East Lyme Bike and BBQ is a charity cycling event occurring on October 1st, 2017. Riders begin at the Smith Harris House in Niantic, CT. Start times range from 6:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Route maps and additional information can be found at www.bikeandbbq.com. All rides will return to the Smith Harris House by 4:00 PM.

In the event a police escort is required, a traffic plan (map) must be submitted to the Connecticut Department of Public Safety, Division of State Police, Traffic Services Unit, 294 Colony Street, Meriden, Connecticut and the Legal Traffic Authority for each town involved in the event detailing the route along with all intersections where traffic control will be utilized. The State Police must be notified and concur with the traffic plan for the event. Verification must be forwarded to the Department of Transportation District Office. Visit www.ct.gov/dot for additional information.

APPROVAL SIGNATURE OF THE CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (only if a police escort is required), Division of State Police, Traffic Services Unit, 294 Colony Street, Meriden, Connecticut:

Signature Date

APPROVAL SIGNATURE OF CORRESPONDING LEGAL TRAFFIC AUTHORITIES (LTA'S) of town(s) which proposed event will travel:

Table with 4 columns: TOWN, SIGNATURE (LTA), TOWN, SIGNATURE (LTA). It contains four rows of blank lines for signatures.

2017 BBQ HORRIBLE HUNDRED

99.8 miles

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1.4	←	Left	Turn left onto US-1 S	2.5
0.2	→	Right	Turn right onto Scott Rd	2.7
2.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Upper Fourmile River Rd/Whistletown Rd	4.6
2.1	→	Right	Slight right onto Beaver Brook Rd	6.7
3.7	↑	Straight	Continue onto MacIntosh Rd	10.4
0.5	→	Right	Turn right onto Mt Archer Rd	10.9
1.3	↑	Straight	Continue onto Brush Hill Rd	12.2
1.9	↑	Straight	Continue onto CT-82 W	14.2
0.8	→	Right	Turn right onto Clark Hill Rd	15.0
2.6	←	Left	Slight left onto Tater Hill Rd/Tater Hill Rd No 1	17.5
2.8	↑	Food	REST STOP	20.4
0.0	→	Right	Turn right onto State Hwy 434	20.4
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0.6	←	Left	Turn left onto Mill Hill Rd	28.3
1.1	←	Left	Turn left to stay on Mill Hill Rd	29.4
0.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Old Hartford Rd	29.4
0.2	→	Right	Slight right onto Old Hartford Rd/Old Rte 2	29.6
0.1	→	Right	Turn right onto Miller Rd	29.7
0.7	←	Left	Turn left onto Old Hebron Rd	30.4
3.7	→	Right	Turn right onto CT-85 S	34.1
0.4	←	Left	Turn left onto CT-207 E	34.5
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0.5	←	Left	Turn left onto Leonard Bridge Rd	37.6
2.6	↑	Straight	Continue onto Pine St	40.2
0.7	→	Right	Turn right onto Chesbro Bridge Rd	40.9
0.2	←	Left	Turn left onto Doubleday Rd	41.1
1.3	↑	Straight	Continue onto Latham Hill Rd	42.4
0.6	↑	Straight	Continue onto Synagogue Rd	43.0
0.5	←	Left	Turn left onto Cook Hill Rd	43.5
0.8	→	Right	Turn right onto Village Hill Rd	44.3
1.5	→	Right	Turn right onto CT-289 S	45.8
1.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Bender Rd	46.8

Kim Bona

From: Mike McDowell [MMcDowell@eltownhall.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 31, 2017 9:23 AM
To: Kim Bona
Subject: RE: ROUTE FOR CYCLING EVENT
Attachments: columbia.JPG

Good Morning Kim,

I apologize for the link not working, we did update it recently, but below is the working link with the map:
<https://ridewithgps.com/routes/23927107>

And attached is a closeup of the map for the Columbia portion.
The roads we would like to use are:
Chesboro Bridge road, Latham Hill road, Pine Street, and Doubleday road.

These will be the same roads that we used last year for the event.

Please let me know if you have any further questions and thank you for your time!

Best Regards,

Mike McDowell

From: Kim Bona [mailto:kbona@columbiact.org]
Sent: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 2:44 PM
To: Mike McDowell
Subject: ROUTE FOR CYCLING EVENT

Good afternoon,

I would like to request a copy of the route for the cycling event planned for October 1st, which will pass through Columbia. In order for the BOS to approve your request, I will need to provide this to them. I tried visiting www.bikeandbbq.com as stated in the letter from your Parks and Rec Department, but it did not work.

Thank you,

Kimberly A. Bona
Executive Assistant
323 Route 87
Town of Columbia, CT
860-228-0110
fax 860-228-1952

Leg	Dir	Type	Notes	Total
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1.2	→	Right	Turn right onto Chappell Rd	53.9
1.5	←	Left	Turn left onto CT-289 S	55.4
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0.4	↑	Food	REST STOP	56.9
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0.4	←	Left	Turn left onto CT-16 W	60.4
0.7	←	Left	Turn left onto Goshen Hill Rd/Goshen Hill Rd Exd	61.1
2.1	↑	Straight	Continue onto E Hebron Turnpike	63.2
1.5	→	Right	Turn right onto Waterman Rd	64.7
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1.0	↑	Straight	Continue onto Marvin Rd	72.3
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2.8	←	Left	Turn left onto CT-354 W	76.4
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1.9	→	Right	Slight right onto Haywardville Rd	80.9
1.7	←	Left	Turn left onto State Hwy 434	82.6
0.8	←	Left	Slight left onto Foxtown Rd	83.3
1.1	←	Left	Turn left onto Ed Williams Rd	84.5
0.4	→	Right	Turn right onto Baker Rd	84.9
0.5	→	Right	Turn right onto W Rd No 2	85.4
1.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Woodbridge Rd	86.4
0.6	←	Left	Turn left onto CT-82 E	87.0
1.1	→	Right	Turn right onto Darling Rd	88.0
0.1	↑	Food	REST STOP	88.1
0.2	←	Left	Slight left to stay on Darling Rd	88.3
1.0	←	Left	Turn left onto Gungy Rd	89.3
2.8	←	Left	Turn left onto Beaver Brook Rd	92.1
0.9	↑	Straight	Continue onto Upper Fourmile River Rd/Whistletown Rd	93.1
2.1	→	Right	Turn right onto Scott Rd	95.2
2.0	←	Left	Turn left onto US-1 N	97.1
0.2	→	Right	Turn right onto Dean Rd	97.3
1.4	←	Left	Slight left onto Society Rd	98.8

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0.9	←	Left	Turn left onto Society Rd/W Society Rd No 1	99.7
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Ride With GPS · <https://ridewithgps.com>

Kim Bona

From: George Murphy
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 9:17 AM
To: Kim Bona
Subject: RE: Emailing: B. Paul tree warden appointment letter, A. Andrews tree warden appointment letter

Each year the BOS are required to appoint/reappoint a Tree Warden for the Town of Columbia. Since I have not seen this in the BOS minutes for this coming year I am sending this e-mail as a reminder we need to be in compliance with State of CT. state statutes.

George

-----Original Message-----

From: Kim Bona
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 8:59 AM
To: George Murphy
Subject: RE: Emailing: B. Paul tree warden appointment letter, A. Andrews tree warden appointment letter

Can you shoot me a quick email requesting re-appointments of Andy and Brian so I have something for the BOS books?

Thanks,

Kimberly A. Bona
Executive Assistant
323 Route 87
Town of Columbia, CT
860-228-0110
fax 860-228-1952

-----Original Message-----

From: George Murphy
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2017 6:31 AM
To: Kim Bona
Subject: RE: Emailing: B. Paul tree warden appointment letter, A. Andrews tree warden appointment letter

I think that will work...

George

-----Original Message-----

From: Kim Bona
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 3:09 PM
To: George Murphy
Subject: FW: Emailing: B. Paul tree warden appointment letter, A. Andrews tree warden appointment letter

Ok, how's this?

TA Report 9/19/17

**indicates handout for BOS

- Porter school cast iron sewer pipe repair
- update on 10 year long range plan
- 7-11 Project to began 9/18 and is expected to continue until November 8th.
- BOE surplus \$51,750.72 – returning to town General Fund
- * Columbia VIEWS
- * Parks and Rec annual report
- * Autumn Classic Road Race map
- * Internet Safety presentation by Trooper DeCarli
- * Budget update
- * Tropical Storm Jose final update



TOWN OF COLUMBIA

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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

September 14, 2017

RESIDENT or BUSINESS OWNER

RE: Columbia VIEWS Magazine

Dear resident and/or business owner:

I would like to reach out and introduce you to the Columbia VIEWS. This publication will be coming out quarterly and will be replacing the Columbia Crossroads. This is a town endeavor to bring you information from the town and its departments, along with community and service organizations.

We urge you to support this magazine so that we are able to provide this format of information to our citizens and businesses.

VIEWS magazine representatives, Sue Smith and Bryan Perry will be in the area reaching out to local businesses encouraging you to advertise in this magazine. Susan can be reached at 860-885-9670 or email her at sue@epicmagazines.com.

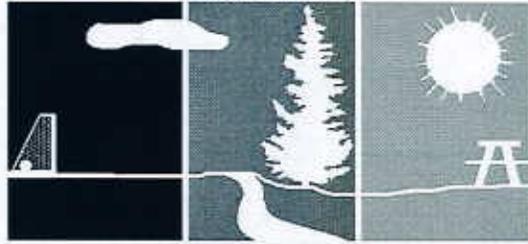
Please feel free to contact me directly at 860-228-0110 or townadministrator@columbiact.org.

Sincerely,

Mark Walter
Town Administrator

Mark Walter, Town Administrator

COLUMBIA



PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT



Annual Report 2016-2017

Marc Volza—Director

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Year in Review '16/17'

The '16-17' year was full of new and exciting programs for children and adults! This is the first year we offered our very own Town run camp, increased sports options for adults, as well as growing existing programs. There were some exciting facility upgrades at Rec. Park as well as Horace Porter School.

Construction was completed on the Horace W. Porter Playground as well as the playground at Rec. Parks. The school playground was completed and opened in time for the start of school. While the one at Rec. Park opened in early November.

Working with Weston and Sampson a Master Plan was developed to help with future designs and needs at Rec. Park

Columbia Parks and Recreation worked with the previous race directors of the Columbia Autumn Classic Road Race, to take over the event starting in 2017.

Three Summer Concerts were held on the Town Green, funded by sponsors in order to keep them at no costs to residents.

The beginning of multiple new adult programs: Co-Ed volleyball, Co-ed Soccer, and an Adult Basketball tournament

Implementation of Columbia's first camp in many years. We had 20 kids come to camp the week of April Vacation..

First Annual Columbia Classic Car Show, was held in the Horace W. Porter parking lot.

Playscapes

The 5-12 age playground was removed from Horace Porter School in mid July. The new one was com-



pletely installed along with rubberized safety surfacing in time to re-open for the start of school. The 5-12 age playground at Rec. Park, which had stood there for over 20 years, was removed by DPW in late October and the new one was installed in early November. Both structures contain unique features, the Porter Play scape has rubberized surfacing going directly into the middle of the structure which allows access to the multiple "ground level" play stations. This maximizes ADA accessibility



along with the side ramp which was able to be reused with the new structure. The Rec. Park Playground is

The Parks and Recreation Department plays a major role in building a strong community environment within the Town. We play a large role in community engagement and collaboration. Below are some of the organizations, boards, and commissions we work very closely with on various tasks.

- *EastConn*
- *Columbia Leo's Club*
- *Windham Recreation Department*
- *Bolton Recreation Department*
- *Columbia Public Works*
- *Discovery Zone Learning Center*
- *Camp Care*
- *Lucky Strike Lanes*
- *Eastern Highland Health District*
- *Szegda Farm Management Committee*
- *Marine Patrol*

- *Columbia Windham Soccer Association*
- *Holowaty Baseball Camp*
- *Columbia Little Columbia*
- *Softball Camp*
- *Horace W. Porter School*
- *Columbia Field Hockey Camp*
- *Beckish Senior Center*
- *For Love of the Game Camp*
- *Columbia Lions Club*
- *Columbia Lake Association*
- *Youth Services Committee*

Columbia Lake Beach

The town has been working with Nathan L. Jacobson and Weston and Sampson to develop a plan that would allow the beach to be re-graded while keeping all of the esthetically pleasing aspects that residents love. The plan will lessen the steep grade that currently exists, allowing it to become more ADA accessible to all who use it. Construction is set to begin some time after Labor Day. Design to the right developed by Weston and Sampson. Construction is set to begin after Labor Day.



Master Plan

Weston and Sampson and the Town Committee have worked very hard to come up with a design that suits the current needs of the Town, while still leaving room and consideration for future needs. Some elements of the design include a changed roadway that no longer cuts through the middle of the park, development of a dedicated softball field, as well as future additions of disc golf, a pavilion, and more.



Adult Programs

Classes:

Zumba

Offered on Mon and Weds all year long at 7PM in Yeoman's Hall.

The routines integrate some of the basic principals of aerobic, interval, and resistance training to maximize caloric output, cardiovascular benefits, and total body toning. Add some Latin flavor and international zest into the mix and you've got Zumba!

Fit-Fusion

Offered on Mon and Weds at 4:30PM in Yeoman's Hall (moves to Beckish Center June-September).

A fusion of all disciplines: cardio, muscle, core and balance to round out a complete workout. Come enjoy a FUN fitness class designed to get your heart pumping and your muscles toned.

Yoga

Offered Thurs nights at 7PM in Yeoman's Hall.

Also offered for 8 week session during the summer at Columbia Lake 9am.

Paint and Sip

Our local instructor Ann Marie Drury leads 2-3 classes each year, where residents can come together and paint a picture led by Ann, and are allowed to bring their own beverages. In Feb, we offer a Couples themed class where the two canvases form the picture.

Sports:

Co-Ed Softball

A CO-ED softball league plays once a week on Sundays at Rec. Park. The league runs from June-August.

Men's Open Gym Basketball

We have two nights of open gym Mon. and Thurs. Nights. The season runs from September until June and the open gyms are held at Porter School.

Sports (Continued):

Co-Ed Soccer

A CO-ED indoor soccer league plays once a week on Tuesdays at Porter School. The league runs in the spring. Games are played open gym style.

Co-Ed Volleyball

An indoor volleyball league runs once a week at Porter School. The league runs in the winter/spring. Games are played open gym style.

Summer Fun Runs

We were able to successfully implement 3 XC Summer Fun Runs this summer. A 1.5 mile and 3 mile timed course was offered to participants that allowed them the choice to run/walk on the various trails at Recreation Park.

Youth Programs

Sports:

Basketball

Columbia is apart of the ECL, a league made up of Columbia, Marlborough, Windham, Hampton/Chaplin, Lebanon, and Andover. We have just under 200 kids who play in our youth basketball league which ranges from grade K-High school.

Little League

Parks and Recreation works with the local Little League chapter to make sure the correct fields are scheduled, lined, and groomed for each game. Due to the great job Columbia Department of Public Works does we have received many compliments on the upkeep of our fields.

CWSA (Columbia Windham Soccer Alliance)

Parks and Recreation works with the CWSA in the same manner making sure the fields are scheduled, lined, and groomed for all soccer games. This includes the Columbus Day Tournament, a weekend of some of the best youth soccer around.

Special Events

Paint Night

A few times a year during the winter Ann Marie Drury offers paint classes to the towns youth. She takes them step by step through the process of painting the portrait she has come up with. We offer different classes for different age groups 3-6, 7-12, 13-18.

Hot Shots Competition

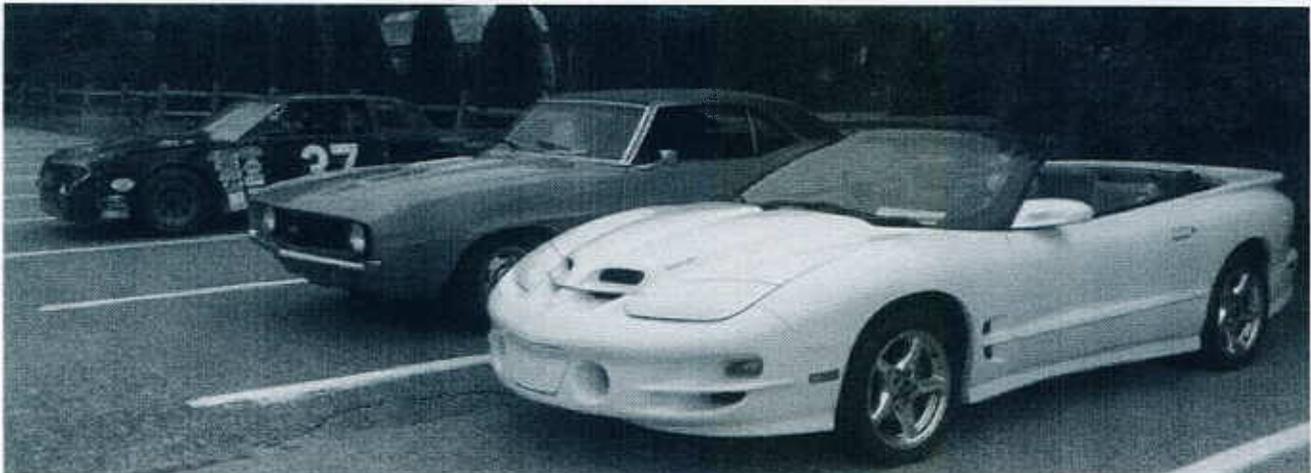
This was the first year Columbia hosted a local Hot Shots competition sponsored by the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association. This is a basketball skills competition that involves taking shots from different marked spots on the court. One of our winners Jordan Narotsky placed second in the State Competition held in Old Saybrook, CT.

Porter Scoreboard Challenge

Porter Scoreboard Challenge: This was the first year this Adult Basketball Tournament was run in an attempt to raise funds for a new scoreboard at Porter School. In its first year 8 teams signed up to play in a double elimination tournament. We look forward to making this an annual tradition.

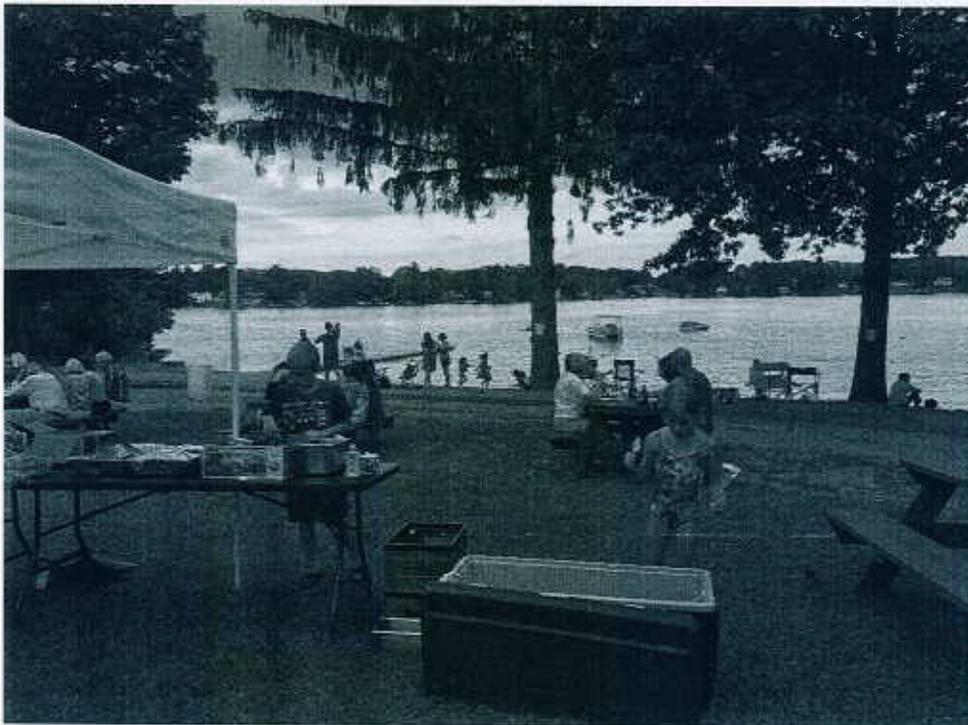
Car Show

The first Annual Car Show was a huge success, with just over 50 cars in attendance, and roughly 150-200 spectators. Visitors were able to enjoy classic cars, live DJ, face painting, balloon animals, and some good ole grill food.



Community Events

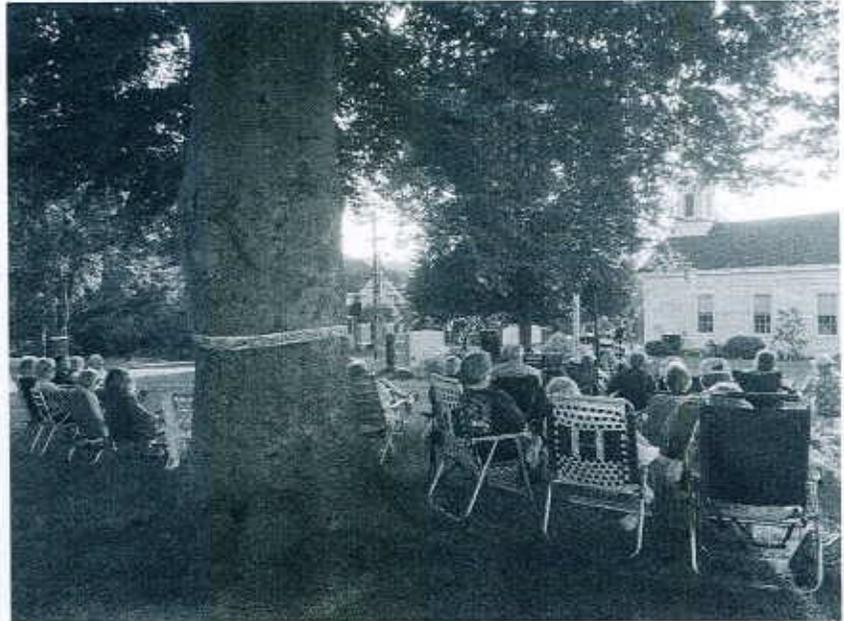
Cupcake Challenge— In January we sponsored our fourth straight Cupcake Challenge, the theme was Superheroes. Six teams competed for the title of best Cupcake. Over 100 people came out to taste the wonderful treats the children made. One of our judges was Cheryl from A Cupcake for Later, she generously provided each child with a gift certificate for a free cupcake.



Dinner and Dip— Food, fun, and music, at the 3rd annual Dinner and Dip. Jim Blair played live music in the pavilion, residents were able to enjoy a wonderful meal at the beach, and there were games for all ages.

Community Events (Continued)

Summer Kick-off Concerts— For the second year, we held concerts on the green. Thanks to our sponsors; Aspen Realty, Discovery Zone Learning Center, Law Office of Marguerite T. Friar, A Cupcake for Later, Ted's IGA, and Hands Heart Health Healing LLC, we were able to provide 3 concerts with free admission. Local musicians Jim Blair, Bruce John, and November Love played for crowds on the Town Green, and kids were able to enjoy the lawn games set-up.



Car Show— The First Annual Columbia Classic Car Show brought in a parking lot full of spectators & pre-1991 vehicles! With food, face painting, a raffle, and prizes this event was a hit. We look to continuing this event annually in cooperation with the Columbia Historical Society.

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Effective 8/28/2014 to 12/31/2024

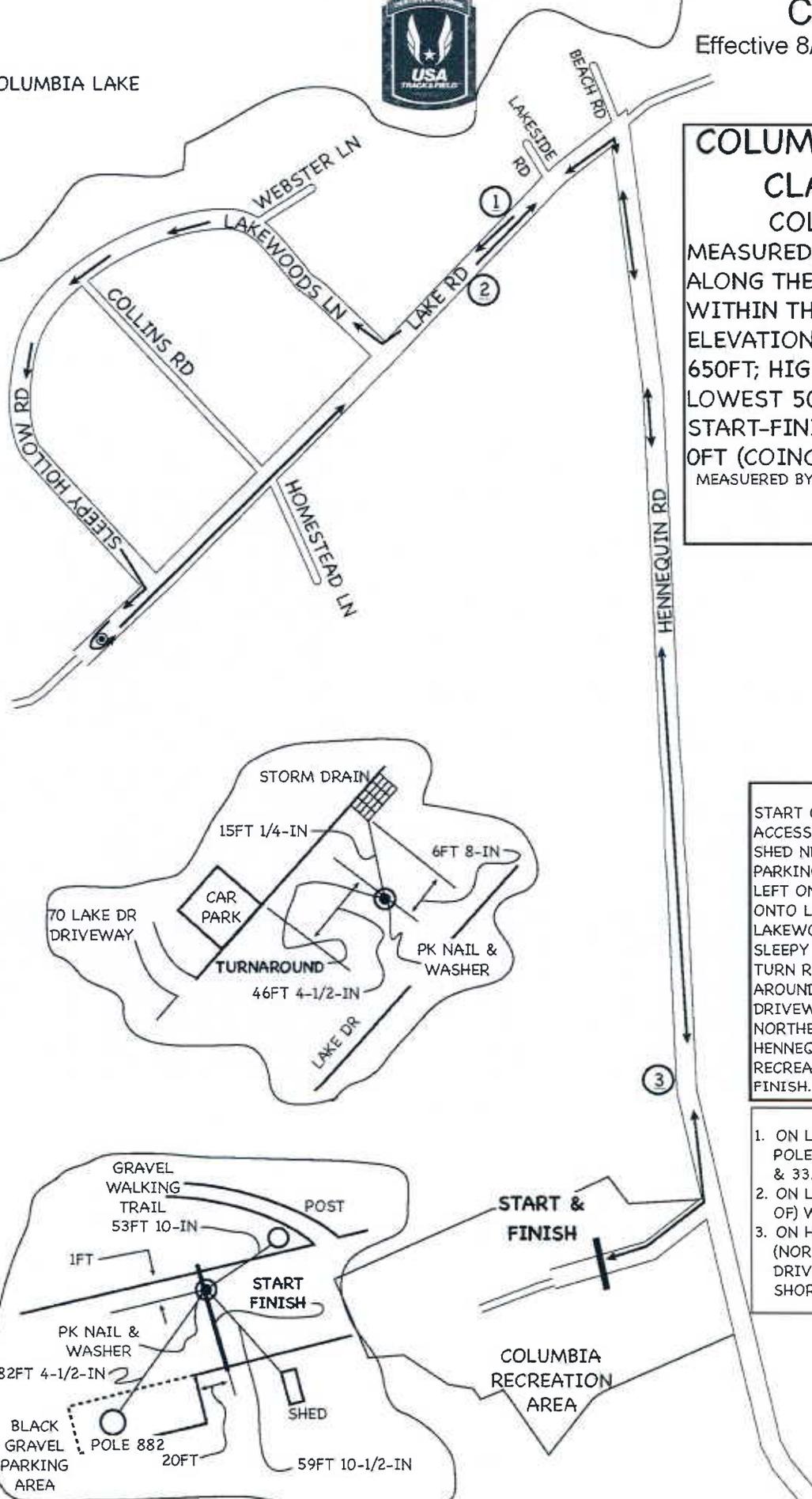
COLUMBIA LAKE



COLUMBIA AUTUMN CLASSIC 5K
COLUMBIA, CT

MEASURED ON: 8/20/2014
ALONG THE SHORTEST ROUTE
WITHIN THE PAVED ROADWAY
ELEVATIONS: START & FINISH
650FT; HIGHEST 650FT;
LOWEST 505FT
START-FINISH SEPARATION;
0FT (COINCIDENT)

MEASURED BY: GUIDO BROTHERS ESCORTV
SERVICE
pvolkmar@snet.net



-THE ROUTE-
START ON THE RECREATION AREA ACCESS ROAD SOUTH WEST OF THE SHED NEAR THE BLACK GRAVEL PARKING AREA, HEADING EAST. TURN LEFT ONTO HENNEQUIN RD. TURN LEFT ONTO LAKE RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO LAKEWOODS LN. CONTINUE ONTO SLEEPY HOLLOW RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO LAKE RD. TURN-AROUND BEFORE (NORTH EAST) OF DRIVEWAY #70 LAKE RD. AND HEAD NORTHEAST. TURN RIGHT ONTO HENNEQUIN RD. TURN RIGHT ONTO THE RECREATION AREA ACCESS ROAD AND FINISH.

- MILES-**
1. ON LAKE RD. 6FT BEFORE (EAST OF) POLE 127. BETWEEN DRIVEWAYS 35 & 33.
 2. ON LAKE RD. 45FT BEFORE (WEST OF) WEST EDGE OF DRIVEWAY 33.
 3. ON HENNEQUIN RD. 20FT BEFORE (NORTH OF) POLE 2301. BETWEEN DRIVEWAYS OF 55 & HOUSE WITH SHORT STONE WALL.

The Connecticut State Police Present: Internet Safety and Social Media Awareness



Join the Connecticut State Police for an evening presentation on:

- Current social media trends
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- Resources for keeping you and your family safe online

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A surprising day ends with GOP budget heading to Malloy — for a veto

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Republican legislators sent their first state budget proposal to the governor's desk in decades early Saturday morning, capping a strange day that didn't move Connecticut any closer to a new fiscal plan, but raised new questions about the balance of power at the Capitol.

Gov. Dannel P. Malloy already had pledged to veto the GOP budget hours before it cleared the House by a 77-73 vote shortly before 3:15 a.m.

Meanwhile, leaders from both parties left the Capitol resigned to resume bipartisan talks in hopes of reaching a deal before a series of fiscal calamities strike in two weeks.

'We are in this room'

House Minority Leader Themis Klarides, R-Derby, said Republican caucuses that have felt overlooked in too many budget debates in recent history, have a key role to play in crafting that final agreement.

"We are in this room because we love this state and we want to make it better," she said, noting the Republican plan drew endorsements from municipal advocates and the state Realtors' association. "There is a reason people have endorsed this. This is going to be moving Connecticut forward."

Nine hours before the House debate ended, Republicans scored their first win shortly before 5 p.m. Friday when three moderate Democrats joined with all 18 GOP members of the Senate to pass the plan there by a 21-15 margin.



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House Speaker Joe Aresimowicz and Majority Leader Matt Ritter answer questions before the House begins debate on the state budget.

And despite Malloy's veto threat, five Democratic representatives teamed up with all 72 Republicans in the House early Saturday to send the measure to his desk.

Democrats, who hold a 79-72 edge in the House, didn't have to call the bill. But House Speaker Joe Aresimowicz, D-Berlin, said it was important to give the Republican plan a vote — but then move on and craft a budget that lawmakers from both parties and the governor all can agree upon.

The budget standoff "has to end for the state of Connecticut," Aresimowicz told Capitol reporters before the House debate began. "It's our hope that we can enter into true bipartisan discussions with no lines in the sand starting as soon as Monday."

House Minority Leader Themis Klarides making the case for the Republican budget.

But while the speaker added that, “We’ve got to get serious; we’ve got to stop this silliness,” House Democrats still had a little mischief left up their sleeve.

Once it became clear that Republicans had enough Democratic support to pass the budget, House Democratic leadership called seven amendments to alter the bill.

If any of the proposed changes — which included increasing funding for higher education, restoring a youth reading program, and others — had passed, the bill would have gone back to the Senate for reconsideration, rather than to Malloy’s desk.

GOP representatives and their Democratic allies defeated all of the amendments.

Klarides said her party still remains ready to sit down with Democrats and find a bipartisan solution to Connecticut’s budget crisis.

“It’s sad for this state that we have to wait until Sept. 15th, 141 days since we put (the first GOP) budget out, to have the speaker of the House take us seriously,” she said.

“We still have a deadline looming; we really have to work this out,” said House Majority Leader Matt Ritter, D-Hartford.

Largely because of surging retirement benefit and debt costs — which are fixed by contract — and declining income tax receipts, state finances, unless adjusted, would run \$1.6 billion in deficit this fiscal year.

Absent a budget, Malloy has said he must cut hundreds of millions of dollars from municipal aid grants that are due out in two weeks.

Further complicating matters, a vital plan to raise hospital taxes to leverage more federal aid for Connecticut — which Malloy, Democratic and Republican legislators and the hospital industry all have endorsed — would be in jeopardy if not enacted by Oct. 1.

That’s because it hinges, in part, on retroactively raising Medicaid rates paid to hospitals back to July 1. That plan must be adopted and receive federal approval before the federal fiscal year ends on Sept. 30.

Malloy also urged Democrats and Republican legislators to come together and work with his office.

“My door remains open, and I remain ready to work with all sides,” the governor said. “We know our financial problems will get significantly worse in October, resulting in massive cuts to towns, hospitals, private providers, and others. Connecticut is counting on us – let’s keep working.”



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Melissa Ziobron, R-East Haddam

GOP: Lean spending has bipartisan appeal

Republicans said their two-year, \$40.68 billion budget, holds the line in spending, which makes it an attractive template on which to build a bipartisan compromise budget.

It establishes strong caps on appropriations and borrowing, Republicans said, while sparing communities from major cuts in state aid and from the governor’s proposal to shift \$280 million in teacher pension costs onto local budgets.

On paper, General Fund spending would increase 3.5 percent in the first year and another 0.6 percent in the second, despite surging retirement benefit and debt costs fixed by contract.

But like the Democratic plan, the GOP budget's growth is inflated by a major new tax increase on hospitals, which also calls for the state to return all of those funds and more to the industry. This is done to capture hundreds of millions in new federal aid as both the state and the hospital come out ahead.

Back out the spending tied to that hospital plan and growth in the first year of the GOP budget is a little under one-half of 1 percent.



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House Speaker Joe Aresimowicz watches from the podium as House Minority Leader Themis Klarides speaks in favor of the Republican budget.

Rep. Lonnie Reed of Branford, one of five Democrats to back the Republican plan, said none of the proposals she has seen have pleasant choices.

"I hate this (Republican) amendment and I hate our amendment and I hate the governor's bill," she said. "And I think most of us feel this way."

But Reed added that the GOP's focus on limiting spending growth over the long haul is a step in the right direction.

"We're doing harm to our state and it has to stop," said Rep. John Hampton, D-Simsbury, who also backed the GOP plan.

Other Democratic representatives to endorse the plan were Daniel Rovero of Killingly, Patrick Boyd of Pomfret, and Kim Rose of Milford.

"I voted for this budget with a heavy heart," Rovero said, adding Democrats nonetheless have to work harder to cut spending. "I want this to go to the governor and — if it gets vetoed — we can all sit down and work together on something that will be great for Connecticut."

spending cuts.

But the Republican plan also came under fire from many Democrats because of several

Hartford, higher ed lose in GOP plan

House Majority Leader Matt Ritter, D-Hartford, said before the House debate began he was disappointed that the Republican budget also includes less than one-fifth of the extra funds Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin has said he needs to keep the capital city out of bankruptcy this fall.

Bronin asked for an additional \$40 million this fiscal year while the GOP plan adds \$7 million in Education Cost Sharing funds.

"I was very surprised they didn't take care of that situation," he added. "I thought they would."

Bronin said that, "The Republican budget ... would make bankruptcy the only path available to Hartford."

Rep. Greg Haddad, D-Mansfield, noted that the GOP budget would cut a total of \$75 million from the operating funds for the University of Connecticut, the state university system and the community colleges in the first year of the two-year plan. And the funding would fall to \$125 million below last fiscal year's level by 2018-19.

"These are unprecedented cuts in our higher education system," Haddad said, "a system we depend on to create future generations of workers for the state of Connecticut."



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Rep. Christopher Davis, R-Ellington

Dems: GOP attacks clean elections, labor

“I think the reality of this bill is it opens up a floodgate of corporate money, of special interest money,” Rep. Matt Lesser, D-Middletown, said of a proposal to raid \$35 million from the Citizens Election Fund.

The Republican budget incorporates savings from the concessions deal unions and Malloy struck earlier this year, as does the compromise plan reached by the governor and Democratic leaders.

But while that concessions deal also locks the state employees’ benefits package into place through 2027, Republicans said Connecticut can save even more money now by limiting the pension benefits offered after that date.

Those new limits would reduce required pension payments by \$119 million this fiscal year and by \$151 million in 2018-19.

Many Democratic leaders and union leaders also have questioned whether the state can make these changes unilaterally or whether that would violate collective bargaining rules.

Malloy said it would “violate existing state contracts with our employees, resulting in costly legal battles for years to come.”

“This budget attempts to take away our freedom to negotiate our health care and our retirement security,” said Lori J. Pelletier, president of the Connecticut AFL-CIO. “While our critical public service workers gave back billions of dollars to help shore up the state’s finances, the Republicans not only demanded more blood, they refused to ask for anything from corporate CEOs and the ultra-wealthy.”

Tax hikes remain a delicate issue

After insisting for months they would propose no tax hikes to close major projected deficits in state finances, Republicans included tax and fee increases that raise \$840 million across this fiscal year and next combined.

Rep. Jason Rojas, D-East Hartford, House chairman of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, engaged in a verbal fencing match with his Republican counterpart on that panel, finance ranking GOP member Chris Davis of Ellington.

Trying to get Davis to say the word “tax,” Rojas asked what policy the state would use to secure hundreds of millions of dollars in new federal Medicaid reimbursements.

“I believe it it generated through a hospital formula,” Davis said, finally acknowledging after being pressed by Rojas for clarification that “formula” actually involved raising the state “provider tax” on hospitals. By restoring those tax dollars to the industry — and sharing some of the federal funds as well — state government and the industry both would gain revenue through the arrangement.

The Republican budget also would raise more than \$150 million over this fiscal year and next combined by slashing nearly 60 percent of tax relief the state provides to poor working families through its Earned Income Tax Credit.



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FINAL EXTERNAL HURRICANE JOSE UPDATE

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 11:30 AM

FINAL UPDATE ON JOSE... TROPICAL STORM WATCHES CANCELLED FOR THE CONNECTICUT COAST... VERY MINOR FRINGE IMPACTS EXPECTED IN CONNECTICUT FROM JOSE...

At 11:00 AM Hurricane Jose was located at 36.5 N 71.7 W or approximately 335 miles south southwest of Nantucket, Massachusetts. Jose had maximum sustained winds of 75 MPH and is moving to the north at 7 MPH.

At 11:00 AM winds along our coast were from the Northeast at 15 – 20 MPH gusting to 25 MPH at times. Tides are currently running approximately 1 foot above normal. The next high tide in New London is forecast to occur at 9:31 PM and the next high tide in Bridgeport is forecast to occur at 11:35 PM. Very minor coastal flooding is possible because we are currently at our monthly astronomical high tide.

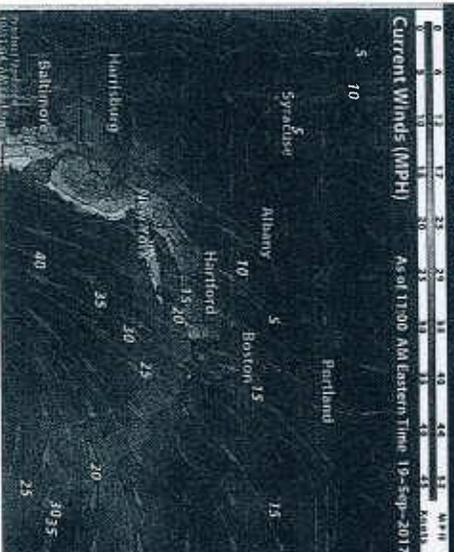
Jose is forecast by the NHC to move slowly to the northeast during the next 24 hours. Jose is forecast to make its closest approach to Connecticut at approximately 8:00 AM Wednesday morning. Jose is forecast to be a strong tropical storm at that time with sustained winds of 70 MPH. Jose is then forecast to turn to the east Wednesday night and become post-tropical by 8 AM Friday morning.

Jose is then forecast to stall approximately 300 miles to our southeast by Saturday morning. Based on the official NHC track, the fringe impacts from Jose in Connecticut are expected to include sustained winds of 30 MPH, less than an inch of rain, high surf, rip currents and minor coastal flooding. The highest impacts are forecast to occur in southeastern CT from this afternoon until Wednesday afternoon. With Jose eventually expected to stall to our southeast, the high surf and rip currents are expected to continue into this weekend.

This will be the final update on Jose from DESPP / DEMHS unless the forecast changes.

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CURRENT WINDS (MPH) FOR JOSE



SATELLITE PICTURE FOR JOSE



OFFICIAL NHC FORECAST FOR JOSE

