

# Town of Greenwich

## Department of Public Works

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Quarterly Newsletter

### Welcome to the Department of Public Works!

The Department of Public Works is one of the largest Departments within the Town of Greenwich. It is comprised of seven different Divisions which everyone is familiar with on some level. These Divisions include: Building Construction & Maintenance, Building Inspection, Engineering, Highway, Sewer, Traffic Engineering and Waste Disposal. Going forward DPW, under the leadership of our new Commissioner, Mr. Lloyd Hubbs will be issuing a Quarterly Newsletter. Its purpose will be to keep the residents of the Town and any other interested parties informed of the many ongoing projects with which the several Divisions of the Department are involved. More often than not, our employees can be seen hard at work throughout the streets of Greenwich, but unless one of the many News media has chosen to highlight a

specific project, the general public may not know just what is being accomplished. Because the work of seven Divisions is vast, it will be difficult to focus on all of it. Some quarters there will upcoming projects, sometimes there will be important achievements in the limelight and sometimes projects just entering the design phase. Regardless of what we tell you, we hope you find it enjoyable, interesting and worth the READ!



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#### News from the Commissioner

Deputy Commissioner Robert C. Kalm retired on January 31st after serving the Town of Greenwich for over 16 years. Bob was a dedicated, knowledgeable Deputy Commissioner, and his expertise was sought on many Public Works issues over the years. Bob served in the dual role of Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner during the quest for a new Commissioner after the retirement of Commissioner Maurice Roddy in 1995 and again of Commissioner Marcos Madrid in 2005. Although Bob certainly earned his retirement, he will be sorely missed on a professional as well as a personal basis.

## Highway Division



### Leaf Collection

Each Fall, the Highway Division provides Leaf Collection on public streets in areas zoned R-20 and below (half-acre and less). This year 7,300 tons of leaves were collected during 23 working days. This collection was performed in record time due to the extremely favorable weather conditions.

### Valley Road Sidewalks

Sidewalk reconstruction on Valley Road from Dandy Drive to Palmer Hill Road began in the Fall of 2006, a project advocated by the Selectman's Pedestrian Safety Committee and funded in Fiscal 2006-07. Thus far 1,591 linear feet (70%) of the work has been completed – up to Cat Rock Road – with the balance to be constructed in the Spring.

[Click here](#) for Highway page.

### Pavement Management

The Pavement Management System (PMS) is a dynamic process that captures changes in roadway characteristics and deterioration over time to assist in creating a work plan and help determine budgeting levels. All 265 miles of public roadway were surveyed and given a PCI (Pavement Condition Index) by automated data collection equipment in 2001 and re-surveyed in 2006. During the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2006 approximately 13 miles of roadway were resurfaced at a cost of \$1.7 million. State-Town Aid provides \$377,229 for this program.

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## Traffic

## Engineering

reminds you to:

Stop for

pedestrians in  
a crosswalk.

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## Building Inspection Division

On January 3, 2007 the Division of Building Inspection hired an additional Electrical Inspector, Dan Martin, who previously worked for a local electrical contractor as an electrician. This hire has helped reduce our response time to electrical inspection requests from well over a week to 2-3 days. The Division is also in the process of hiring an additional Plumbing/HVAC Inspector. Interviews for this position

will take place later this month and after this hire, the Division anticipates a similar reduction in response time to requests for plumbing/HVAC inspections.

Permit activity for the first six months of Fiscal Year 2006-07 (July 2– December 31, 2006) totaled 1,020 building permits, which is the second highest total of any previous similar time

period. This total includes 80 permits for single family demolitions and 92 permits for new dwellings. The total construction volume for this period was \$250 million.

[Click here](#) for Bldg Inspection page.

## Busy Days in the Sewer Division...

### Current Projects

- Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) inspections.
- Dye testing for illicit connections.
- Rehabilitation work such as pipe lining and manhole repairs.
- North Mianus East sewer connections: 70% properties connected. Dead line for connection was December 2006. North Mianus West sewer connections: 59% properties connected. Dead line to connect is November 2007.

### Important Tips/Reminders

- Don't discharge illegal substances into the sanitary sewer system. i.e. Ground Water, drain water, gasoline, grease, oils, fats
- Stay Safe and 'Call Before You Dig' @ 1-800-922-4455 before doing any digging!

To find out more about the Sewer Division's current projects click here:  
[www.greenwichct.org/  
PublicWorks/  
pwSewer.asp](http://www.greenwichct.org/PublicWorks/pwSewer.asp)

## More than Recycling going on at Holly Hill

The wonderful members of the Greenwich Recycling Advisory Board (GRAB), have placed a cell phone recycling container in our recycling area. They have eliminated one more hazardous item from entering our waste stream. As you will find in our website, there are many locations in Town to recycle your used cell phones, chargers and PDA's. Hats off to the folks at GRAB

Don't forget to stop by with your old books and see Doug Francefort at his book shed, located in our recycling area. Doug has been awarded the

"Volunteer of the Year", in our Town of Greenwich. Congratulations, Doug! Opposite Doug's book shed in our



recycling area, you will find the Girl Scout Counsel of Southwestern Connecticut. They are selling cookies and will be at our facility every Saturday,

from January 13 - March 10, 2007. Stop by and support our Girl Scouts.

Patrick Collins, the Assistant Superintendent of Waste Disposal has been the Acting Superintendent, while Superintendent, John McKee, (Lt. Col.) has been mobilized with the United States Army Reserve. John McKee has been activated since 25 March 2006. We all salute you John, and your troops.

[Click here](#) for Transfer Station page.

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**"Lt. Col. John McKee,  
U.S. Army and  
Superintendent of  
Waste Disposal at  
the Holly Hill  
Recycling Center  
has been activated  
since March 25,  
2006.**

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## Building Construction & Maintenance Division

The Building Construction & Maintenance Division is responsible for all 152 of the Town's buildings including any new construction that might be undertaken. This team of 22 Workers is relatively small compared to the other Divisions, given their responsibilities and the volume of tasks they undertake annually. The Department was recognized for their hard work this year earning the Team of the Year award at the Annual Employee Recog-

nitiation event in November.

Currently, the Division has two major projects underway that must be highlighted.

The Public Safety Facility is on schedule with excavation coming to a close the week of January 29, 2007. Worth Construction will begin placing concrete for the buildings foundations. [Click here](#) for Public Safety page.

The work continues at the Western Greenwich Civic Center as the Contractor works his way through the punch list. The building is expected to be open March 12, 2007. Currently the Superintendent, Alan Monelli, is working with the Parks and Recreation Department to outfit the building.

Go see if you can find your brick at the foot of the flagpole!



Public Safety Complex  
Excavation Site



Rehabilitated hallway in the  
Bendheim Western Greenwich Civic Center

## Engineering Division



North Porchuck Road  
Bridge

The Engineering Division has their hand in many projects throughout the

Town. You can see their work on sidewalks and bridges and even on dry hydrant installations!

Currently under construction is a roundabout at the intersection of King and Rye Lake Avenue and drainage improvements on Rye Lake Avenue.

You can also find them working on the construction of a roundabout at the intersection of S. Water Street and

Mead Avenue. Recently, sidewalk construction on Lockwood Avenue from Sound Beach Avenue to Riverside Avenue was completed.

Some of you may know already that the North Porchuck Road Bridge over the East Branch of the Byram River was recently reconstructed. (see picture)

[Click here](#) for additional information on the Engineering Division.

## Traffic Engineering

In recent months the Traffic Engineering Division has established weight restrictions on both Byram Road and Mead Avenue.

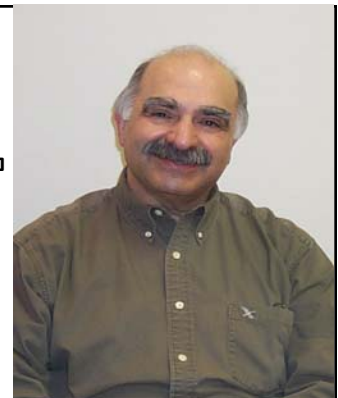
Traffic signals were revised/replaced utilizing 100% of State/Federal funds. Look for these improvements on Mill Street at No. & So. Water Street, King Street at Anderson Hill Road, and Palmer Hill

Road at River Road. In the Spring look for work to begin on a raised, lighted crosswalk on Railroad Avenue, in front of the railroad station.

Traffic signals on Arch Street at I-95 Exit 3 So. And US Route 1/East Putnam Ave. at River Road will also be modified in the upcoming months.

[Click here](#) for more information on Traffic Engineering.

**Not to be overlooked is the accomplishment of Garo Garabedian, Traffic Engineer, who received the 2006 Transportation Engineer of the Year award from the New England Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers.**



**Garo Garabedian  
2006  
Transportation Engineer of the Year**

## Thanks...for taking a Look at Public Works!

We hope you have enjoyed our first issue of the Public Works Newsletter.

There is always something to report and as we garner some experience as 'reporters' we hope to keep you well informed on our whereabouts!

Forms and other technical information can be obtained from the Town of Greenwich Website at: [www.greenwichct.org](http://www.greenwichct.org)

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