

STAFFORD QUARTERLY

A Newsletter from the Town of Stafford, Connecticut

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READ ALL ABOUT IT

Thank you for taking time to read the Town of Stafford's Quarterly Newsletter, a publication sharing town-related news, services, project updates, departmental achievements, events, and matters that affect our community. This communication strives to cultivate a stronger understanding of local government, broaden communication, publicize information, and encourage participation in town-related matters.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN

The town of Stafford held a budget referendum on May 16, 2023, for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year budget. The proposed mill rate was 39.22. The budget was defeated by the taxpayers. The Board of Finance then met and moved to cut the budget by \$1,253,400 with a reduction of \$835,600 to the Board of Education and a \$417,800 reduction to the Board of Selectmen.

The new Olympic Field playscape is now open. The lights are now on at the Leonard Road Bridge.

Staffordville Beach Policies:

Section A	No person shall kindle an open fire on the beach or on any adjacent land.
Section B	No person shall possess a glass container on the beach.
Section C	No alcoholic beverages on Town property.
Section D	No person shall cause excessive noise at the beach.
Section E	No person shall allow animals on the beach or in the water at any time.
Section F residents	The beach and adjacent areas are open to Stafford residents
Section G.	No person shall be allowed on Staffordville School grounds, parking lot, ball field, or beach after 9:00 P.M. except for the purpose of fishing.

Any person found violating any provisions of this ordinance shall be fined \$90.00.

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TRANSFER STATION

A permit sticker program will be implemented for users of the Transfer Station on June 1, 2023. The CT DEEP General Permit For A Municipal Transfer Station stipulates that the Transfer Station may process solid waste "directly dropped by the residents of the host municipality or of other municipality(s) under agreement with the permittee". This permit sticker program will ensure that Stafford residents do not bear the disposal cost burden of those who are not Stafford residents. Residents may begin applying for the permit sticker at the Transfer Station beginning June 1st. Permit applications will be available at the Transfer Station or at www.staffordct.org/departments/transfer_station. Beginning September 1, no materials will be accepted without the display of a permit sticker.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN RESOLUTION TO CALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING & REFERENDUM VOTE

The **budget referendum will be held on June 7, 2023 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.** in the Stafford Public Library, 10 Levinthal Run, Stafford Springs, Connecticut. Persons qualified to vote in Town Meetings who are not electors shall also vote in the Stafford Public Library. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's Office. FURTHER RESOLVED,

that said Resolution shall be placed upon the voting machines or the ballot under the following heading:

QUESTION 1. SHALL THE TOWN OF STAFFORD APPROVE A BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,897,885 AS APPROVED AND RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD OF FINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024.

Voters approving said Resolution will vote "Yes" and those opposing said Resolution will vote "No".

ADDITIONAL TOWN STATS

The First Selectman recently prepared Town of Stafford States & Reports, starting on page 16 of this Newsletter: Expenses & Revenue (pg. 16); Emergency Services Call Volume (pg. 17); Police Response Activity (pg. 18).

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RESIDENT STATE TROOPERS' OFFICE STAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Stafford Resident Troopers' office is located at 2 Main Street, and we can be reached at 860-684-3777. The office consists of 5 full-time and 1 part-time Stafford Police Officers, as well as a CT State Police Resident Trooper Sergeant.

We are excited to announce that at the end of 2022 Stafford Police Department applied for and was awarded a \$50,000 ARPA Rural Roads Speed Enforcement grant. This grant allows for extra patrols that are focused specifically on speed enforcement. We hear and understand the speed complaints raised by our community and want to help. This grant is an excellent tool to target this issue.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

At the beginning of the year, Sergeant Strogoff and Sergeant Desso conducted a presentation on "Winter Preparedness" and "What to Expect when Calling 911" at the Community Center. It is important for all to know that anytime a call for service is requested, it must go through Troop C's dispatch center before a Stafford officer or Trooper can be dispatched. This is for the safety and accountability of Police Officers. If you are unsure whether a police response is needed or if you have general questions, please call the Resident Troopers' Office and we will forward the call to Troop C or call them ourselves when necessary. 911 calls for police are automatically routed to Troop C.

At the end of March, the Save a Life Tour visited Stafford High School. This was a DOT-sponsored program that

educated students on the consequences of distracted and impaired driving. Students were able to experience the dangers through the use of simulated vehicles.

TIPS TO HELP KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE:

Monitor Speeding: During the spring and summer seasons we see an increase in traffic and motorcycle activity. Please stay alert, stay off cell phones, and lower speeds while driving. Try to keep in mind that speeding to get to your location does not save you nearly as much time as you think it does and it also puts everyone else at risk.

Lock Your Vehicles: Thieves are targeting unlocked vehicles all over the state and country and Stafford is no exception. Take the time to always remove any valuables from your cars. ALWAYS lock your cars and never leave your keys in your vehicle.

Larcenies of Commercial Air Conditioning Units: Stafford has been a target for thieves stealing this type of equipment. Copper internals are being removed and taken for scrap and are, unfortunately, causing thousands of dollars in damage. These thefts are typically occurring overnight. If you see something suspicious late at night, please contact Troop C at 860-896-3200 to have an officer or Trooper dispatched.

Thank you and be safe,
Resident Trooper Sergeant Joseph Strogoff

FIRE MARSHAL

GRILLING SAFETY

Now that the weather is starting to warm up, residents are starting to think about grilling. Grilling is a great way to cook your food, but grill placement could pose a serious fire and life safety hazard.

Per the requirements of the Connecticut State Fire Prevention Code, no hibachi, grill, or other similar devices used for cooking shall be used or stored on any balcony or within 10 feet of combustible construction (NFPA 1, 10.10.6.1). Additionally, propane (LP) cylinders or containers with a water capacity greater than 2.5 pounds, [nominal 1-pound LP-gas capacity] shall not be used or stored within 10 feet of combustible construction, unless the building is protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system. ** One and two-family dwellings are exempt from these requirements. The storage and use of grills on an unprotected balcony or near combustible construction poses a serious fire and life safety hazard due to the proximity of the cooking appliance and the potential for life loss, injuries and/or devastating property losses.

BATTERY GRANT

The Fire Marshal's Office still has a supply of 9-volt and AA batteries available to any resident that may need them for their smoke detectors. These batteries were given to the town as part of a grant program from Energizer. Batteries are available for free at the Fire Marshal's Office at the town hall for anyone that may need them.

BURN PERMITS

A reminder to residents that when burning brush, a burn permit is required. Below is the regulation for Stafford regarding brush burning. A permit is not required for recreational fires, when used for cooking or religious ceremonies. Burning is not allowed when the fire danger is high or very high.

"Prior to burning, the resident, or individual seeking to burn on the residential property where he or she resides, must have a valid, signed permit from one of the Stafford Open Burning Officials. The permit does not relieve the permittee of any legal liability, which may be incurred as a result of the fire. Open burning is limited to the burning of brush only. Brush is defined as shrubs, vegetation or prunings, the diameter of which is not greater than three inches at the widest point. Leaves and grass are not considered brush. Open burning is not allowed for the purpose of clearing land, or for the disposal of construction debris, household

trash, or leaves. Contractors are not allowed to burn during construction phase. Permits must be requested by the resident in advance of the day they wish to burn, as there are many factors the Open Burning Official must review before authorizing anyone to conduct open burning. Burn permits may be obtained from the Stafford Fire Marshal's Office located at the town hall, Monday through Wednesday 8:00am to 4:30pm, Thursdays from 8:00am to 6:30pm, or by contacting the Open Burning Official: Mark Morrison- (860) 851-8103."

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ANIMAL CONTROL

UNLICENSED DOG SURVEY

A survey of unlicensed dogs was been conducted throughout the month. Pursuant to the Regulations of State Agencies Section 22-349-1, Animal Control Officers contacted residents at random. This activity will conclude by June 1, 2023. Reminder to dog owners: Dogs age six months and older are required to be licensed. Licenses are available in the Town Clerk's Office located in Town Hall during regular business hours. Hours are Monday - Wednesday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Thursday 8:00 AM to 6:30 PM, Friday closed. Proof of current rabies vaccination is required. All dog licenses purchased from June 1, 2022 to present are considered current and owners must renew their licenses beginning in June 2023. If you no longer own or the dog is deceased, please contact the Town Clerk at 860-684-1765 to update the licensing database or send an email to clerk@staffordct.org - please include the owner's name, address and the dog's name.

IMPORTANT: Please take note that by failing to license your dog(s) with the town each year, you are also in violation of Connecticut State Statute 22-338. This violation carries an additional penalty of \$75.00 for each unlicensed dog owned or kept by you, should an infraction ticket be issued. Animal Control Officers are required to issue infraction tickets to those in violation of the State statute. If you have any questions regarding licensing, please contact the Town Clerk's Office @ 860-684-1765.

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TOWN CLERK

2023 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Town of Stafford will hold its Municipal Election on November 7, 2023, for the following positions:

FIRST SELECTMAN
SELECTMEN
TOWN CLERK
TOWN TREASURER
TAX COLLECTOR
BOARD OF FINANCE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS
PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
CONSTABLES

Party endorsements will take place July 18 - July 25, 2023. Contact the Town Clerk or your local party chairmen for additional information.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR REGISTERED VOTERS WITH PERMANENT DISABILITIES

Registered voters with permanent disabilities may find it easier to cast a ballot by signing up for this option. Once the initial enrollment process has been satisfied and a doctors note has been received, absentee ballots for elections and primaries will be mailed directly to the voter. Absentee ballot applications do not need to be submitted every time there is a primary or election. At the beginning of each year, the voter will be notified by the Registrar of Voters to see if the voter wishes to retain that status. Contact the Clerk's Office for more information.

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FISHING LICENSES AVAILABLE AT THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE OR ON-LINE AT DEEP

Dates for FREE fishing:

No Fishing License is required on Saturday May 13, 2023; however, all other rules and regulations still apply. A free one-day license is valid on Sunday June 18, 2023, and Saturday August 12, 2023. The free one-day license is available through the online license system three weeks prior to each date.

JUNE IS DOG LICENSING MONTH!

State law requires that all dogs aged 6 months or older be registered in Connecticut. Notices will be arriving in the mail at the end of May, reminding owners that it is time to license and submit proof of updated rabies inoculation. Register your dogs in the month of June, to avoid penalties. If you no longer have your dog, be sure to contact the Town Clerk at 860-684-1765 or email clerk@staffordct.org

\$5 RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 2023

Stafford Town Hall Parking Lot
1 Main Street

Hosted by
Stafford Veterinary Center

Animals should be leashed or crated.
To receive a 3 year vaccination, written proof
of prior rabies vaccination is required.

COMMUNITY & SENIOR CENTER

3 BUCKLEY HIGHWAY · STAFFORD, CT

The Community and Senior Center bus has been busy bringing our 60+ adults and people with disabilities on a wide range of shopping and social trips. Each month there are multiple shopping trips both to Stafford retail establishments and to shopping destinations including Enfield, East Windsor, Willimantic, Windham, Vernon, and Manchester. The bus also gets our riders out to socialize doing things like brunch and lunch trips to area restaurants, bowling, and swimming; as well as bringing them to events at the Stafford Senior Center like congregate meals at our Senior Café, to see special performances and speakers, and to play chair volleyball. With the weather getting warmer, trips to museums and outdoor venues will be added to the schedule.

The State of Connecticut Renters Rebate Program opened on April 1st. The Program gives qualifying applicants a partial rebate on the amount paid for rent over the previous calendar year. Rebate amounts are based on

several factors including income, expenses, and program funding. Stafford residents can apply through the Stafford Community Center through October 1, 2023. Rebate checks will be mailed to approved applicants beginning on October 31, 2023.

To qualify you must:

- Be age 65 or over at the close of the preceding calendar year or eligible to receive permanent total disability benefits under Social Security as of the end of 2021.
- Be a renter in CT at the time of application.
- Have resided in CT for any one year period at any time prior to the time of application.
- Meet qualifying income guidelines in the calendar year 2021 not to exceed \$40,300 if unmarried or \$49,100 if married or other.

Contact Grace at 860-684-3906, or by email at parrowg@staffordct.org for information or to apply.

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SOCIAL SERVICES

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It has been a very busy last quarter for Stafford Social Services. Although it was a mild winter, there was a significant increase in need for assistance with oil, gas, propane, and electric heat for our residents. Over 350 residents applied for heating assistance. Our private Emergency Fuel Bank was also utilized more in 2023 than in the past few years. Typically averaging about 5-8 applications for emergency fuel per energy season,

we had over 25 households that applied this winter. Additionally, there was an increased number of residents who utilized Operation Fuel for electric assistance (non-heating). In addition to the increased need for energy assistance, there was also an increase in assistance with SNAP applications for food assistance from the CT Department of Social Services.

With collaboration from the Stafford Family Resource Center, we launched the Stafford Social Services Diaper Bank program last November. Approximately 15 families are regularly utilizing the program and we hope to increase that number. We are grateful for the donations from private individuals as well as the Stafford Lion's Club, Stafford thrift Store, Stafford Veterinary Center, and Johnson Memorial Hospital.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

NEW HIRES (SINCE THE LAST NEWSLETTER)

Jennifer Roy · Zoning Enforcement Officer, per diem · January 7, 2023

Colton Garrison · DPW Highway Laborer · March 20, 2023

Carole LaRochelle · Accountant, Finance · March 27, 2023

Philip Damaso · Highway Laborer, DPW · April 17, 2023

RETIREMENTS

Burt Davis · Superintendent of Public Works

PROMOTIONS

CJ Langlois · Promoted to Superintendent of Public Works

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES 2021

20 Years

Paul Sevcik, Mechanic

15 Years

Diane West, Library Assistant

Tranixa Rosen, Library Technical Svcs/Admin Assistant

10 Years

Jeremy Vail, WPCF Operator 3

Christopher Frank, Director of Library

Brenda Henderson, Family Services

Office Manager

5 Years

Eleanor Canestrari, Registrar of Voters

William Braithwaite, Police Officer

MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES 2022

30 Years

Jane LaMorte, WPCF Business Manager Operator 3

Burt Davis, Superintendent of Public Works

15 Years

Ellen Nosel, Library Technical Services Coordinator

10 Years

Mary Mitta, Administrative Assistant, per diem

5 Years

Jessica Glazier, Youth Services Librarian

Tyler Hanna, Parks Foreman

Amber Wakley, Dir. of Grants & Community Development

Neil Hoss, Treasurer

Donna Adams, Receptionist

POSITIONS FOR THE TOWN OF STAFFORD CURRENTLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS:

Building, Zoning & Health

Zoning Enforcement Officer

Finance

Director of Finance

Police Department

Police Officer - Part-time

Tax Office

Assistant Tax Collector

Seasonal

Lifeguard

STAFFORD LIBRARY

The mission of the Stafford Library is to provide current resources to meet the informational, educational, cultural, recreational, personal, and professional needs of the residents of Stafford with special emphasis on encouraging children and teens to develop a love of reading and learning.

The Stafford Library is already gearing up for Summer Reading Adventures 2023! Our official kick-off is scheduled for June 24. Thanks to the Friends of Stafford Library, we've got a bounce castle, face painting and henna, games, snacks, and other activities planned. This summer, look for exciting programs for all age groups at the library, including music programs and live performances, animal programs, and even a special visit from real-live fairy tale princesses!

Just like last year, our Summer Reading Program will be paired with Beanstack, a free and easy-to-use app on your phone. Use Beanstack to log your family's reading and earn raffle tickets to bid on exciting prizes that have been generously donated by local businesses and organizations. There are very enticing prizes for every age group. And remember, the books you read and log through Beanstack this summer count toward the Governor's Summer Reading Challenge.

In the meantime, there's still lots going on this spring!

Get started with Beanstack by participating in our Growing Readers Challenge. Running from now until June 20, this challenge is open to all age groups and is designed to help you get started logging your reading on the app and to develop lifelong reading habits. And for our youngest readers and their families, use Beanstack to participate in our ongoing 1000 Books Before Kindergarten. The goal is to work reading into your regular routine, and let the magic of stories do the rest.

This spring, we're continuing our ongoing programs like Music and Motion, LEGO Club, Hanging with my Homies (our monthly homeschool group), Read to the Dogs, our open art studio (OASIS), and the very popular Pokémon club! We've also got movies, yoga in the library, special book talks, music performances, and more coming up. We're always adding more programs and activities, so watch our website (staffordlibrary.org) for updates!

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ASSESSOR

We will accept Ad Vets applications through October 1, 2023. Please contact our office for more information and the list of documents required to apply. All veterans should file their DD214 with the Town clerk's office. If you have not already done so, the deadline to file and be eligible for the 2023 Grand List is September 30, 2023.

The annual Income and Expense reports have been sent to all owners of rental real property and must be returned to the Assessor's office by June 1st. If the property is owner occupied, please be sure to write "100% Owner Occupied" on the report and return it to our office.

If you no longer own a vehicle and have canceled the registration, you will need to supply the Assessor's Office with proof of sale/disposal to be eligible for a prorated assessed value. Please contact our office for the list of possible documents accepted.

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PUBLIC WORKS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT SUMMARY

The following provides implementation information for infrastructure upgrades, repairs, and construction projects that are critical in maintaining or improving public assets, safety, and livability within the Town of Stafford.

PROJECT Leonard Road Bridge SUMMARY Full structure replacement of bridge BUDGET \$3,401,223 FUNDING SOURCE LOTCIP (State): \$3,401,223 CURRENT RESULT Bridge replacement complete/roadway opened in Nov. 2022. Contractor is in the process of completing punch list items. STATUS Substantially Complete % COMPL. 98% ETC July 2023	PROJECT Levinthal Run/SMS Parking Lot Replacement SUMMARY Reclaiming/Milling and paving of Levinthal Run from Stafford High School to Stafford Middle School and the SMS parking lot. BUDGET \$643,000 FUNDING SOURCE STEAP Grant (state): \$500,000, Local: \$150,000 (bonded) CURRENT RESULT DPW commenced basin top replacement. Full construction begins after SummerFest. STATUS Funded % COMPL. 5% ETC September 2023
PROJECT Furnace Avenue Reconstruction - L134-001 SUMMARY Reconstruction of Furnace Avenue from County Road to 107 Furnace Avenue BUDGET \$4,785,258 (adopted) \$ SOURCE LOTCIP (State): 100% CURRENT RESULT Awaiting Authorization to Award from CTDOT. Construction expected to begin June 2023. STATUS Awaiting DOT approval % COMP. 0% ETC 2024	PROJECT Levinthal Run Walkway SUMMARY Construction of multiuse trail in the vicinity of Levinthal Run BUDGET \$550,000 (estimated) \$ SOURCE ARPA: \$550,000, seeking additional funding from TRIP Grant Program CURRENT RESULT TRIP Grant application selected by CRCOG for consideration statewide. STATUS Conceptual Design for grant application % COMP. 0% ETC 2024
PROJECT Westford Ave Bridge over Baker Brook Rplc. SUMMARY Full structure replacement BUDGET \$2,618,954 (adopted) \$ SOURCE State: 50% Local: 50% (Bonded) CURRENT RESULT Project awarded to Loureiro Contractors, Inc. Construction to begin week of 6/1/23. STATUS Final Design % COMP. 0% ETC 2023	PROJECT Hydeville Road Bridge over Furnace Brook Replacement SUMMARY Full structure replacement BUDGET \$2,730,000 (estimated) \$ SOURCE Federal: 80%, State: 20% CURRENT RESULT Completed Public Information Meeting, 30% Design STATUS Preliminary Design % COMP. 0% ETC 2025
PROJECT Cooper Lane Culvert Replacement SUMMARY Replacement of twin culvert BUDGET TBD \$ SOURCE TBD CURRENT RESULT Seeking additional grant funding STATUS Preliminary design % COMP. 0% ETC 2025-2026	

ETC = Estimated Time of Completion

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PROJECT Spring Street Bridge Rehabilitation
SUMMARY Rehabilitation of Christopher Allen Bridge
BUDGET TBD
FUNDING SOURCE TBD
CURRENT RESULT Scour rating updated, seeking funding approval for preliminary design.
STATUS Preliminary Design
% COMPL. 0%
ETC 2024-2025

PROJECT Willington Avenue Reconstruction
SUMMARY Full depth reconstruction including water, sewer, storm water, and sidewalk rplc.
BUDGET \$1,309,000 (adopted)
\$ SOURCE Federal (FEMA): 90%, Local (Bonded): 10%
CURRENT RESULT Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Application submitted to FEMA in February 2023
STATUS Preliminary Design
% COMP. 0%
ETC 2024

PROJECT Staffordville Dam Repairs
SUMMARY Replacement of trash rack on low level outlet
BUDGET \$40,000 (estimated)
\$ SOURCE Local (Staffordville Dam Fund): 100%
CURRENT RESULT Awaiting Final Design from Engineer
STATUS In-Design
% COMP. 0%
ETC 2023

PROJECT Haymarket Common Expansion
SUMMARY Expansion of green space to include sitting areas, propane fireplace, and planting areas.
BUDGET \$1500,000
\$ SOURCE ARPA 100%
CURRENT RESULT DPW installed water and propane service. Sub-contractor work is underway: hard-scaping, landscaping, utilities, etc.
STATUS In-progress
% COMP. 30%

PROJECT Olympic Field Recreational Renovations and Improvements
SUMMARY Replacement of Basketball Courts and Play-scape
BUDGET \$221,000
FUNDING SOURCE State (STEAP): \$128,000, Town: \$93,000
CURRENT RESULT Replacement of basketball courts and play-scape installation complete.
STATUS In-progress
% COMPL. 95%
ETC May 2023

PROJECT Hyde Park Drainage Repair
SUMMARY Replacement of select drainage structures within Hyde Park to improve drainage
BUDGET \$10,000
\$ SOURCE ARPA
CURRENT RESULT Waiting for weather and ground conditions to permit construction activities
STATUS On-hold
% COMP. 0%
ETC 2023

PROJECT CONN-OSHA Inspections
SUMMARY Complete reviews and abatements necessary as deemed by recent CONN-OSHA safety inspections
BUDGET \$5,724
\$ SOURCE Town
CURRENT RESULT Inspection complete. Working with CONN-OSHA to complete final abatements.
STATUS Complete
% COMP. 90%
ETC 2023

PROJECT 2023 Paving Projects
SUMMARY Pavement Projects on Local Roads
BUDGET \$150,000 (adopted)
\$ SOURCE Town
CURRENT RESULT Continuation of New City Road paving project to commence after completion of Levinthal Run Paving Project. Additional paving pending approval of Town Budget.
STATUS In-design
% COMP. 0%
ETC 2023

Project summary continued on next page

PROJECT	Rocky Dundee Road Extension	PROJECT	State Project 0134-0151 - Culvert Replacement under East Street
SUMMARY	Extend Rocky Dundee Road for emergency services vehicle turnaround	SUMMARY	Culvert Replacement
BUDGET	\$20,000	BUDGET	\$795,000
FUNDING SOURCE	ARPA	FUNDING SOURCE	STP Small Urban
CURRENT RESULT	In-progress	CURRENT RESULT	In-design
STATUS	In-progress	STATUS	In-design
% COMPL.	50%	% COMPL.	0%
ETC	2023	ETC	2025
PROJECT	State Project 0134-0148 - Upgrade to a Modern Roundabout - Rte. 190 and Rte 32	PROJECT	State Project 0134-0152 - Install Spring Street RR Gates/TR Signal
SUMMARY	Reconstruction of downtown roundabout by CT DOT	SUMMARY	Replacement of existing obsolete signal with upgraded signal including railroad preemption.
BUDGET	\$1,925,000	BUDGET	\$809,850
\$ SOURCE	CT DOT (State)	\$ SOURCE	CT DOT (State)
CURRENT RESULT	Awarded to contractor, construction to begin summer 2023.	CURRENT RESULT	Awarded to contractor, construction to begin summer 2023.
STATUS	Awarded	STATUS	Awarded
% COMP.	0%	% COMP.	0%
ETC	2024	ETC	2023
PROJECT	Staffordville Dam Repairs	PROJECT	Whispering Pines Bridge Replacement
SUMMARY	Replacement of trash rack on low level outlet	SUMMARY	Full structure replacement
BUDGET	\$40,000 (estimated)	BUDGET	\$1,770,000 (estimated)
\$ SOURCE	Local (Staffordville Dam Fund): 100%	\$ SOURCE	Federal: 80%, State: 20%
CURRENT RESULT	Awaiting Final Design from Engineer	CURRENT RESULT	Completed Public Information Meeting, 30% Design
STATUS	In-Design	STATUS	Preliminary Design
% COMP.	0%	% COMP.	0%
ETC	2023	ETC	2025
PROJECT	Furnace Avenue Reconstruction - Phase II	PROJECT	Stonehouse Road Bridge Replacement
SUMMARY	Continuation of Furnace Avenue from Route 190 to Edgewood Street	SUMMARY	Replacement of Stonehouse Road Bridge
BUDGET	\$3,423,200	BUDGET	\$1,642,300 (estimated)
\$ SOURCE	State (LOTICIP): 100%	\$ SOURCE	Federal: 80%, Local: 20%
CURRENT RESULT	Project has been selected by CRCOG for LOTICIP funding.	CURRENT RESULT	Received Commitment to Fund from State Local Bridge Program. Currently submitting application for acceptance into Design Managed by State program.
STATUS	Conceptual Design for Grant Application	STATUS	Application for funding
% COMP.	0%	% COMP.	0%
ETC	2026	ETC	2026

PUBLIC WORKS SEASONAL UPDATE

A mild winter and an early spring allowed the Department of Public Works to get a much-needed head start on our road sweeping and mowing operations. The DPW will be performing several projects this summer including the paving of Levinthal Run and the Stafford Middle School parking lot. This paving project has been made possible due to grant funding provided by the Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP). The Parks Department is also wrapping up another project previously funded by STEAP at Olympic Field that includes the replacement of the basketball courts, the replacement of the playscape, and preliminary design engineering for a future project at the field house. The DPW and the Grants and Marketing Department have also been working on a park expansion project in Haymarket Common, made possible by ARPA funding.

Please have patience this summer and expect traffic delays. Multiple construction projects (Town, State, and CT Water) will include a variety of lane closures and detours. Most notably, the reconstruction of the Main Street roundabout, the replacement of the Westford Avenue Bridge, and the reconstruction of Furnace Avenue from 2070 feet North of Edgewood Street to County Road, as well as multiple water line replacement projects at multiple locations in Stafford. We apologize, in advance, for the inconvenience imposed while we work to make necessary improvements to our infrastructure.

Finally, a special thanks to all Public Works staff for their hard work this past winter ensuring our roads, parking lots, and facilities were clear of snow and ice. They worked countless hours away from their families, sometimes for days on end, to provide the best service possible to the residents of Stafford. Their hard work continues through the spring, summer, and fall to complete as many projects as they can before the snow falls again. This summer, be sure to wave or stop and say thank you for all their hard work, if you encounter them on the roadway, in our parks, or at our transfer station.

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NEW! TRANSFER STATION PERMIT STICKER PROGRAM

A permit sticker program will be implemented for users of the Transfer Station on June 1, 2023. The CT DEEP General Permit For A Municipal Transfer Station stipulates that the Transfer Station may process solid waste “directly dropped by the residents of the host municipality or of other municipality(s) under agreement with the permittee”. This permit sticker program will ensure that Stafford residents do not bear the disposal cost burden of those who are not Stafford residents. Residents may begin applying for the permit sticker at the Transfer Station beginning June 1st. Permit applications will be available at the Transfer Station or at www.staffordct.org/departments/transfer_station. Beginning September 1, no materials will be accepted without the display of a permit sticker.

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AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

PROJECT SUMMARY TABLE

The Town of Stafford received \$3,519,740.29 of federal funding through the State and Local Recovery Funds component of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to recover from the negative public health and economic impacts caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. To help determine where these federal funds will be allocated, the Board of Selectman created the ARPA Committee to oversee funds, communicate with stakeholders, and prioritize eligible projects to help the community recover from the impacts of the pandemic. To-date, the following projects have been approved for expenditure:

Project	Description	Approved Project Expenditure
Emergency Services Dispatch Radio Upgrade	Replacement of antiquated equipment to improve First Responder communication technologies, and align with Tolland County Mutual Aid partners and the State of CT	179,713.00
Management of Aquatic Invasive Species in Town Waterbodies	Herbicide treatments to control and manage of a population of non-native aquatic invasive species present in Staffordville Reservoir, New City Pond Reservoir, and Stateline Pond.	74,000.00
Municipal/Public-Facing Website Upgrade (5-Year)	Modernization of public-facing municipal website to enhance online services and town-wide communications.	30,000.00
Police Safety Equipment	Acquisition of equipment: two (2) new police cruisers, updated personal protective gear, and upgraded safety and technology equipment for the department's current fleet.	132,000.00
Cyber Security Evaluation	Municipal cybersecurity assessment	5,510.00
Hyde Park Drainage Control	Replace clogged drain pipe; assess additional drainage repair actions	10,000.00
WPCF SCADA System Upgrade	Replacement of obsolete components of the systems to protect potential cybersecurity risks and meet state/local mandates. Project will be completed through leveraged locally budgeted funds, ARPA, and State grants/funds	487,500.00
ARPA Reporting & Compliance	Reporting, compliance, and documentation to execute projects supporting the SLFRF program and uphold Federal requirements.	36,000.00
Acquisition of Public Works Equipment	Purchase of new chipper, 10'6" V-Plow, and 4.5 Yard Sander to replace obsolete equipment.	61,050.00
Willington Avenue Engineering Design	Design and engineering services for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) requirements for Willington Avenue full depth reconstruction project.	30,000.00
Road Matrix Message Boards (3)	Purchase of 3 Portable Variable Message Trailers for traffic and emergency messaging.	57,000.00
Summer Recreation Supplies & Transportation	Equipment, services, and transportation investment to restore the 2022 Stafford Summer Rec program.	10,560.00

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Public Facility Communication Signs (3)	Purchase of 3 permanent message boards for install at the Public Works Garage, Community Center, and West Stafford Fire Department.	54,850.00
Parks Dept. Trash Receptacles & Picnic Tables	Additional Downtown area trash receptacles and picnic tables.	10,000.00
Domestic Violence Prevention	Donation to The Network (sub-recipient) to conduct in-town programming and services.	2,000.00
Woodland Springs Outdoor Site Improvements	Construction of outdoor pavilion, park-like amenities, and hardscaping to better serve residents in an outdoor environment.	35,158.00
Levinthal Run Multi-Use Walkway	Approximate one-mile long sidewalk/walking path to expand public access and usage throughout school facility, various sports fields and green space. Leveraged with State Grant.	550,000.00
Capital Improvement Set Side	Set aside for pre-grant award costs (engineering services) and/or municipal match on ARPA-eligible capital improvement projects.	250,000.00
Public Facility AED Installation & Upgrade	Purchase and installation of 23 AED machines at public buildings, parks, and schools.	35,166.00
Public Facility Surveillance Cameras	Equipment purchases, wiring, installation, and programming services for security cameras at four locations.	36,105.00
Public Facility Electronic Key Access	Equipment purchases and installation of door access control systems at 5 town-owned buildings.	25,200.00
SFD#1 Oil Water Separator	Floor drain oil separator equipment and installation at Stafford Fire Department #1.	15,421.00
Haymarket Common and Main Street Improvements	Excavation, prep work, and installation of new pavers, tables, bench areas, and amenities to improve accessibility and use.	150,000.00
Middle School Water Vault	Upgrade underground power and pump skid system at Stafford Middle School/Town EOC.	40,000.00
Rocky Dundee Drainage & Municipal Turn Around	Excavation and material costs for unimproved road extension.	20,000.00
Advanced Life Support Intercept	Paramedic service agreement to provide Advanced Life Support (ALS) services to Stafford residents, January 2023 - June 2023	20,000.00
Loki	Support Stafford Police Dog, Loki, for search and rescue operations, and community-oriented policing	20,000.00
Summer Recreation Supplies & Transportation	Summer Recreation Camp Program 2023, staff salaries, transportation, and equipment.	75,000.00
AED Training	Four (4) general public service training sessions for use of AED and CPR.	2,000.00

Subtotal	2,454,233.00
Total Town Allocation	3,519,740.29
Remaining Balance	1,065,507.29

GRANTS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Working with numerous Town departments and commissions, the Grants & Development Office has recently submitted a variety of grant proposals:

Levinthal Run Walkway Project

Funding request amount: 883,844.00

In April, a grant application was submitted through Stafford's respective Council of Government (COG) for potential funding under Connecticut Department of Transportation's (CTDOT) Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP). Of the applications received, Stafford's proposals for the multi-use walkway at Levinthal Run was ranked #1 and the COG will submit up to four (4) projects to CTDOT for State competition. The project scope establishes an 8' wide concrete surfaced multi-use safety trail parallel to the arterial roadway of the Stafford School Complex. If funded, the balance can be covered comfortably by the currently approved ARPA project. Award announcement is approximated for Q3 of 2023, with installation for Summer 2024. This project and proposal is in collaboration with the Public Work Department.

Warren Memorial Town Hall ADA Improvements

Funding Request: \$945,000.00

Community Project Funding/FY24 Congressional Discretionary Spending. This project will complete ADA renovations and improvements to Warren Memorial Town Hall, a 100-year-old essential public facility in Stafford, CT. The project constructs a two-stop elevator, strips handicapped parking spaces and signage in the town parking lot, and installs two handicapped bathrooms. The renovation improves compliance and accessibility issues of a critical community facility, broadens citizen access to essential town services, activities, and programs, promotes safety and equity, and expands quality of life factors in the priority funding area. Since submitting the proposal, we received notification that Stafford's project is moving onto review under the appropriations committee.

Project Update: Haymarket Common & Main Street Improvements are underway!

The project improves two separate town-owned parcels located at 24 Main Street (between Spring Street and 8 Main Street), and

39 Main Street (Haymarket Common gravel lot). These spaces are considered downtown's most well-used, iconic outdoor public areas, yet remained unfinished. Through a comprehensive design, the project transforms these spaces into an accessible, vibrant, and safe active public plazas for multipurpose uses. The working project scope includes a combination of newly designed paver areas, raised stone planters and sitting walls, a stone pillar entry, flagstone areas, lawn areas, low voltage lighting, various plantings and bed preparations, a natural stone fireplace with gas burner, irrigation, utilities shed, public art including a vintage "Welcome to Stafford" mural, and a community kiosk for posting notices and public information. This project is in collaboration with Public Works and Facilities Department, the Stafford Garden Club, and Stafford Arts Commission.

Recent Grant Awards:

- Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program, \$5000 for repair and restoration activities at the Old Stafford Cemetery on Furnace Hollow Road
- CT DEEP Control of Aquatic Invasive Species, \$13,050 for management of Eurasian Water Milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*) in State Line Pond.

THANK YOU!

EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEANUP

The Annual Community-Wide Cleanup on April 22 was an incredible success! Over 150 citizens joined forces to remove an astonishing 2,470lbs of litter from town streets and greenways! After the work, participants celebrated with an appreciation picnic in Hyde Park and fun Earth Day Activities. Thank you to all those who volunteered to help make Stafford a more beautiful place to live, with special appreciation to event partners and sponsors:

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STAFFORD LIONS CLUB · MORNING REFRESHMENTS & SPONSOR
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SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS

SUMMERFEST & FIREWORKS

WEDNESDAY
JUNE 28

Stafford SummerFest & Fireworks returns on June 28, 2023, from 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. to kick off summer with live music from Loveland Hill Band, regional food trucks and mobile eateries, a civic group showcase, lawn games, art activities, and dazzling pyrotechnics display made possible by Stafford Savings Bank. A cornerstone town event, admission/parking is free and all activities will take place collectively at the Stafford High School. The rural venue provides sprawling fields lush with grass and unobstructed views that are virtually void of ambient light – it's a choice spot to spread out a blanket and enjoy an evening of fun! Parking and viewing areas are designated throughout the School Complex. Visit www.facebook.com/ExploreStaffordCT to stay up-to-date with event announcements and additions, and visit www.explorestaffordct.com/summerfest for all the details.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MAIN STREET MUSIC SERIES [WWW.FB.COM/ARTSONMAINSTAFFORD](https://www.fb.com/artsonmainstafford)

EVERY 2ND FRIDAY

Main Street Music Series is back, every 2nd Friday from 6pm - 8pm, June - September at Haymarket Common (52 Main Street). All ages welcome. In conjunction with Arts on Main with free kid activities, pop up vendors and special events.

REDHEAD	JUNE 9	ROCK, BLUES, R&B, AND SOUL
MIDLIFE CRISIS	JULY 14	ROCK HITS OF THE 70S, 80S & 90S
PATTY TUIE BAND	AUGUST 11	BLUES, ROCK & BEYOND
THE DEADHEADS	SEPTEMBER 8	GRATEFUL DEAD COVER BAND

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM OPEN HOUSE [WWW.FB.COM/STAFFORDCTHISTORICALSOCIETY](https://www.fb.com/staffordcthistoricalsociety)

JUNE 8 & 11

An incredible collection of Stafford's past, located at 5 Spring Street. The museum invites all citizens to the museum to explore exhibits and learn about our hometown history. June 9, 6pm – 8pm; June 11, 2pm – 4pm.

PARADISO FLAG DAY @ THE AMERICAN LEGION JUNE 14

From 11:30AM to 2:00PM and everyone is invited to join this free event. The day includes a barbecue, classic fun games, prizes, and free patriotic memorabilia (10 Monson Road)

STAFFORD SUMMER RECREATION CAMP

The long-running Town of Stafford Summer Recreation Camp is back in 2023! The six-week program serves Stafford children entering 1st grade - 8th grade.

SCHEDULE: July 5 - August 18
8:30am to 2:45pm, weekdays

LOCATION: Staffordville Beach & School
21 Lyons Road, Stafford

COST FOR 6.5 WEEKS: \$400 per camper
\$200 each additional sibling
\$100 SFSP households
\$50 Certified Swim Lessons (*opt*)

REGISTRATION: Thursday, June 8, 5pm- 7pm
Friday, June 9, 5pm - 7pm
Saturday, June 10, 5pm - 7pm

The Camp's mission is to provide a safe, affordable, and engaging summer program for elementary-age children in the community with activities that promote creative play, cooperation, physical fitness, leadership, water safety, and summer fun. A typical day consists of several planned activity periods with classic camp offerings like fun & games, sports, swimming, arts & crafts, gardening, fishing, theme days, scavenger hunts, special events, and more.

Free transportation options are available, and breakfast and lunch are provided, free of charge.

Visit www.staffordct.org/e-notify to **register for these notifications**.

Applications & Program Information:
www.staffordct.org/departments/recreation/summer_camp.php

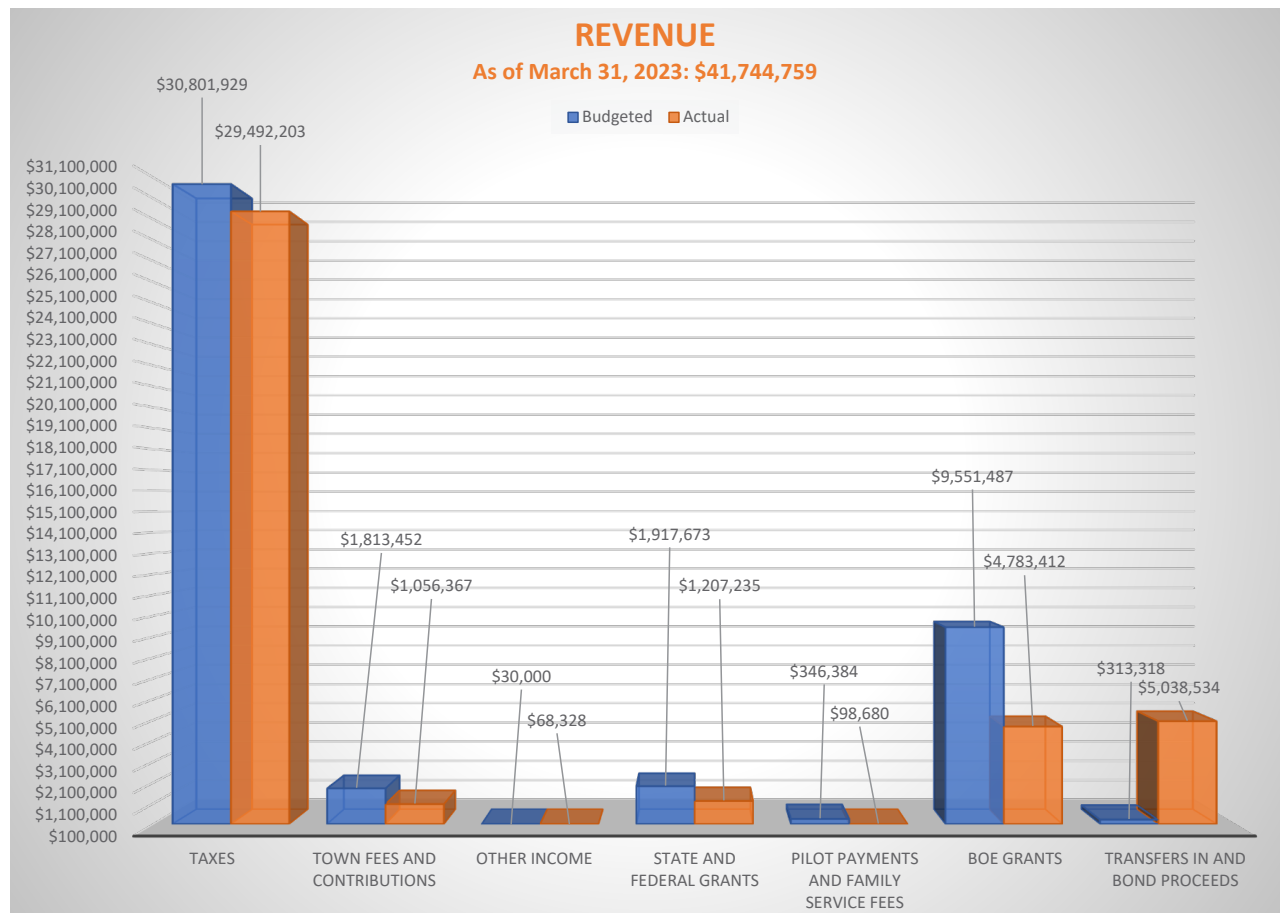
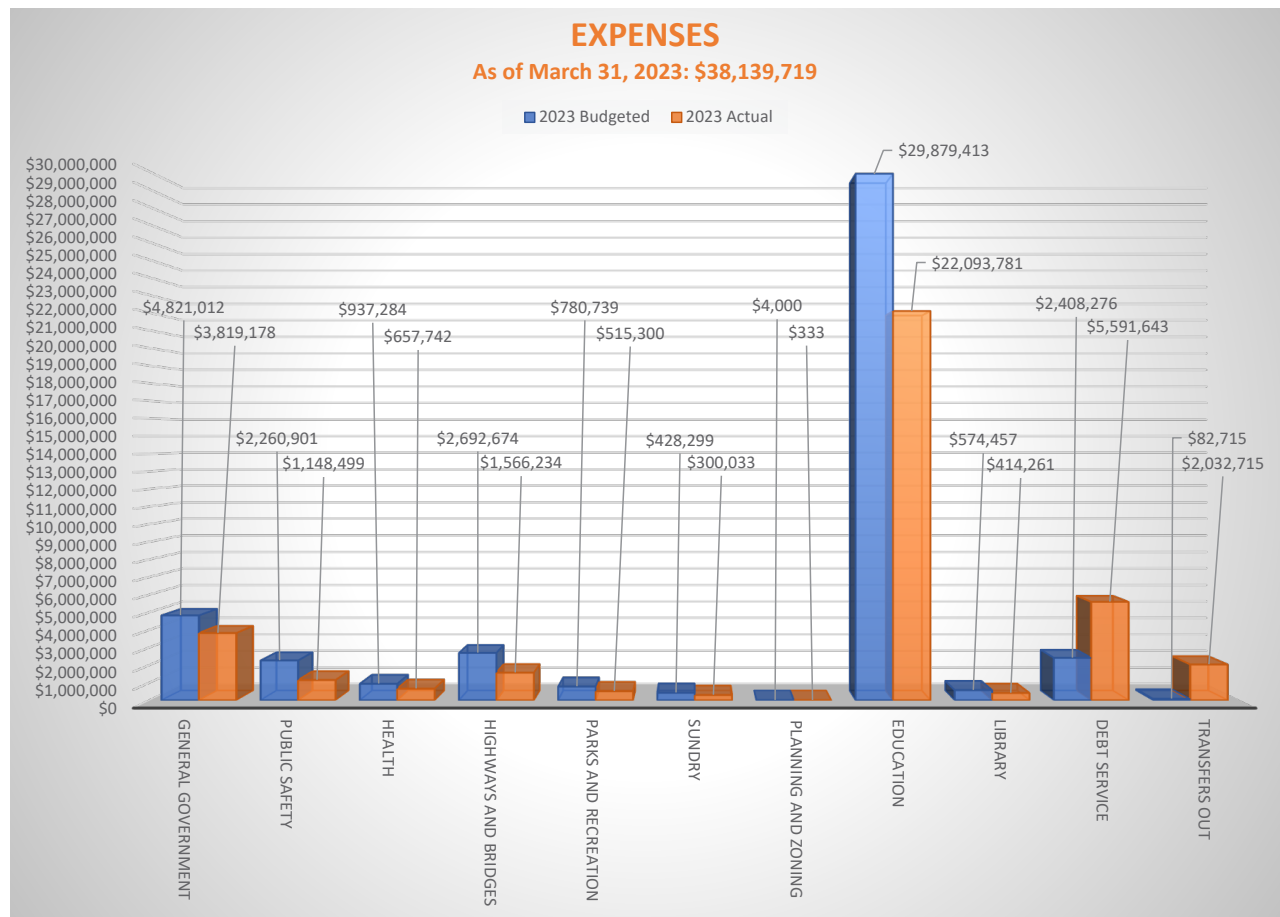
FARMERS MARKET AT SUN VALLEY SATURDAYS [FARMCT.WIXSITE.COM/STAFFORDFARMMARKET](https://farmct.wixsite.com/staffordfarmmarket)

Saturdays 4pm - 7pm. FMNP certified. Open to the public. 51 Old Springfield road

FARMERS & CRAFTERS MARKET SUNDAYS [FB.COM/STAFFORDFARMERMARKET](https://fb.com/staffordfarmermarket) Sundays 9am - 12pm at West Stafford School, 153 West Stafford School.

ADDITIONAL TOWN STATS

TOWN OF STAFFORD EXPENSES & REVENUES · AS OF MARCH 31, 2023

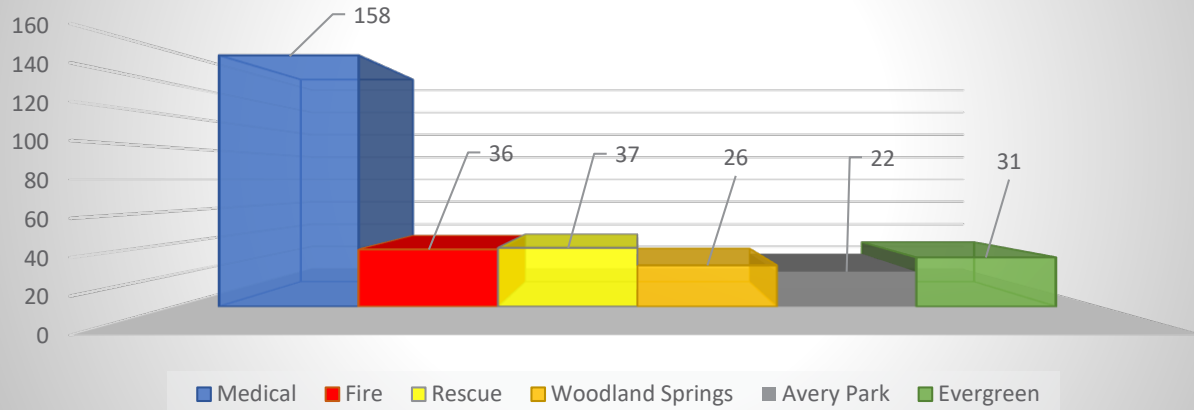


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EMERGENCY SERVICES CALL VOLUME · AS OF MARCH 31, 2023

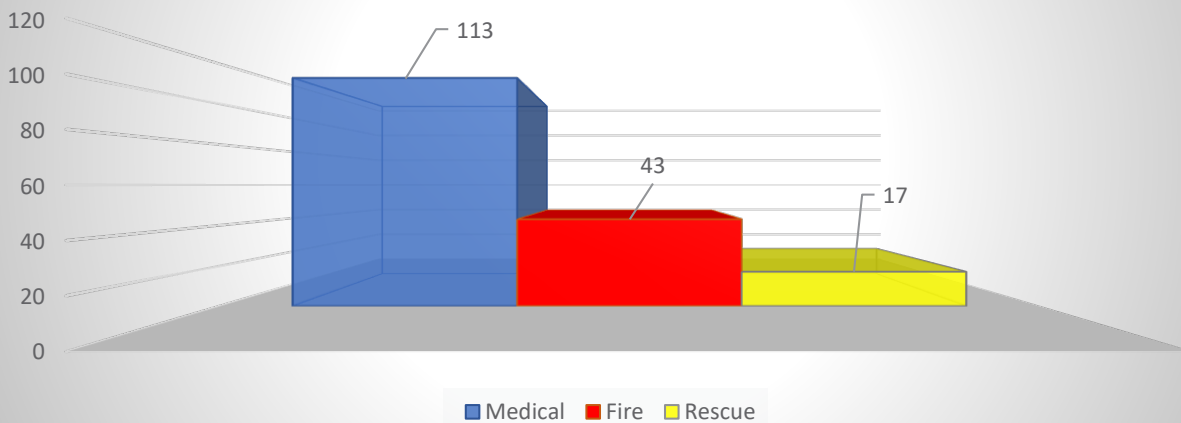
West Stafford Fire Department

Call Volume As of March 31, 2023



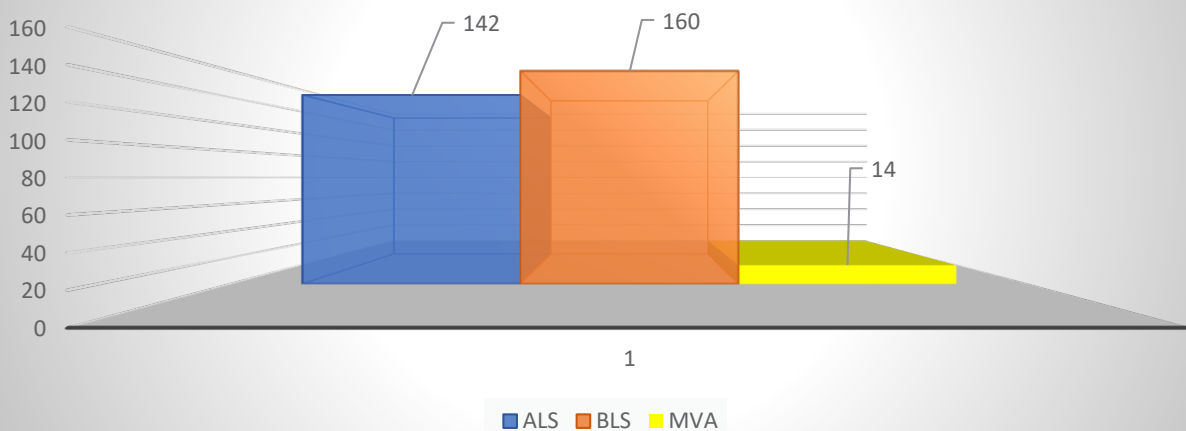
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Call Volume As of March 31, 2023



Stafford Ambulance

Call Volume As of March 31, 2023



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STAFFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT · POLICE RESPONSE ACTIVITY · AS OF MARCH 31, 2023

