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SUSPICIOUS POWDER DISCOVERED AT COGSWELL FOUNTAIN

Mayor George F. Apel today, announced that the Town's emergency services have responded to the presence of a suspicious white powdery substance found at the Cogswell Fountain in the town's Central Park at approximately 11:30 am. A town employee noticed the white powder while performing maintenance duties in the park.

Mayor Apel issued the following statement *"I am pleased to report that at approximately 3:00 pm, the Capitol Region Hazardous Materials Response Team determined that the substance found was not hazardous. I commend our local emergency services and the regional HazMat Team for their rapid and diligent response. The Town will continue to handle any such instances with the highest degree of concern for the health and safety of our residents."*

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