

July, 2009

Dear Vernon Resident:

I am Mayor Jason McCoy and I am writing you this letter to keep you informed of the fresh new ideas and hard work that has resulted in cost savings and better, more efficient ways to deliver services to you.

In today's economic climate, you should be aware of the many services and facilities available to you right here in Vernon. In this newsletter, I want to highlight for you some of our existing services, programs and facilities, as well as some new and expanded services, programs and facilities that are available to you. You will learn about our new and updated web portal www.vernon-ct.gov, which I hope you will visit often and use as the customer service center that it is designed to be. This is a project that continues to evolve and will come to include many more conveniences in the near future. Please sign up for our email newsletter.

Vernon has so many wonderful services and facilities to offer you! Our Parks and Recreation Department oversees our fantastic recreation programs which are an incredible value offered at an amazing price. You can find out more and sign up online at your convenience. Vernon also has miles of walking trails, beautiful parks with picnic areas and brand new park grills. Why travel to the beach on a warm summer day when you can spend a nice day at the beach and cool off right here in Vernon? All you need to do is go to Vernon's Camp Newhock at Middle Bolton Lake or Valley Falls Pond, or maybe just go to any one of the pools that Vernon has to offer. By the way don't forget to check out our Civil War Museum at Town Hall in historic Downtown Rockville.

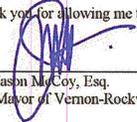
Our dedicated employees have been working hard to complete the many road and school projects that are underway. We have also been moving forward on our list of bridge projects for your safety. I would be remiss if I did not mention Vernon's energy conservation and recycling projects that have saved taxpayers money, reduced our reliance on fossil fuel, reduced electrical usage and made more efficient the handling of trash disposal, as well as our participation in the Connecticut Resource Recovery single stream recycling program.

You may be eligible for tax assistance programs if you qualify because of your income or your service to our country or if you purchase or own a hybrid car. Please check out these tax assistance programs by going to the web site click on departments then go to the Assessor link or just call our Assessor David Wheeler at 860-870-3586.

Well, I am happy to tell you that due to the exceptional dedication of your officials on the Town Council and the Board of Education, your Town Hall employees, and the scores of volunteers who give their time to make our community a better place to live, you are getting good management, good service and good value for your tax dollar.

Don't hesitate to contact me with your ideas and concerns. Best wishes for a safe and happy summer.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Mayor.

By: 
Jason McCoy, Esq.
Mayor of Vernon-Rockville

Join us in welcoming your new Town Hall employees.....

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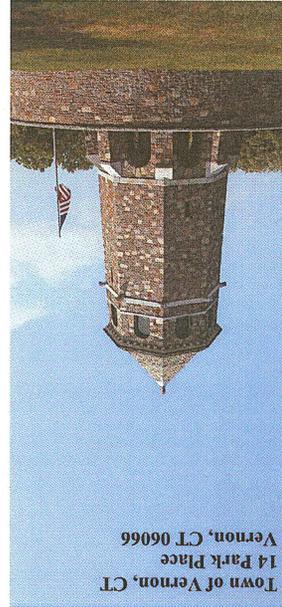
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A new level of dedicated professionals to serve you better



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IMPORTANT UPDATES FOR OUR RESIDENTS

PERMIT NO. 41
US POSTAGE PAID
ECONOMY
FIRST CLASS
VERNON, CT

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE...TOWN HALL PHONE NUMBERS

Department	Telephone
Administration	870-3670
Assessor	870-3625
Animal Control	870-3588
Building Department	870-3633
Cemetery Office	875-3158
Collector of Revenue	870-3660
Data Processing	870-3646
Emergency Services	871-3142
Economic Development	870-3637
Engineering	870-3664
Finance	870-3690
Fire Department	871-7468
Fire Marshal	870-3652
Health/Human Services	872-1501
Human Resources	870-3605
Parks and Recreation	870-3520
Planning and Development	870-3640
Police Department (non-emergency)	872-9126
Public Works	870-3500
Sewer Treatment Plant	870-3545
Social Services	896-2375
Town Clerk	870-3662
Water Pollution Control Administration	870-3699



Watch your public officials on live TV (cable channel 96) debating issues that affect you
Visit www.cvcct.org for scheduling

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Your updated, free Town web portal online
www.vernon-ct.gov

- Register and pay for Parks and Rec Sports and Camp Programs
- Purchase a season pass to one of our parks or pools
- Reserve and rent a picnic area at our parks for your special event
- Easy and secure credit card payment
- View your current real estate and motor vehicle taxes
- Pay your tax bill online with a credit card
- Sign-up now for your free Vernon email service
- Subscribe to Town newsletter email requests

And coming soon...
 Public works work order requests
 GEOTMS permit and plan filing

Still Time To Sign Up!!

PLAY WELL LEGO PRE-ENGINEERING CAMP

This camp has 2 groups one is open to children ages 5-6 years old and one is for 7-9 year olds. Create, Play, and Learn. Build a town, city, or start a base with houses, buildings, pyramids, bridges, tunnels, towers, and more. Explore concepts in physics, mechanical engineering, structural engineering, and architecture while playing with your favorite creations. .
 Monday through Friday, August 17-August 21
 Ages 5-6: 9:00a.m. to 12:00p.m. Ages 7-9: 1:00p.m. to 4:00p.m.
 Camp Newhoca Residents: \$135 Non-Residents: \$140

CSI TEEN CAMP

Join the C.S.I. team. This is a special half-day summer camp full of science, investigation and FUN! Throughout the week the CSI team will collect crime scene evidence, examine fingerprints and foot castings, learn forensic techniques used by police, take photographs and learn to interview suspects while solving a "crime". This program is open to students in grades 6-8.
 Monday-Friday August 17-21 8:30am to 11:30am Valley Falls

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR SUMMER CAMP!

The Vernon Parks and Recreation Department still has openings in some of the day camps from July 27 through August 14. All camps run 9:00am to 3:30pm with the option of registering for extended hours beginning at 7:30am and extending to 6:00pm. Bus transportation from select sites is available for all camps. For more information, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 870-3520. **All registrations are due by 4:30p.m. on the Thursday prior to the beginning of a session, if there are openings. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

GOLF TOURNEY

Mark your calendars for Friday September 18th for the second annual Parks and Recreation Golf Tournament. The event will be held at Twin Hills Country Club in Coventry. It will be a 12:00 shot gun start. Cost is \$100, which includes green fees, carts, lunch and dinner. Deadline to register is Monday August 31st



Chief Kenney and Mayor McCoy discuss Vernon's public safety needs and concerns with US Congressman Joe Courtney

YOUR TOWN GOVERNMENT MOVING OUR TOWN FORWARD



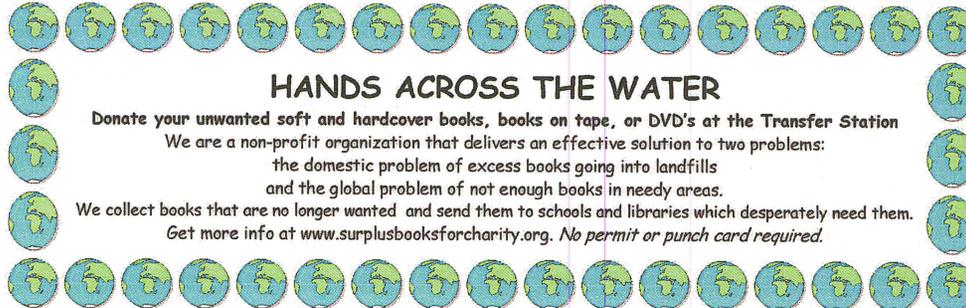
Mayor Jason L. McCoy and State Representative Claire Janowski cut the ribbon on the new Vernon Avenue Bridge

WE CONTINUE TO IMPROVE OUR INFRASTRUCTURE AND MAKE OUR TOWN SAFER FOR ALL

Town of Vernon Bridge Status

- Vernon Avenue Bridge over the Hockanum River—Complete 2009
- Bolton Road Bridge over the Tankerhoosen River—Complete 2008
- Spring Street Bridge over the Hockanum River—Under Construction
- River Street Bridge over the Hockanum River—Under Construction
- West Main Street Bridge over the Hockanum River—Currently Under Design
- Phoenix Street Bridge over the Tankerhoosen River—Currently Under Design
- Main Street Bridge (Talcottville) over the Tankerhoosen River—Currently Under Design

We would appreciate your suggestions to enhance Vernon's ability to communicate more effectively and improve our environmental and fiscal responsibilities. We encourage you to contact any of our Town offices with your ideas on these important issues, Please call 870-3599 or visit our Town Directory online at www.vernon-ct.gov



HANDS ACROSS THE WATER

Donate your unwanted soft and hardcover books, books on tape, or DVD's at the Transfer Station

We are a non-profit organization that delivers an effective solution to two problems:

- the domestic problem of excess books going into landfills
- and the global problem of not enough books in needy areas.

We collect books that are no longer wanted and send them to schools and libraries which desperately need them.

Get more info at www.surplusbooksforcharity.org. No permit or punch card required.

Working together for a "greener" Vernon

The Town has taken significant steps to lower energy costs, reduce our reliance on foreign fuel and become more energy efficient by:

- Implementing new Employee Energy Policies resulting in a 6% reduction in energy use
 - Investing in hybrid technology for town vehicles
- Retrofitting high efficiency lighting and thermostats in all Town buildings
 - Currently investigating LED lighting for streetlights

We proudly participate in Clean Energy 20% by 2010

Sign up to purchase clean, renewable energy at your home and help the Town earn free solar panels!!

Find out more and sign up at

www.vernon-ct.gov link Clean Energy 2010

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

VILLAGE STREET REVITALIZATION IS NOW A REALITY

After years of effort, the Vernon Non Profit Housing Development Corp. project is about to realize its' goal of transforming one of the Rockville's most deteriorated neighborhoods. Five fully renovated homes have been placed on the market and will be sold to first time, owner occupant buyers. Coupled with the recently completed Village Street road improvements, this area is on its way back!!



TOWN BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WRAPS UP



Our Bicentennial Celebration was a huge success in large part due to our volunteer committee shown here presenting Mayor McCoy with the Bicentennial flag to display in Town Hall

Need help?

A 55 page booklet entitled **Programs That Help People in Connecticut** is available free, online at your Town web portal www.vernon-ct.gov.