

August 22, 2023

## Community

We hope that everyone who took part in the Build a Back Pack Town – Wide Scavenger Hunt enjoyed themselves. Thank you so much to the residents and businesses that participated in this wonderful event. The pictures and videos that are being posted look great. That night we held our first family movie night outside on the community center field, and it seemed very well received. We plan on having another movie night at the end of September to kick off the Halloween season. We are looking at a children's movie inside the community center and outside for the adults. We welcome any ideas.

We have received several requests from residents seeking notification when Haynes Materials will be blasting. Haynes sends out notifications 24 hours before blasting. You can sign up to receive the message by text, phone, and email by reaching out to [blastresponse@haynes-group.com](mailto:blastresponse@haynes-group.com) or 203-888-8186.

School starts next week for our students; please factor in some extra travel time for the busses, parents putting their young children on the bus for the first time and as always, please watch out for our students at their bus stops. For parents dropping off students at our schools, please remember drop-off etiquette. I would expect there will be traffic on Skokorat, Bungay, Mountain, and Botsford so please plan accordingly. As a reminder, please do not park on the sidewalks as they are there to allow residents to safely walk to their destination.

On Monday, August 21, we held a Community Awareness with TEAM, the Town's Municipal Agent, the Chief of Police, the Community Officer, and the Assistant Assessor.

TEAM's Heating Assistance begins program begins again in September (heating assistance covers oil, gas, wood, what is ever your primary source of heat); TEAM also covers help with water usage and sewer usage fees. For more information on services offered by TEAM, please call 203-736-5420

Homeowner's tax assistance for those that are disabled opens on February 1 and runs through early May. For more information on this program, please call Tara Keller at 203-881-5013

The Rental Rebate program ends Oct 1st. Energy assistance opens Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Municipal Agent, Dawn Hunter, can provide assistance with both programs. She can be reached at (203) 888-0406 ext. 3