

Whitneyville Legislative Update

Dear Neighbors,

The new legislative session of the General Assembly began on January 9th, with many new faces including 41 new legislators and the new Lamont administration in the Governor's Office. This year we begin the so-called "long legislative session" where we work on a 2-year state budget. As always, my priorities will focus on securing Hamden's fair share of state funding for education aid, schools and our roads to provide property tax relief.

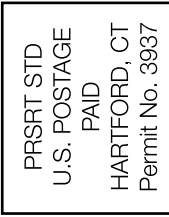
I have also submitted bonding proposals for the much needed construction of a new Fire Station 2 on Putnam Avenue to meet the increasing demands on our firefighters, as well as repairs to Keefe Community Center that is used by many Hamden residents. Both of these older buildings are in very poor condition and funding for these improvements will help spur economic activity with the construction jobs they will help create.

I am also working with our school administration to secure bonding and support for construction at West Woods School, the Alice Peck Special Education Center and the district-wide school consolidation efforts that will result in a new wing at the Middle School as well as creation of intra-district magnets within Hamden.

In addition to the fiscal matters concerning the state budget and bonding, I have introduced legislation to improve tree and vegetation management policies by utilities (HB 5312) and the DOT (HB 5308) and worked with the Hamden Low-K LED Alliance to propose legislation (HB 5580) that would require UI to allow the town to own and manage its streets lights, rather than continuing to pay UI exorbitant fees to do so.

Please find a complete list of Hamden's Legislative Priorities below. As always you can reach me, about any issue, via phone (203) 230-9292 or email at Michael.DAgostino@cga.ct.gov.

Sincerely,



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2019 Hamden Legislative Priorities

Working with my fellow Hamden State Representatives Josh Elliott and Robyn Porter, as well as Senator Martin Looney, we have proposed the following bills at the request of the town.

HB 5892 An Act Allowing Municipalities To Assess A Fee On Independent Institutions Of Higher Education For Municipal Police And Fire Services.

HB 6745 An Act Allowing Different Mill Rates For Residential And Commercial Property.

HB 7026 An Act Concerning The Conveyance Of Unused Parcels Of State Land To Towns (High Meadows Property Land Transfer).

HB 6417 An Act Authorizing Bonds Of The State For The Renovation Of And Improvements To The Keefe Community Center In Hamden.

HB 6656 An Act Authorizing Bonds Of The State For The Construction Of A Fire Station On Putnam Avenue In Hamden.

To track these bills and other legislation please feel free to log onto public bill tracking at: www.cga.ct.gov/asp/menu/cgabilltracking.asp



Whitneyville Civic Association

I want to focus part of this newsletter on the good work done by the members of the Whitneyville Civic Association. If you care about this neighborhood, and want to stay involved and informed on a variety of issues, there is no better way to do so than through the Association.

Founded in 1907, the WCA, is an organization “of the citizens of Whitneyville, Hamden dedicated to the preservation of the residential character of the neighborhood, and for improvement of the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents, compatible with the needs of the community.” It is dedicated to building a strong, vibrant and welcoming community.

The WCA meets bi-monthly on the third Thursday, and features guest speakers and discussions of town activities and issues of interest to the community. If you are interested in learning more, go to the Association’s web page at www.whitneyville.org and enter your contact info. By doing so, you will be kept informed of Association meetings and events.

Please consider attending one of their upcoming meetings on **March 21st and May 16th at 7:00 pm** at the Hamden Board of Education, 60 Putnam Avenue.



The WCA supports community events, including summer “Music in the Park” concerts, fundraisers, events at the Whitneyville Branch Library, and the Whitneyville Fall Festival.



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