

A SHOUT-OUT to the **Manfred & Webster families** of Fishtown Lane for sending a note **expressing appreciation** for the prompt and thorough response by our **Roads & Streets crew** to a report of overgrown brush. The “quick response” clearing work “improved visibility” and “the safety of entering traffic.” Getting thanks for a job well done is always a welcome boost!

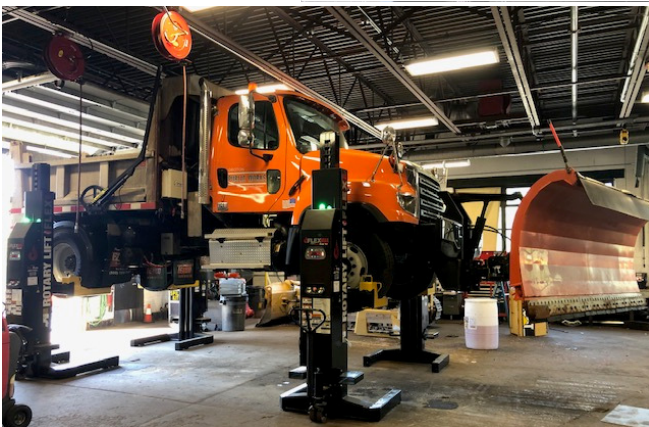
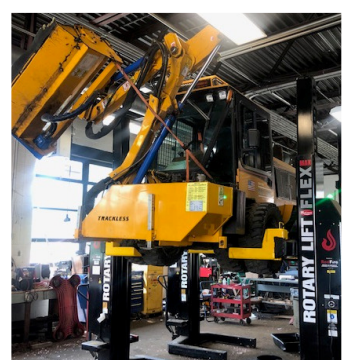
## Garage Glimpse



Home mechanics know as well as professionals the importance of safety in vehicle repair. That is why Public Works invested in a set of 4 mobile column lifts for the Town Garage heavy equipment bays. These assets **safely** lift over 26,000 lbs. each, which means they can lift all vehicles in the Town Fleet.

As the Fleet ages, the ability to thoroughly inspect vehicles is a huge asset. Repairs are more readily identified and repairs go more smoothly. These lifts operate with wireless technology which enable mechanics to walk around vehicles as they rise to ensure proper clearance, maximizing safety while in use. Once they reach the working height, the lifts sit on integrated locks which keep workers safe while they are under the vehicles.

The reason this exact column lift was chosen? Flexibility. Traditional automotive lifts are bolted to the floor and stay in one position. Mobile lifts, however, can be repositioned after each use — maximizing productivity and optimizing limited floor space. When work is done they are easily tucked away!  
At left: a pick-up, vacuum truck, multi-use vehicle, & snow plow.



### A CCSMM UPDATE *from the team working to solve our CT waste crisis*

The Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management

The first ever major change to the CT Bottle Bill was approved this Legislative Session with the doubling of the deposit / refund to \$0.10. This will become effective in 2023. The list of containers was also expanded to include juice, tea, coffee, energy drinks, and a few others. It is hoped this will increase redemptions and reduce recycling at the curb. Such a change would save towns and haulers money in fees, transportation, and labor costs; as well as put money back in consumers' wallets, while still directing empty containers on a path to reuse.

A new initiative also seeks to solve the 50 milliliter liquor problem known as “nips.” Attempts to solve littering with a deposit failed as redemption machines do not handle them. A \$0.05 surcharge on their sale, however, will now go back to towns for litter clean-ups.



And in other news... MIRA, CT's largest waste authority and owner of Hartford's failing waste plant, released two Requests for Proposals (RFPs) due in August for Transport & Disposal of their region's Municipal Solid Waste. This is progress for CT; however, this doesn't affect the Groton-SCRRRA agreement to haul town waste to Lisbon's Waste-to-Energy facility.