## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Monthly Report

QUALITY, EFFICIENT SERVICE ON BEHALF OF RESIDENTS, LOCAL, REGIONAL, STATE AND FEDERAL AUTHORITIES

OCTOBER 2022

TRANSFER STATION Residential Permit Sales, Sept. 1 - Oct 31 327 Full price 465 Senior 48 Military 152 Additional passes Total circulation: 992

Did You Know? The Transfer Station accepts leaves & yard waste:

### Leaves: NO CHARGE

Keep separate from brush & yard waste. Drop off in paper bags or dump from tarps. Note: Do not use plastic bags and do not mix with grass clippings which are not allowed per DEEP regulation.

## Brush & Yard Waste

Only with **\$20 Day Pass** bought at gate w/ proof of residency -OR- a **\$100 Annual Permit** bought in advance via mail or at Town Hall Annex during regular office hours.

Transfer Station Hours: Wed - Sat, 8 am – 4 pm



# Veteran Roads & Streets Foreman Jim Derusha Retires

Roads & Streets Foreman James Derusha can be found working alongside his crew as often as he is in front, leading or checking work. Jim joined Public Works in 1995 as an Equipment Operator Trainee. Then, in 2007, his years of experience and quiet, personable demeanor payed off, earning him promotion to one of only two Foreman roles. There, he became the picture of a respected, steady force. Sadly for the Town, Jim will retire in late November.

An avid naturalist, Jim & his wife look forward to time with their kids and grandkids at their lake house. Thanks, Jim, for 27 years & best wishes for a happy, healthy next chapter!





< In Sept. 2020, Jim was chosen to represent Public Works for a World Rivers Day event at Groton Library with Director Jennifer Miele. Jim has long managed the Town's **street sweeping** & **catch basin cleanings**, part of CT DEEP "MS4" obligations which govern Town efforts to keep surface waters clean.

Keep an eye out on **GMTV** for the next episode of *Clean Water Ways* featuring Bill Lucey, Long Island Sound Keeper, & other Groton friends



### A Shout-Out to Mystic Woman's Club (MWC)

Wow, great job! Oct. 18th, MWC gathered to collect this truck-load of garbage from Noank-Ledyard Road. Member Rosemary Louden coordinated the outing, which the non-profit does each Spring & Fall. MWC is active in a variety of charitable efforts, most notably running the Pawcatuck Thrift Shop. The group has long been part of Groton's **"Adopt-a-Highway" program** which offers litterpickers, bags, & roadside signs for the noble undertakings. If your organization wants to help keep the Town & waterways clean by collecting litter 2-3 times a year, please call Tim Jackson at the Transfer Station, Tues.-Sat., at 860-536-5699.