Updates from Mayor Chess

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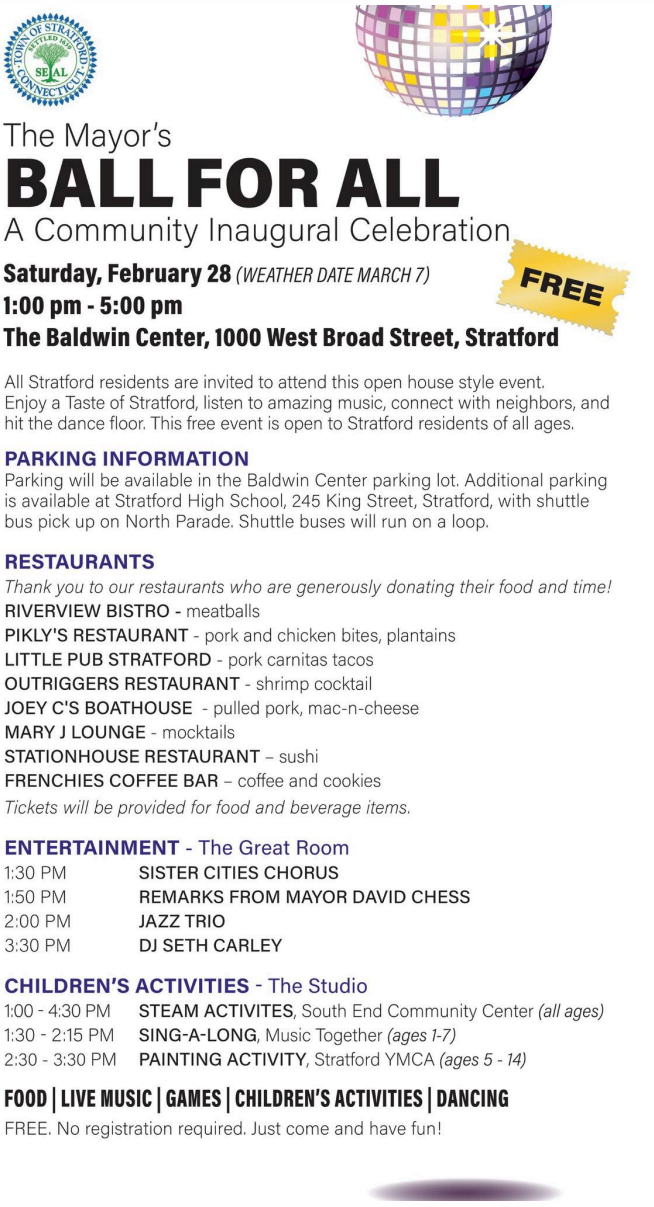
Welcome to our first newsletter on our new platform! We hope this will provide a better experience for you, our readers. If you have a friend or neighbor who hasn't yet signed up for our newsletter, please feel free to share this with them and invite them to sign up **here.**

I want to thank you for your patience during yet another snowstorm this past week. I know that many are done with the snow and ready for warmer weather. I know I am! I have some great updates and information for you today, so let's dive in.

In this newsletter, you'll find

- The Mayor's Ball for All is tomorrow!
- Parking ban will be lifted on Saturday
- Sign up for important Town Alerts
- How to get involved
- Stratford Welcomes
- Stratford in the News

The Mayor's Ball for All is Tomorrow



Parking Ban will be Lifted Saturday

The Parking Ban that was put in place on Sunday, February 22nd at 8:00 AM, requiring residents to park on the even side of the road, **will be lifted tomorrow, Saturday, February 28th at 8:00 AM.**

We appreciate everyone's patience and cooperation over the past week, as our Department of Public Works cleared over 800 public roads, our schools, parks and more to keep our community safe.

Sign Up for Important Town Alerts

GET CONNECTED

If you haven't already, sign up for Stratford's Citizen Electronic Notification System. It will provide you with voice and/or email notifications about safety and important updates from the Town sent to the community.

Sign Up

How to Get Involved

Come to a Neighborhood Association Meeting

We've held meetings so far in Districts 7, 3, 8, 9, and 4 and the turnout has been tremendous! Thank you to everyone who has come out to share their ideas, address concerns, and discuss solutions together. We hope to see you at the next one in your District!

Neighborhood Association Meeting Schedule

FEB. & MARCH 2026

District 2

When: Tues. March 3 from 6:00-7:30 PM

Where: Christ Church 2000 Main St.

District 6

When: Wed. March 4 from 6:00-7:30 PM

Where: David Wooster Middle School. 150 Lincoln St.

District 5

When: Thurs. March 5 from 6:00-7:30 PM

Where: Stonybrook Coop. 55 Singer Ct.

District 10

When: Tues. March 10 from 6:00-7:30 PM

Where: Second Hill Lane Elementary School, 65 Second Hill Lane

District 1

When: Wed. March 11 from 6:00-7:30 PM

Where: Lordship Elementary School 254 Crown St.

District 3

When: Tues. March 31 from 6:00-7:30 PM

Where: Stratford Academy Johnson House Elementary School. 719 Birdseye St.

What Neighborhood Associations are:

- Informal groups
- No invitation needed
- All community members are welcome
- Each District (there are 10) will have its own association/meetings
- You are welcome to attend meetings outside your District

What the Neighborhood Association does:

- People share concerns
- Discuss local issues
- Discuss potential solutions
- Consider ways to work together to make their communities better
- Review and discuss land use/ development plans in their neighborhood
- Has a direct connection to the Mayor's Office and Town Council

Have any questions? Please contact Erin McLaughlin from our Community Development and Engagement Office at emclaughlin@townofstratford.com

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Come to Mayor Chess's Open Office Hours

Come to one of the Mayor's upcoming office hours at Town Hall!

There are no agendas and no appointments necessary. It's first-come, first-served.

This is a space for casual, face-to-face conversation.

Come to the next Town Council Meeting

Stratford's next Town Council meeting is Monday, March 9th.

When:
- Public Comment is at 6:30 PM
- The Town Council Meeting is at 7:00 PM.

Where: Town Council meetings are typically held on the second Monday of the month in the Council Chambers at Town Hall.

Learn more here

Recreation Trails Master Plan Public Workshop

Stratford is developing a Trails Master Plan to create a long-term vision for the town's trail system, and we want your input!

Join us for a public workshop on Thursday, March 12th, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the Baldwin Center, All Purpose Room (Floor 2), 1000 West Broad Street, Stratford, CT.

Learn about the project and share your feedback on Stratford's existing future trails.

Learn more here

Join one of our Boards or Commissions

Government works best when as many people as possible participate and share their ideas and input. I am actively working with the Town Council to recruit additional community members to serve on Stratford's Boards and Commissions. Below are two Commissions with vacancies for any Stratford resident interested in applying. You can see the full list of Boards and Commissions **here**.

JOIN STRATFORD'S BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Purpose & Objectives
To promote community beautification efforts throughout Stratford, including hosting an annual Home Curb Appeal Contest, Beautification Awards Program and making public recognitions.

Term:
2-year term – concurrent with Town Council Session.

Apply here

JOIN STRATFORD'S HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Purpose & Objectives
To promote the educational, cultural, economic, and general welfare of the public through the preservation and protection of the distinct characteristics of buildings and places associated with or indicative of the history or a period or style of architecture of the town, state, or nation.

Term:
5-Year Terms – Appointed by Mayor

Apply here

JOIN STRATFORD'S SHELLFISH COMMISSION

Purpose & Objectives
To protect the natural growth of shellfish in waters under the jurisdiction of the Town and to institute such regulations that are necessary to preserve and improve existing natural areas and reclaim those areas that have been destroyed. The Commission shall act as a liaison between the state and federal agencies in this common interest and shall disseminate information to the public on the need for preservation and protection of these natural resources.

Term:
4-Year Terms – Appointed by Mayor

JOIN STRATFORD'S SHORT BEACH PARK COMMISSION

Purpose & Objectives
The Short Beach Park Commission shall determine the boundaries and develop rules and regulations for both public and private use of Short Beach, subject to the approval of the Town Council. No work or improvements may be made or performed on any town-owned structures, buildings or land located within Short Beach without the recommendation of the Short Beach Park Commission and the appropriate Council Committees, and the approval of the Town Council.

Term:
3-Year Terms – Appointed by Town Council

Apply here

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Stratford Welcomes

The Little Gym of Stratford, CT! It's located at 475 Hawley Lane in the North Town Center!

We're so excited to welcome a fantastic new place where children can learn, grow, and have some serious fun! From parent-child movement classes for the littlest ones to gymnastics for all levels, camps, and unforgettable birthday parties, there's truly something for every child age 4 months through 12 years.

Whether families are looking for imaginative play, confidence-building activities, or a fun new local community space, The Little Gym of Stratford will be a great location for big smiles and memorable moments for kids and their families.

Visit their website

Stratford in the News

New Scholarship Established to Support Stratford Students Attending UConn | Stratford Patch

Snow piles push Stratford to the limit as crews and residents dig out | News 12

Stratford YMCA and Stratford Board of Education Partner to Ensure Every Second Grader Learns to Swim | Stratford Crier

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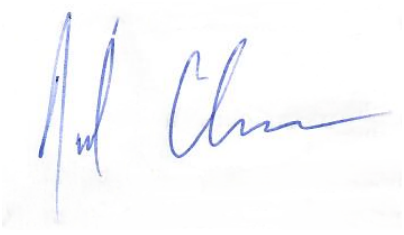
David Chess, Mayor



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