

FIRST SELECTMAN COLUMN

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The emergency management team and I recently met with Eversource as we further work out details for managing emergencies related to storm events. Part of this plan is better preparation from Eversource (our Town team is already prepared!) when significant storm events loom. This includes possibly having a restoration crew on site *prior* to the storm hitting. Another aspect of the plan is tree removal and that effort is ongoing. Eversource has been good as of late with taking our suggestions to remove potential troublesome trees. Also, our public works crew has been equally proactive in doing tree removal and also directing our contracted tree service company for important removals. This is a never ending work-in-progress.

Please take a moment to thank – in any way you see fit -- our Sherman Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) for its work as they have been especially busy this holiday weekend. Over this last weekend they responded (along with several “routine” calls) to four substantial vehicle accidents. One involved a car (which closed Route 37 East for 12 hours), another a motorcycle, yet another a boat, and the last one a golf cart. Each of these, along with all else that they respond to, interrupts these great volunteers from their home/family/work/leisure routines to aid those in distress. It’s a tremendous service that they perform for Sherman and we owe them our utmost gratitude.

Also, while I’m on the subject, don’t forget that the SVFD is holding its annual Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, August 5th. Your tickets to this event go directly towards supporting the SVFD. They also go towards the best roast beef you’ve ever eaten with plenty of delicious sides to boot. The event serves as a wonderful community “gatherer” and is a great chance to meet other folks while enjoying a summer evening on the Sherman Town Green. Tickets are available now.

Summer Camp is in full swing and while we broke attendance records last year, well, it looks like we are going to break them again this summer! So far we have more than 200 campers enjoying our Sherman Town Parks and the array of activities in store for young people, all under the guidance of the Park and Recreation staff. Please drive slowly and respectfully on our newly paved Saw Mill Road as that roadway is shared by walkers and bikers during a very busy season.

I don’t think it’s too early to mention that there will be a Town Tree Lighting Event on Sunday, October 29. This event is generously brought about by the Sherman Veterans Association as that organization has spearheaded a project to plant a “Town Tree” on the grounds near Mallory Town Hall. This tree carries no holiday or religious significance, but rather, is symbol of our togetherness as a Town. There will be more details in the coming weeks, but expect a late afternoon ceremony and community get-together with music and refreshments, and ultimately, the lighting of the tree.



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