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Manager's Report

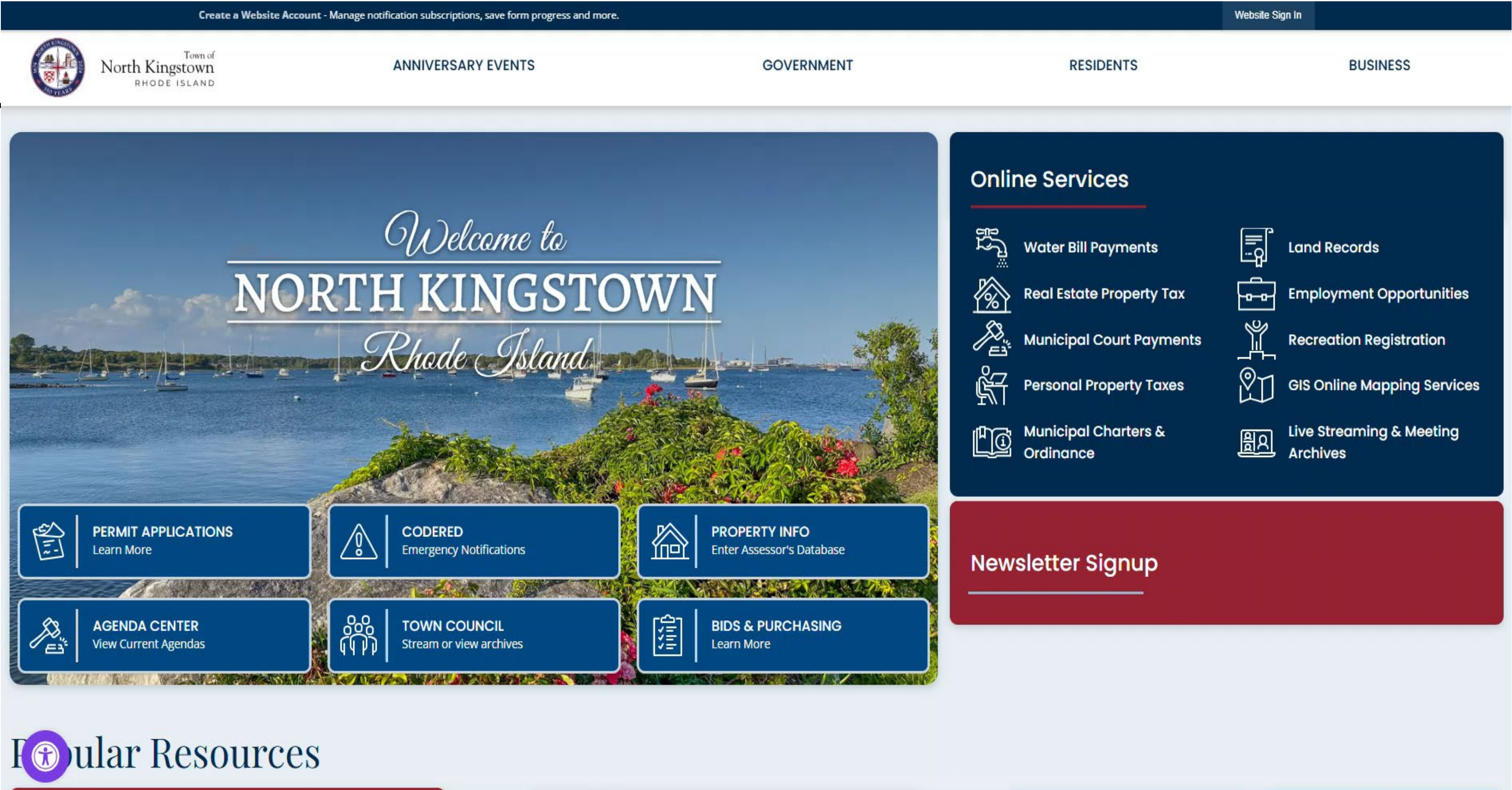
September 8, 2025

A. Ralph Mollis,
Town Manager

Debut of our recently enhanced website

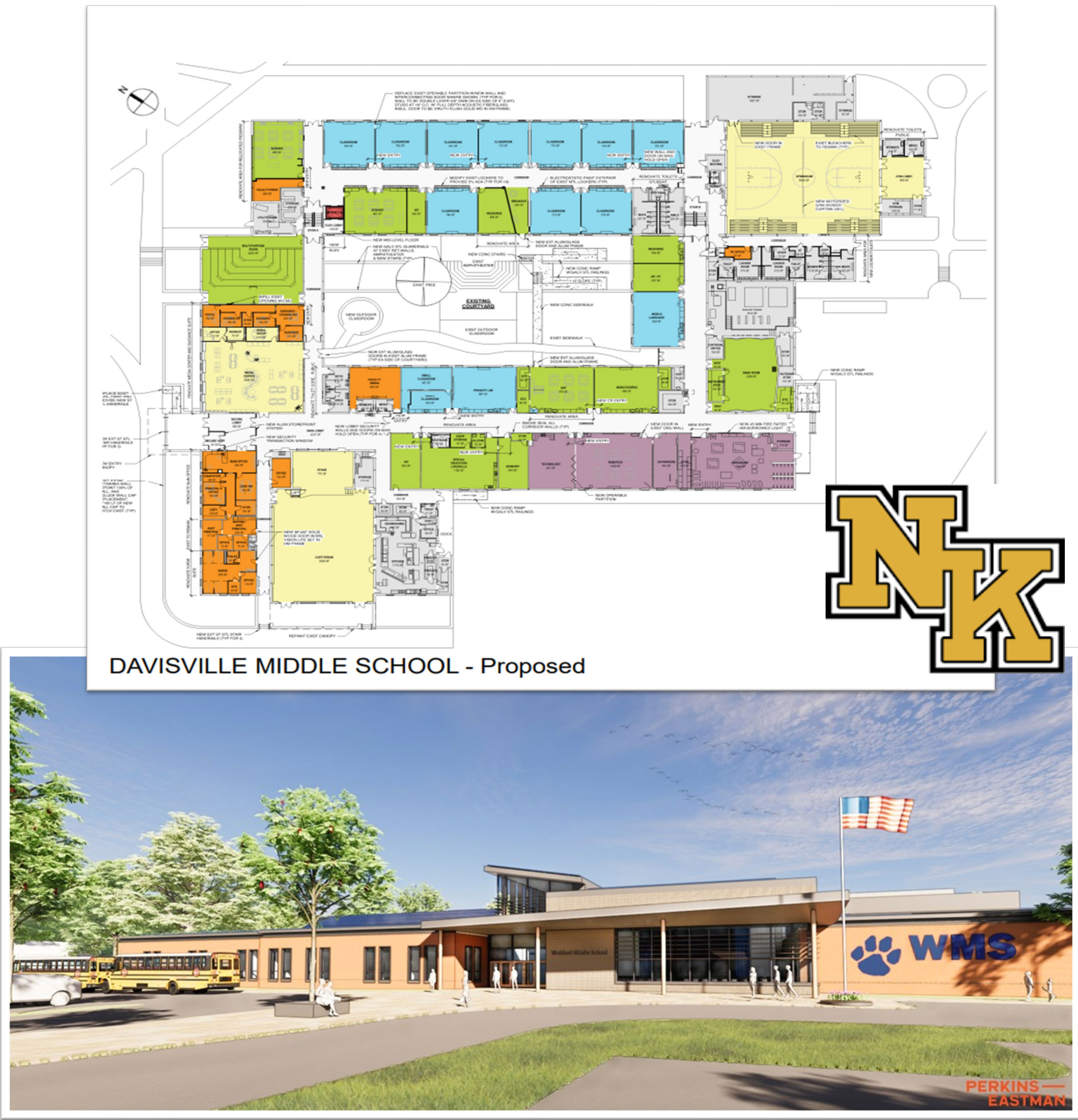
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- To continue to offer residents and members of our community user-friendly access to the most up-to-date information and online services, we debuted a redesign of our website late last week.
- Thank you to staff on this project, led by **Michael Taylor** in our IT Department, with considerable input from **Cori Black**, **Kate Glass**, and **Matt Souza** from other municipal departments.
- Here is a brief 45 second preview of our website's homepage and the ease of access for the most popular resources, including news and events, municipal services, land records, department pages, and permits/applications.



School Department Capital Bond Projects

- Each Manager’s Report, I attempt to provide an update on both Bond Projects (the School Department Capital Bond Projects, and the Public Safety Complex Bond Projects).
- I don’t have a significant update for today on the School Bond Project, as the Building Subcommittee Meeting is taking place tonight. I was able to join for the first half hour, but returned here for tonight’s meeting.
- I, or Council Person Kim Page, will attempt to gather information for an update at the next Town Council meeting, on September 22nd.



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Public Safety Complex Bond Projects

- A detailed update in my [August 18th Manager's Report](#) included that we were preparing a package for a cost estimate. Both project packages are now with the cost estimator.
- If cost estimates are within the range of the bond amount, we will next schedule a public meeting to present the projects and begin initial plans for a Project Labor Agreement Analysis.
- If cost estimates exceed the voter-approved bond amount, we will be having some difficult internal discussions to determine our next steps.
- In addition, I have stepped up conversations and negotiations with Steve King of Quonset Development Corporation, regarding the land within the Quonset Business Park targeted for the construction of the Public Safety Complex.
 - I hope to have something to report at either your next meeting in September, or the first meeting of October.



Wickford Waterfront Municipal Parking Lot Project

- This work continues to move forward.
- The new contractor, RICON, has been great to work with and we have regularly scheduled project meetings with them and BETA Consultants.
- Currently, they are scheduled to complete the pavers along the seawall, landscaping, and the sidewalk/walkway connecting to Brown Street, as well as the paving top coat and striping.
- We are still looking at early October for the 100% completion date.



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Updates:

Orsted Revolution Wind

- Despite the recent Federal Stop Work Order, we continue with our bi-weekly meetings with Revolution Wind regarding their Offshore Wind Farm Project. Onshore work is proceeding for potential energization with Rhode Island Energy.
- Fencing around the substation is complete; they are working on sidewalk and paving.
- While they are complying with the terms of the Federal Stop Work Order and have brought all vessels and workers to shore, they have filed a Preliminary Injunction against it. As of this report, they have not received word on this filing.
- Our federal and state delegations are involved in attempting to have the Stop Work Order lifted as well. I will continue to keep the Council to date on this matter.



Photo credit Renewable Energy World

Updates:



- The **Rhode Island Department of Transportation** is beginning their striping of bike lanes along Boston Neck Road, with bike lanes on both shoulders of Route 1A from Beach Street in North Kingstown, through Saunderstown, to Old Boston Neck Road in Narragansett.
- Installation of signage will follow, with project completion estimated by the end of this month.
- Once this long-awaited project is complete, we will begin discussions on a longer-term, larger-scale bike project similar to what they've envisioned for Ten Rod Road.
- While I know various RIDOT bridge and road work projects have been frustrating for travelers, the Frenchtown Road Bridge Replacement Project, South County Trail Bridge Replacement Project, and Devils Foot Road Bridge Replacement Project continue. There are various lane alterations and detours in place.
 - I've met with our Public Safety Departments and plans remain in place to ensure public safety has not and will not be affected.
 - I will continue to receive as much information as possible in order to assist RIDOT in keeping our community and the public up to date (*for active RIDOT Travel Advisories, see [their website](#)*)
- As I've regularly reported, work is beginning on the mini-Roundabout in Wickford. They are scheduled to begin work today that includes setting up a staging area, doing layout and survey work, placing detour signs, etc. Various electronic message boards in the area will advise motorists of detours for the project.
- Actual Roundabout construction is scheduled to begin September 14th, with all work scheduled to take place at night.



Updates:



- The **North Kingstown Free Library** has started their new strategic plan, intended to guide the future of their services, programs, and spaces over the next several years.
- They welcome broad participation in their online [Community Survey](#) where patrons can share their thoughts and feedback.
- Additionally, members of their Strategic Planning Team, including Council Person Matt McCoy, will be out in the community gathering ideas and feedback. They also intend to have a virtual town hall where individuals can provide feedback directly.

Updates:



- Our three-year contract with the Restaurant Concessionaire is up this year. Chelsey and I will be meeting with them next week as we hope to continue what has turned out to be a very successful relationship after multiple entities over the last 10 years.
 - I will be back before the Council with an update as the Council will review and approve any future contracts or agreements.
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- We have planned interior and exterior improvements for our Community Center over the coming months. Should all go according to plan, and the costs within our expectations, we will be closing the Community Center for the projected months of November – April. This will provide some programming challenges as the Recreation Department, the Senior Center, and the general public frequently utilize this building for programming and events. We are working internally on alternate locations.

Updates:



- A huge **thank you** to all involved on the 2nd Annual Family Day Celebration that was Saturday in Wilson Park. Dedicated staff members led by **Haley Wicker**, that included **Beth Wilkins, Dave Creta, Chelsey Dumas-Gibbs, Joe Paquet, Brian Boettger, John Hawkins, John Blais, DPW, Police, Fire** and others with assistance from dozens of student and community volunteers presented a fantastic event that was made possible by our sponsors and support from our Town Council.
- The free rides, booths, demonstrations and interactions with our Police and Fire Departments, live music, and large presence of food trucks provided an enjoyable atmosphere for thousands of residents and visitors.
- This event has become a staple event in our community in only two years. We look forward to the hopeful possibility of continuing what was supposed to be a one-time celebration for many years to come.





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