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FIRST SELECTWOMAN  FAIRFIELD
BRENDA L. KUPCHICK

Dear Residents,

With Presidents' Day upon us, I hope some of you are taking advantage of the long weekend to spend time with family and friends.

Today, Governor Lamont visited Fairfield and it was an honor to welcome him to our Town Hall. The Governor and I discussed the many wonderful amenities our town has to offer, including our vibrant Universities, as well as some challenges we are facing with regard to the increased cost of recycling, the fill pile, and trending issues in the 2020 legislative session in Hartford. I also shared my vision of boosting economic development and growing Fairfield's grand list.

Most of my time this week revolved around the preparation of my budget proposal. As you have read in previous updates, I also spend a considerable amount of time on conference calls, and in meetings regarding the environmental testing and clean up at the fill pile and sites around our town. Weston & Sampson, the Licensed Environmental Professional (LEP) that I selected to assist with the fill pile work, is reviewing data, and developing a work plan and schedule to complete the site investigation. Once completed, the plan will be submitted to Connecticut DEEP and U.S. EPA for approval.

The Town's other LEP, Tighe & Bond, continues to test and remediate sites throughout Town that were identified as possible locations where Julian-related fill was used. Results from testing at the Penfield Pavilion site were received this week. Fifty-five soil samples were collected under and around the Penfield Pavilion and testing of the soil below the parking lot located across Fairfield Beach Road was conducted.

Of the 55 soil samples, Arsenic was found in one sample to be slightly above the Residential cleanup standard. Tighe & Bond has concluded that, despite the small

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site complies with the Residential cleanup standard under Connecticut regulations. Underneath Penfield Pavilion, fill debris was identified to contain asbestos and will require remediation. Because this area is inaccessible to the public, the fill material does not pose a public health risk.

I felt it was important to ask Tighe & Bond to perform an air-exposure sampling in the vicinity of the fill material to make sure the health of our residents is protected. I am happy to report that the test reconfirmed our assessment that there is not a public health risk. Tighe & Bond are also scheduling testing below the paved Penfield parking lot, and it is important to note that the existing pavement serves as an exposure barrier if Julian-



related fill is identified to be present. I will send an update when those results are in and the next steps we will take to keep our Town safe.

The safety and welfare of our residents remains my top priority. I will continue to keep you updated as we move our Town forward.

I hope you have a nice weekend and Happy Valentines Day!

Sincerely Yours,

Brenda L. Kupchick

Please note that all town offices will be closed, Monday, February 17th in observance

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Fairfield is beginning the “Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Hardening Project”, which will protect the Town's most critical capital asset against the 500-year coastal flood event and from future projected sea level rise.

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Volunteer Fair

Wednesday, February 19* • 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Rotary and Memorial Rooms, Main Library
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