

6 things to know this week in Meriden, Wallingford, Southington, Cheshire



Dunkin' at 57 S. Broad St., right, and a long vacant plaza at 35 S. Broad St., left, in Meriden, Friday, June 10, 2022. Batista Companies Inc., owner of the city's Dunkin' franchise has filed an application to redevelop the vacant plaza just north of the business. Dave Zajac, Record-Journal

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Things to know this week include plans to build a new Dunkin' on South Broad Street in Meriden, possible design changes for the Southington Public Library project and a grant funding application to expand the Meriden Green.

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1. Dunkin' project in Meriden

The Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, 142 East Main St., Room 28, followed by a regular ZBA meeting.

The agenda includes an appeal for a site plan from Batista Cos., the Meriden Dunkin' franchise owner, for a fast food restaurant with a drive-through in a C-3 zone. The application covers several addresses on South Broad Street.

Also on the agenda is an appeal to allow increased residential density for a project by applicant 163 Pratt St. LLC. The project involves 163, 171, 177 Pratt St. and 103 Twiss St.

2. Council grant applications include Meriden Green expansion

The Meriden City Council will meet in-person on Tuesday. That meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m., can also be accessed remotely through the city's website at meridenct.gov (meridenct.gov).



According to a posted meeting agenda, the council will consider resolutions authorizing City Manager Timothy Coon to submit Connecticut Community Investment Fund applications for a series of projects, including the Meriden Green expansion. The council will also take up Finance Committee recommendations to authorize the transfer of funds for several items, including \$750,000 in funds from the Harbor Brook Cooper Street Bridge project, to fund the construction of a maintenance and storage facility on the Meriden Green.

3. Southington library project

Southington leaders plan to meet on the library building project to refine designs for the new building.

The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the Southington Library, 255 Main St.

Faced with surging costs for some materials and shortages of others, town leaders are working to design the next public library for the \$17 million voters approved at referendum last year.

A preliminary plan showed a 30,000-square-foot library at the 255 Main St. property. That plan was presented to the public for the referendum and also used for a \$1 million grant application to the State Library Board.

Town leaders are now unsure if they can build a 30,000-squarefoot building for \$17 million. But if the size is reduced by 10 percent or more, the town risks losing the \$1 million state grant.

Doing more with less may mean reconfiguring the planned space or switching materials.

4. Wallingford school board policy committee

The Board of Education's Policy Committee will meet Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. on Google Meet.

The agenda includes a review of policies regarding food allergy management, children in foster care, transgender/non-conforming youth and married and pregnant students.

The public can attend the meeting virtually and participate in public comment by going to [https://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/board-of-education/board-of-education-meetings.](https://www.wallingford.k12.ct.us/board-of-education/board-of-education-meetings)
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5. Wallingford Road development in Cheshire

The Cheshire Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission is scheduled to meet on Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in council chambers, 84 S. Main St. The agenda includes a permit application from Lovley Development for a subdivision at 648 Wallingford Rd.

6. Wallingford Public Utilities Commission

The Public Utilities Commission is scheduled to meet Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 315 of Wallingford Town Hall, 45 S. Main St. The agenda includes consideration and approval of a budget amendment for the water division transportation account and a matter involving the electric division listed simply as "Discussion and Action: Resolution - Mark Patrick."

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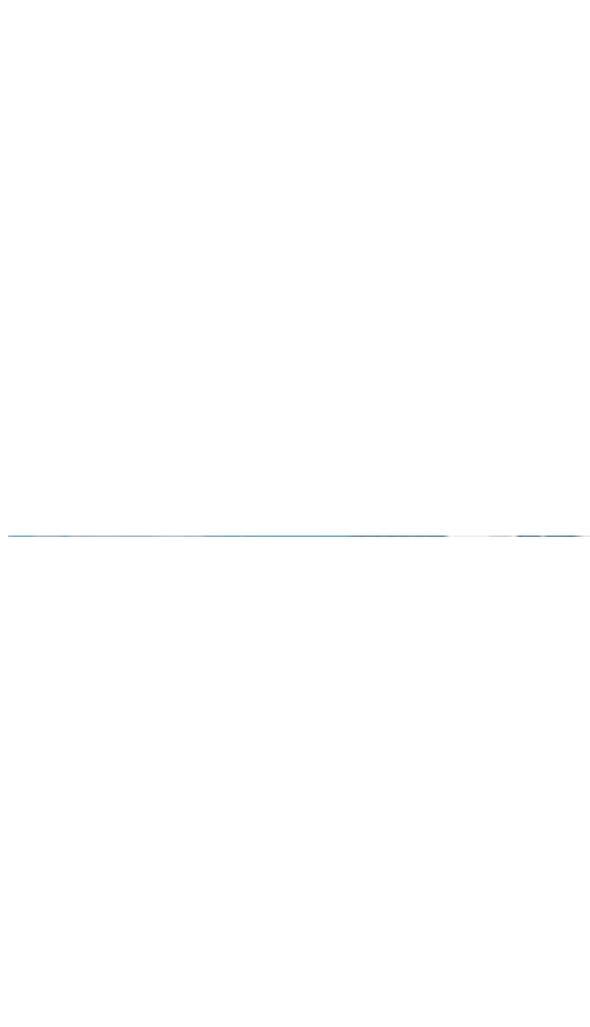
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XFINITY Theatre | Hartford, CT

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Greater Middletown... | Middletown, CT

TUE 2 **Summer Arts Adventures (ages 7-12)**
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Community Pavilion... | Plantsville, CT

TUE 2 **Birding 101 with Connecticut Audubon Society (online program)**
Berlin-Peck Memori... | Berlin, CT

WED 3 **Music on the Green**
Southington Town G... | Southington, CT

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