



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts
Town Manager's EMAIL Newsletter – May 1, 2006

Town staff and committees are constantly working to improve the quality of life in Sudbury. This email is designed to share information with Town staff and committee members about the many programs and efforts that are underway.

SALUTE TO PUBLIC SERVICE ISSUE – Public Service Recognition Week

I am dedicating this edition of my newsletter to a special recognition of all public service employees, especially our Town Employees and the great work they do. Below is a message from President George Bush.

"I send greeting to those celebrating Public Service Recognition Week. Public Service is a high calling and an expression of responsible citizenship and our Nation is deeply indebted to the men and women who devote their lives to careers that serve the public good. Throughout our country, public servants at all levels of government work to improve our lives, advance prosperity and protect our homeland. Since President Reagan first observed Public Service Recognition Week in 1985, this week has provided an opportunity to celebrate all those who work in the public sector and honor their many contributions to our country. I appreciate public servants for your hard work and dedication to your fellow citizens. Your efforts reflect the best of the American spirit. Laura and I send our best wishes. GEORGE W. BUSH"

Sudbury Firefighters Assist with Medical Emergency

Fire Chief Ken MacLean advised me of the following - On a recent trip to Las Vegas Tim Howe and Bob Boyd of the Sudbury Fire Department came to the aid of a woman who fell ill and lost consciousness on the airplane. After the airline attendant was unsuccessful in reviving the woman, Tim and Bob stepped in and took control of the situation, staying with the woman and assisting her and the airline personnel until she was taken off the plane upon landing. Chief MacLean received a letter from one of the other passengers who called their actions "spontaneous, professional, and above all else, they just may have saved the woman's life." Chief

MacLean notes this is the spirit that is the foundation of heroism and he has submitted an application to the American Red Cross for recognition of Tim and Bob in their annual Heroes Breakfast. Great job, Bob and Tim – this is a wonderful example of public service at its best.



Sudbury Residents Serving Their Country

From Veteran's Agent Peter Harvell, I am advised that a graduate of Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School, PFC Sam Chandler, is currently serving with the USMC in Iraq. Peter said that Sam is able to keep up on current events in Sudbury by reading the Sudbury Web site from his bunker in Iraq. His former Boy Scout Troop 62 in Sudbury has been sending him packages. Peter further advises that in all we have had at least six Sudbury residents serving in either Iraq or Afghanistan. I know we have other Sudbury residents currently in the armed forces around the



world. If you know of someone, let me know as I'd like to mention him/her in my newsletter in the future. As you know, I have great respect and affection for those who serve their country in the military so selflessly, as my father was a career Air Force officer. They too are our heroes.

And thanks to Peter Harvell, who works with the families of those serving in the armed forces. He connects them to other families, provides a link to services and important information they need, and on behalf of all Sudbury residents, lets them know how proud we are of their dedication.

John C. Powers Passes Away

Sudbury recently learned of the passing of John Powers, who served as Moderator and Selectmen of Sudbury. In today's mail is a letter from his brother, James Hugh Powers of Needham, thanking the Board of Selectmen for their message of condolence and noting that John had lifelong love affair with Sudbury, which he served with a special commitment and passion. James goes on to recall many of the Sudbury Memorial Day Parades of the past that he attended as a child. He gave the Town a copy of a collection of papers entitled "Requiem for a G.I." relating the experiences of the Powers brothers during World War II, dedicated to the memory of Peter Powers, who died in the Battle of the Bulge and is buried in Sudbury. After the Selectmen get a chance to review the papers, I will give them over to Peter Harvell in the hopes the collection can be available for review by the public on Memorial Day.



Remembering Heroes of Past Wars – the Memorial Day Parade

Once again the Memorial Day Committee will bring us the Sudbury Memorial Day Parade, Ceremonies, and Program on the last Monday in May. Sudbury has formally honored its war dead for more than 100 years. The parade and ceremonies honor veterans of all wars that involved Sudbury residents starting with King Philip's War in 1676. The Committee has posted information about the Parade and other parts of the Ceremony on the Town's website at: <http://sudbury.ma.us> for those who want more of the details of the day. I urge everyone who is in Town that weekend to attend these events. As the Committee says, it's a wonderful Hometown tradition. See you there.



My thanks to all the staff and volunteers who work hard to make these things happen. You make Sudbury such a special place.

Maureen Valente, Town Manager