



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts
Town Manager's EMAIL Newsletter – November 28, 2005

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.

Mary Daniels Promoted in Selectmen's Office!



I am happy to announce that Mary Daniels, Office Supervisor in the Selectmen/Town Manager's office, has been selected to succeed Jan Silva as Administrative Assistant. We had several excellent candidates for this key position, but Mary's professionalism, knowledge of the position and office, and people and office skills were tops. Mary has demonstrated the ability to multi-task the non stop demands on this office, make correct judgments in sensitive situations, and generally be able to step into the large shoes Jan will be leaving behind. Congratulations to Mary, and the Board and I look forward to working with her as we prepare for the 2006 Town Meeting.

102 Year Old Gravestone Back Home in Sudbury!

Thanks to cooperation between the towns of Middleton, Wayland and Sudbury, the gravestone of Jesse Parmenter, a resident of Sudbury who died March 21, 1903 at the age of 92, was returned recently to Sudbury. A few months ago



Judy St. Croix, Town Clerk in Wayland, called Judie Newton, Assistant Town Clerk in the Sudbury Town Clerk's office to ask if we had a Wadsworth Cemetery. Finding out that we did, she explained she had received a call from the Public Works Department in Middleton, MA who had in their possession a white gravestone, very old, with the name Jesse Parmenter, and the date of death. The Middleton Police Department had found the stone in their possession and thought it belonged in their cemetery, so they brought it to their DPW. Mr. Saulnier of the Middleton DPW wanted the stone returned to its proper home so he conducted research and learned that there were some Parmenters located in Wayland at Wadsworth Cemetery. But Wayland didn't have anyone by that name, nor a Wadsworth Cemetery, so Ms. St. Croix thought of Sudbury! We do indeed have a Wadsworth Cemetery and Judie found that our Town Clerk's office had a record of Mr. Parmenter's death. We reported to Wayland that the mystery was solved and contacted Mr. Saulnier to arrange for the return of the gravestone.

Mr. Parmenter was born in Sudbury, the son of Jesse (Sudbury) & Jerusha Wheeler (Sudbury). His occupation was a farmer. The last living relative, according to Cemetery Foreman Scott Taylor, was buried at this site in 1991; there were no relatives to notify the Town of Sudbury that the gravestone was missing. Thank you Mr. Saulnier, Ms. St. Croix, Judie Newton, and Scott Taylor, for getting this gravestone back home again.

New Public Safety Equipment



Grants are helping our Fire Department be more prepared for outdoor rescue operations. The Sudbury Foundation has provided grant funds for the purchase of an ice rescue sled and rope. This has been a long sought after piece of equipment and will help the Fire Department rescue victims who have fallen through ice on a pond or lake. Also, a Homeland Security grant has enabled to the Town to purchase an all terrain vehicle, a Polaris 4x4 Ranger, along with a trailer for transport. With this ATV, our public safety staff will be able to quickly reach off road parts of Sudbury. Thanks to Sudbury Foundation for their generosity and kudos to Fire Chief Ken MacLean for seeking grants to increase our ability to respond to emergencies.

Helping Network Formed in Sudbury

I just learned about *The Sudbury Angel Network*, a group in town whose mission is to step in and help others who have suffered a crisis or disaster. Their goal is to make sure no one in Sudbury is unaided because they may not have access to spheres of support or may have more extensive needs than their support system can fulfill. They can help with items such as delivering meals, running errands, and driving patients to and from medical appointments. For more information, see their website at <http://www.sudburyangels.org>. The Sudbury Angels are looking for those willing to join them as well as those who might be in need. If you know of someone who might benefit from the help of the Sudbury Angel Network, please encourage them to check this out.



Speaking of Helping Those in Need

Kris Kiesel, Council on Aging Director, informs us that the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program, which supplies a hot, nutritious meal each day for seniors aged 60 and older who can't cook a good meal for themselves, and who can't get out to luncheons at the Senior Center, is looking for volunteers. For many people, this program supplies them with the only hot meal they get. Meals on Wheels provides more than just nutritional assistance. Often the volunteer driver who delivers the meal is the only direct human contact the senior client has all day. Over the years, we have found that the drivers greatly enjoy their volunteer activity, because they realize they are making a very meaningful difference in the lives of people in need. Volunteers work two hours or less, one day a week. They receive \$.40 per mile reimbursement for gas, and the sincere gratitude of many people. If you are interested in helping or have any questions about the program, please call Volunteer Coordinator at Ed Gottmann 978-443-9233.

My thanks to all the staff and volunteers who work hard to make these good things happen. You make Sudbury great!

Maureen Valente, Town Manager

