



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts
Town Manager's E-MAIL Newsletter – December 2, 2005

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

Please Come to the Farewell Reception for Jan Silva!

Invitations will be sent out via e-mail very soon encouraging everyone – staff, committee members, former town officials, residents and members of our business community – to join the Board of Selectmen and me in saying thank you and job well done to Jan Silva, retiring administrative assistant to the Board of Selectmen. The reception will be on January 5, 2006, from 4 – 6 pm in the Lower Town Hall. Co-Chairmen for this event are Selectman John Drobinski, former Selectman Kirsten Roopenian and Town Moderator Myron Fox. Please look for an invitation in your e-mail box in the next few days and plan on joining us for this special event.



Seasonal Decorations in the Town Center!

As always, it takes a team of people working together to make great things happen, and that includes making the Town Center shine this time of year. I'd like to acknowledge the efforts of many people. Jan Pitzi, who works at the Raveis Real Estate office in Town, took the lead several years ago in collecting donations to purchase enough strands of heavy duty outside white lights to put on the tree on the Common. The lights are put on the tree through a combined effort of the Building Department and the Fire Department. SFD supplied a ladder truck and two firefighters, Josh McLeod and Ethan Craig, climbed out on the ladder to hang the lights that were fed to them by Art Richard and Larry Jodrey of the Building Department. The whole process took nearly two hours, but the results look great!

The Thursday Garden Club again brings a festive air to the Town Center buildings and the Common by creating and hanging wreaths and greenery with big red bows throughout the area. Check out the Town Hall, the Grange, the Loring Parsonage, the Hosmer House, Grinnell Park and the lampposts in the Town Center. On the left are Donna Kruse, Alice Levine, and Jo-Anne Young of the Thursday Garden Club fixing up the lamppost outside the Parsonage.



And we can't forget the Historical Commission and how beautifully they transform the exterior and interior of the Hosmer House each year. Pictured here is Clay Allen putting up a wreath. The candle lights in the windows of the Hosmer House are one of the sights I most look forward to each year at this time. Finally, Mary Daniels in my office and Cynthia Gerry in the Assessors office are working to brighten up the exterior of the Flynn Building with holly and wreaths.



Please thank these individuals when you see them for going the extra distance to bring beauty and cheer to the rest of us at this special time of year.

New Lockers Installed at Atkinson Pool

The Atkinson Pool staff is happy to announce that new lockers have been installed and they look even more amazing than everyone had hoped. Replacement of the old, unsafe and unsightly lockers was approved last year by Town Meeting. The locker rooms are used by hundreds of people everyday - pool members, lesson participants, daily visitors, swim teams, recreation participants, guests at birthday parties, and the list goes on. The pool staff encourages everyone to come and visit the facility to see all of the recent improvements. The staff has worked very hard, and the results are great to see.

Before



After



Protecting the Environment – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day a Success!

On Saturday, October 29, from 9am to 1pm, the Board of Health held the annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day in the parking lot behind the Town Hall.



Health Director Bob Leupold reports that there was a great response from the community, with a record 405 Sudbury residents showing up to properly dispose of hazardous materials requiring special handling. This includes wastes such as ammonia based cleaners, WD-40, lighter fluid, pesticides, oil based paints, among others. The Board of Health lists examples of hazardous wastes that need special disposal on their page of the Town's website. Town Meeting appropriated \$17,000 for this effort for FY06, and Bob makes all the arrangements, contracts with Clean Harbors for disposal of the waste, and oversees the Collection Day. Congratulations to all the Sudbury residents who are responsible and do not just toss their hazardous waste in the trash but rather hold onto them each year until they can dispose of them properly. And thanks to Bob for putting in the extra time and giving up a Saturday to make this happen.

Town Clerk Helps Out League of Women Voters at Workshop



Town Clerk Barbara Siira and Assistant Town Clerk Judie Newton spoke at a recent LWV workshop on running for town and school committee offices. Barbara and Judie talked about the qualifications and legal requirements for residents interested in running in the March Town elections. This is just another example of how often town staff join in night meetings and weekend events in Town, going beyond the normal call of duty. Good job, ladies.

Plowing Snow on Thanksgiving

Finally, I want to give a tip of the hat to Bill Place, Kenny Anderson and the DPW crew. While the rest of us were eating turkey and pies and relaxing with our families,



they were out plowing and sanding as 3.5 inches of snow hit the ground. I hope someone saved them lots of leftovers and everyone had a safe and restful Thanksgiving.

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