



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts  
Town Manager's EMAIL Newsletter – December 12, 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.*

### Employee of the Year named by Selectmen/Town Manager

Congratulations to Dennis Mannone, Park and Recreation Director, who was named Town Employee of the Year for 2005. Dennis has had an extraordinary year, handling many special projects, and earning kudos from everyone he has dealt with. Words of praise from various groups in town include: "Dennis is a leader and a team player. He shows a strong commitment to youth and working together to provide best services to our young people. He is a tireless worker and we are in awe of the number of hours that he works and the quality of his work." Dennis is shown at left with his lovely wife Kim, who joined in with Town employees, representatives of Lincoln-Sudbury High School, Sudbury Little League and others to honor and surprise Dennis at the Hosmer House last week.



The Board of Selectmen and I began naming our own Employee of the Year two years ago, when it became apparent that the Chamber of Commerce's program for naming a Town employee of the year was not consistently filling that role. We designated Mark Thompson, Technology Director, as our first Town Employee of the Year in 2003, and Art Richard, Buildings Supervisor/Electrical Inspector, was named for this honor in 2004. Dennis's name will join Mark and Art's on a new plaque we have ordered to display in the Town Manager's office.

Current employees who have been designated Employee of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce in the past include Paul Kenny, Bill Place (long, long ago), Sue Petersen, Jan Silva, Rocky Conrado, Jody Kablack, Todd Eadie and Martha Lynn.

### Jeanette's Galliardt steps down as Recording Secretary

The Board and I want to thank Jeanette Galliardt, who just stepped down as the Recording Secretary for the Board of Selectmen, after being in the position for over seven years. Most employees don't know Jeanette, as her working hours don't overlap with our regular day time hours. But she quietly, professionally and very patiently records and writes up the minutes of the Selectmen's meeting. These minutes of the Selectmen's meetings are very detailed and serve as the permanent record of the deliberations and decisions of the Town's executive body. Excerpts from the minutes are used to convey to different groups the actions the Board has taken. Given the



Selectmen's commitment to enhanced communication within Sudbury, the Board has always been determined to have its minutes available promptly to the public on our Town web site, and Jeanette was always able to meet this requirement. Pictured here is Jeanette receiving a gift from the Selectmen along with a well deserved "well done" for great service to the Town of Sudbury. We will miss you!

#### **New Recording Secretary appointed**

Taking over the Recording Secretary position from Jeanette will be Ellen Bicoules of Maynard. Ellen begins with the December 20 Selectmen's meeting and I hope is ready for many long nights. Welcome Ellen!

#### **Congratulations to New Sudbury Foundation Trustees**

The Sudbury Foundation has announced they have expanded the number of trustees from three to five, and two really terrific people have been named to fill those new slots – Jill Stansky and Susan Iuliano. I have known Jill for several years through HOPEsudbury – she is a founding member and a tireless worker with that organization. Susan is a member of the Sudbury Public School Committee, and has served on the Property Tax Equity Review Committee and the St. Anselm's Redevelopment Task Force, and also has assisted the Town on ad hoc groups we have formed when interviewing candidates for department head positions. I think the Foundation made great choices by adding two women who have given a great deal of their time and energy to the community.

#### **Other Equipment Obtained Through Grants**

Chief Ken MacLean reports the Town has recently received a \$14,000 grant for items including a lighting plant, a small generator, 50 cots, aluminized blankets, and two centrifugal pumps. The grant was provided from the Northeast Regional Advisory Council, which is funded through Homeland Security. Chief MacLean was also able to arrange for the donation of 50 wool blankets from the Federal Excess Property Program administered through the Massachusetts Bureau of Forest Fire Control. With the wool blankets the Town also received an additional 10 used cots. All of these items are part of our Emergency Preparedness efforts, and will be useful if we face the need to open town buildings as emergency shelters. As always, it's great when staff can obtain grants to help accomplish our mission to protect the residents of Sudbury.

*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*

