



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts
Town Manager's Weekly EMAIL – September 23, 2005

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

More on Flynn Building Improvements

I forgot to mention that the Assessor's Office was upgraded as part of the recent improvements to the Flynn Building. In order to make it easier for customers to use the Assessor's data base and research properties, counter space was created on the outside wall of the office and stools were set up. Customers can now sit and conduct their research in comfort, and the office gained the floor space that previously was used by customers coming into the office through the door and then standing at an interior counter. The picture here shows John Irish of the Assessors staff assisting a customer at the new counter space.



Mark Ensign Resigns from Conservation Commission

I am sorry to report that Mark Ensign has stepped down from the Commission due to time limitations. Mark has served as the chairman of this committee for several years and done an outstanding job, leading the Commission during a time when many complicated projects came before the Commission for permitting. He represented the Commission on the Blue Ribbon Housing Site Selection Committee in 2003, and always looked to see how he could contribute to broader Town issues and needs. Mark will continue to serve on the new Ponds and Waterways Committee. Thanks for the many hours, Mark.

Camp Sewataro Gives to Sudbury



Sudbury is fortunate that many businesses in Town, both non-profit and for profit, contribute to the Town by making donations to our departments and programs for much needed items. Camp Sewataro is one such contributor, and annually makes a donation to one of our public safety departments. This year the Police Department was the recipient of a donation that enabled them to purchase updated modems for the cruisers. You may not know, but all the police cruisers are equipped with laptop computers. The computers allow for instant check with the Registry of Motor Vehicles on an operator's license and vehicle information and allows the officer to search the State and Federal records management systems to see if an individual is wanted for a crime in our state or another jurisdiction. Finally, the laptops allow our officers to check the department's computer system for all records maintained by us, and they can file reports from the cruiser thus requiring them to spend less time in the police station entering reports and more time out in the patrol cars in the community where they are in position to immediately respond to an emergency call for service.

More Comings and Goings at Goodnow Library



It has been Goodnow's good fortune to have Sheila Noah as Head of Technical Services for the last 24 years. Sheila always brought an enthusiasm and commitment and was a wonderful co-worker, considerate and supportive of the efforts of other staff members. We will miss Sheila as an outstanding librarian and person. Elizabeth (Bettie) Rose assumes the position that Sheila held for 24 years. Bettie brings exceptional knowledge and experience to this job. She has a Masters in Library Science and thirty years of professional library experience. She was director of the library at Pine Manor College and Head of the Media Center at the main library at Boston College. From 2000-2004 she was a half-time professional librarian at Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School. Over the last year, Elizabeth has worked part time in Goodnow's Technical Services department. Welcome Bettie, and good luck in the future, Sheila.

Another Example of Outstanding Service

Earlier this month, Sudbury firefighter Josh McLeod came upon an automobile accident on 495 and stopped to render assistance. Josh held traction on a patient until the Tewksbury Fire Department showed up and took over. Thanks Josh, and great work.

Capital Budget Instructions Sent Out

Finance Director Sue Petersen has sent out via email the forms and instructions for submitting requests for funding of Capital Improvement projects for FY07. This year we are trying to use email, with attachments, to both send out and receive the project information. In this way, we hope that those of you with a project to request can print out only the forms you need, and the Town saves the staff the work and costs of copying forms that many of you might not need. She has sent a copy of the capital bylaw with the instructions, so please refer to that if you have questions about this process. Sue is happy to assist you if you have trouble printing out the forms or instructions.

Thank You for Your Sympathy

Finally, my heartfelt thank you for all the sympathy cards and emails you have sent to me since the passing of my father on Thursday, September 15. I appreciate them all. My father was an extraordinary man, an Air Force colonel who served his country during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War, and he served as my inspiration for a career in public service. The world feels so different without him in it. I'm sure those of you who have lost a beloved parent know my feelings very well.

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

Thank You