



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts  
Town Manager's Weekly EMAIL – September 9, 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.*

#### Hurricane Katrina - Assistance to Survivors

For those who are interested in helping residents of a Louisiana parish recover from the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, HOPEsudbury (Humanitarian Outreach Project) will be collecting new socks and undergarments, incontinence pads and disposable diapers for the survivors in the Baton Rouge and county of Washington Parish area. For those who would also like to contribute financially for Hurricane relief, please contribute directly to organizations such as the Red Cross. Information on both these efforts can be found through links on the Town's web site, [www.sudbury.ma.us](http://www.sudbury.ma.us).



#### Hurricane Katrina - Deployment of Sudbury Personnel

In response to a request for assistance by FEMA, two members of Sudbury's Fire Department have been deployed to the Hurricane region. Captain Doug Stone and Firefighter Gary Bardsley (seen to in this picture at the airport departing to Atlanta) deployed on Thursday morning to assist in the Hurricane Katrina recovery effort. They will be gone for 30 days or more. Doug and Gary volunteered to accept this deployment and we wish them luck and a safe stay as they work to help residents in this area recover from the losses they have faced.



#### Harvesting at Carding Mill Pond

For the past few years the DPW has been working with the Hop Brook Protection Association (HBPA) each year to harvest from Carding Mill Pond water chestnuts, a prolific invasive species, as well as other growth such as duckweed and algae that cover the pond and cut off sunlight and oxygen. These types of unwanted growth significantly reduce the wildlife habitat, increase odors as these plants rot, restrict the pond as a recreational resource, and diminish the aesthetics of this formerly beautiful body of water. This harvesting is an effort involving many entities and people. The Harvester we use is owned by the US Fish and Wildlife, who loan it to the Town for this effort. HBPA applies for all necessary permitting from the Conservation Commission and pays for all of the out of pocket costs after a \$2,500 cash donation from the Town, and the DPW contributes about \$30,000 worth of staff time and equipment. The harvested materials are taken by the DPW to the Stone Tavern Farm on Horse Pond Road, where William Stone uses it for fertilizer. Without his acceptance of the harvested materials, there would be additional costs for disposal. The Board of Selectmen is still pursuing legal means to end the pollution of the Hop Brook system, which contributes to this growth, but in the meantime, annual harvesting helps to lessen the negative smells and appearance.





### Cheers for our Volunteers!!

As I mentioned a few e-mails ago, the Selectmen invite everyone serving on a Town board, committee, commission or task force to a reception on Sudbury Day, September 17. The location will be in the parking lot behind Town Hall, and we will begin at 11:30 am. The reception will feature light refreshments, a small token of appreciation from the Board of Selectmen, and we will particularly honor an individual who we believe is our longest serving volunteer. An invitation is currently being sent to volunteers on Sudbury boards and committees.

### Sudbury Employees to the Rescue! First Baby Ducks, now Baby Snapping Turtles

Town employees Nancy Dacier (seen in the picture), Alison Boland, Brian Powell, Gretna Schubert, and Debbie Dineen rescued baby snapping turtles from the DPW parking lot during lunch time on Friday. Turtle eggs are laid in early June and hatch anytime between now and next spring. If you have business at the DPW building, please be on the lookout for these little guys in the parking area the next few weeks!



### FY07 Budget Preparation Begins

Believe it or not, Finance Director Sue Petersen and I have already started preparations for development of the FY07 budget. The Finance Committee hopes to have their budget instructions out to all cost centers in late September, and capital budget instructions will be distributed before that. We always start with a preliminary estimate of revenues for the next fiscal year, looking at revenue sources such as state aid, local receipts (funds the Town generates for things such as permits, cell tower leases, etc.) as well as the allowed growth in property taxes. Through this e-mail report I will try to keep you updated on how the budget process is progressing. One of the Selectmen's goals for this year is to *"Ensure that the FY07 budget planning provides for the future financial sustainability of the Town of Sudbury and protects core municipal and educational services"*. Thus our focus will continue to be on sustainability – what level of services the Town can continue to provide given the level of revenues that occur on a regular basis.

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

*Maureen Valente, Town Manager*

