



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts
Town Manager's EMAIL Newsletter – October 27, 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.

Selectmen Dress up for HOPEsudbury Telethon!!!

If you tuned into the October 25th Selectmen's meeting (or caught a re-broadcast) you probably noticed the Selectmen and yours truly were all sporting the same shirt, with our distinctive zip code across the front – 01776. We did this to bring attention to the 2005 HOPEsudbury Telethon, which begins this Saturday, October 29th at 1 pm. I urge everyone to look at the incredible list of items to bid on, some offered by Town and School employees and officials. Auction books are still available at Sudbury Farms, Shaw's Supermarkets and the Goodnow Library. The bulk of the funds raised are targeted towards the HOPEsudbury Community Assistance Fund and the Michael Carter Lisnow Respite Center in Hopkinton, which supports children and adults with disabilities. Something new this year is the special "Children's Hour" geared towards children under ten starting at 4pm and ending with a Halloween Parade at 5pm. This program-within-a program will include a story teller, dog tricks, a fashion show and other great events. Families are welcome to come and watch, bring a costume and march in the on-air parade. Parade participants are asked bring a donation of baby wipes or paper goods for the Respite Center.

Teen Center Coordinator Jean Lind Retires (pictured here giving her retirement letter to Park and Recreation Director Dennis Mannone)

If your child ever attended Sudbury Teen Center, you know Jean Lind. Teen Center is an unusual program offered by Sudbury and not one seen in many other towns. The



Teen Center, under the jurisdiction of the Park and Recreation department, provides opportunities for our youth to socialize in a safe, supervised and well-equipped setting. It has worked so well and been so popular with our middle school age teens because of the tireless efforts of Jean. The Sudbury Teen Center was founded in 1979 by a group of parents, students, clergy and town officials who were concerned about the tragic automobile deaths of a number of

Sudbury teens. Selectmen approved space at the Fairbank Community Center in 1980 for Teen Center. The program has been directed by Jean for over 21 years and in this time she has been a positive influence and has made this a safer community for our teens. Jean will remain in the community and will provide some guidance as we move forward. The Park & Recreation department has big shoes to fill. Many thanks, Jean!!!! We will miss you!

Energy Conservation Thoughts

As stories of the increases in gasoline, natural gas and electric costs are in the paper daily, I want to take a moment to remind you of some basic energy conservation ideas. Through another city's website, I found a California based web site Flex Your

Power (<http://www.fypower.org/>) with suggestions and ideas for saving energy. For example, driving habits can affect fuel consumption. Here are a few examples:

1. Drive the speed limit!
2. Racing between stop lights uses a lot more fuel than just keeping a steady pace.
3. Take advantage of cruise control where possible.
4. Think about your trips and your schedule, so you don't backtrack or take unnecessary trips.
5. Carpool when possible.

There are also additional ideas on the Flex your Power website about actions you can take to save on home heating costs and I am working with some of our department heads on steps we can take to lower our fuel related costs for the Town. Everyone can make a difference! Please see how you might contribute personally to conserving fuel – and let me know any great ideas you have that might help out the Town.

Profile of Employee – John Lindgren Jr – 30 Years of Service

This week I want to recognize John Lindgren Jr, Foreman in the Parks and Grounds division of the Public Works Department. As of this past October 15, John has worked for the Town of Sudbury for 30 years, an extraordinary record of dedication



and service. John worked part time for the highway department before going full time with the Park and Recreation department. This division was later consolidated into our current Department of Public Works. John is well liked and respected by every one who works with him and takes pride in the work that he does. DPW Director Bill Place says “I can't say enough good things about John –

he does his job well no matter what the circumstances”. The demands on this division have grown tremendously over the past few years as the Town continues to obtain more recreational acreage, and more of our residents play organized sports and need playing fields. John and his group make it all look and work great and we salute him for that and the many years he has been doing it!

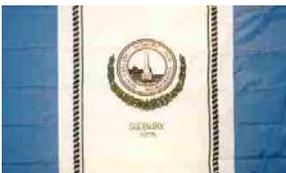
Halloween Wishes



I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable Halloween and watches out for trick or treaters on Monday night. The Town's web site has tips from the Police Department for keeping everyone safe and out of trouble on this holiday. Please be extra careful if you are out driving then.

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



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