



Town of Sudbury
Town Manager Newsletter
July 20, 2012

Message from the Town Manager

Greetings!

Hope you are all finding time to take a vacation this summer and particularly enjoy the sights to see in this great Commonwealth. I've had visitors this summer from out of state, and love to show them all the historical, cultural and educational sites we are known for here in Massachusetts.

And while Town staff and committee members are taking their vacations in July and August, this is still the time for us to get a lot of work done, particularly public works projects on roads and drainage systems. Chapter 90 funds from the state pay for the resurfacing projects in Sudbury – without those dollars, it is unlikely any roads would get repaved. The DPW uses a pavement management system to rate all roads and choose which ones get worked on, then lines up the contractors to get the work done in the summer. Work can get slowed down by bad weather, but if all goes well, DPW Director Place hopes to have the work wrapped by the time school starts.

And we had another film production shooting some scenes in Sudbury. In fact, lots of movies are being filmed in Massachusetts due to favorable tax credits. As long as the work is not a big disruption, and they insure against any potential damages, we are happy to try to accommodate the requests and work with the filmmakers.

Sincerely, *Maureen G. Valente, Town Manager*

Highlights of the 7.10.12 Board of Selectmen Meeting

The Board of Selectmen voted to approve a number of contracts for Town purchases and services, including requests from the Public Works Department for materials and services, and to enter into lease purchase agreements for a new Freightliner six-wheel dump truck and a new multi-purpose track Sidewalk Tractor, which will be used primarily as a sidewalk plow in the winter. All these contracts are awarded after a public bidding process, and Town Counsel's office handles all the required paperwork related to these contracts. The Board also approved financial reports on the Town Trust Funds and dissolved two inactive Town Committees – the Youth Commission and the Green Landscaping at the Dump (GLAD) Committee. Neither of these committees had met in several years, and the Youth Commission work is being handled by the Town's Youth Coordinator through the Park and Recreation Commission.

The Board also discussed next steps regarding the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in Sudbury. The Board had previously voted to ask Town residents if they desired to see the Town create a recreational rail trail "more or less" on the old rail right of way in Sudbury known as the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. They also asked residents if they wanted the Town to move forward with designing a half-mile segment of the BFRT in north Sudbury. Residents at Town Meeting, and at the Annual Election, by a majority vote,

indicated their support for efforts to develop old rail lines into a recreational bike trail. The Selectmen indicated that they will begin to look at steps to renew discussion of development of the Rail Trail, which has been on the “backburner” in Sudbury for the past several years. For their next meeting, staff will provide the Selectmen with more information on the development of a Master Recreational Field Plan from the Park and Recreation Department, an update on changes in the Community Preservation Act which allow for changes in spending for recreation projects, and plans for how staff can work on creating a concept plan for development of the right of way. With that information, the Selectmen can begin weighing next steps to begin development of a recreational rail trail in Sudbury.

The Board also extended its sympathies to the family of Lester Holtzblatt, a Sudbury resident who died tragically after being hit with a falling tree limb in the Lenox area, following his attendance at a concert at Tanglewood. Mr. Holtzblatt contributed much to the Town, to his family and friends, and in particular to the Free Medical Clinic at Congregation Beth El.

Finally, the Board spent a lengthy amount of time meeting with the owner of Lavender restaurant following the issuance of a warning letter from the Police Chief regarding the lack of compliance with the Board’s rules and regulations for restaurants which hold liquor licenses.

From the Selectmen’s office

Welcome Home L.Cpl. David Poirier!

USMC Lance Corporal David W. Poirier arrived recently home from a three-month tour at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and seven months at Camp Rota, Spain. He is a 2010 graduate of Minuteman High School and graduated from Parris Island, South Carolina Boot Camp in September 2010.

After completing the USMC School of Infantry, he was assigned to the Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team (F.A.S.T.). L.Cpl. Poirier earned his National Defense Ribbon, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, and the Navy/Sea Service Ribbon as part of F.A.S.T. at Camp Rota. David is currently stationed at Camp Allen, Virginia. Welcome Home David and thank you for your service!!!

In case you were wondering what was happening near Sudbury Center on Thursday, July 19th, it was yet another movie segment being shot in Sudbury. The location manager for the movie decided to use First Parish in Town Centre for one scene and asked to use the Town’s Town Hall parking lot from which to work. They filmed a “First Parish Rummage Sale” at First Parish Sudbury, which will become a small clip in the movie *Labor Day*, starring Kate Winslet and Josh Brolin – neither of which came to Sudbury. The Brolin character as a young man was the star of the Sudbury “shoot.”

Board of Health

The Health Department reports that mosquito populations in many areas of town are going down. Mosquito traps are placed in four to five locations in town every 2-2 1/2 weeks by the East Middlesex Mosquito Control Project. Traps so far have not found any *Culiseta melanura* which is a mosquito species that tested positive for EEE virus in one trap in Sudbury last year.

Recent Mosquito trapping results show that permanent marsh areas are producing *Coquillettidia perturbans*, which is known to be a vicious biter of humans, other mammals and birds. Other mosquitoes,

Culex spp., are being produced in catch basins and any containers holding water on your property. This species bites humans and other mammals and is active all night. Current hot weather conditions increase the risk of West Nile virus in these mosquitoes.

Treatment of catch basins will begin soon in Sudbury. Truck spraying in certain neighborhoods was conducted on June 20, 2012 and July 10/11 based upon the trap results. More information on mosquito control and spraying schedules is available at www.sudbury.ma.us/services/health/emmc. The spraying schedule is posted on the town website front page.

Learn more about how to protect yourself at www.mass.gov/dph/wmv. Everyone can help reduce mosquito populations by emptying water holding containers weekly in your yard.

The Board of Health is finalizing plans for its next Household Hazardous Waste Day. The proposed date is October 27 at Curtis Middle School from 9:00am to 1:00pm. To find out what materials are accepted, please visit the Board of Health site on the Town of Sudbury webpage. Additional information will be provided in the media and website as the date nears.

Department of Public Works

The Governor has signed the Budget which has allowed the Road program to get underway. Powdermill Road from Tavern Circle to Cranberry Circle is currently undergoing reconstruction. Old Lancaster Road from Peakham Road to Hudson Road is also being reconstructed. Old Lancaster Road from Concord Road to Peakham Road has seen some major work with the continuation of the water main from Concord Road to Meadow Drive. A culvert at the entrance to the DPW is being installed, and a corrugated metal pipe with concrete pipe in the area of 223 Old Lancaster Road is being replaced.

The next road to see major reconstruction will be Nashoba Road from Goodman's Hill Road to Puritan Lane. The Peakham Road walkway from Homestead Road to Hudson Road has been completed.

Sudbury Recycle and Transfer Station New-User Program a Huge Success

Earlier this year the Board of Selectmen approved an initiative to increase resident usage of the Recycle and Transfer Station (RTS). The New User Initiative offered non-current users a sticker permitting them to use the RTS from April 1 to June 30, 2012. In addition, each new user received a starter kit of five \$1 pay-per-throw bags and a user guide to the RTS.

The response to this program far exceeded expectations. Between March 15 and June 15, the Department of Public Works issued 80 stickers to new user households, along with the supply of pay-per-throw bags and new user guides. A Green Vest Volunteer was on hand for many Saturdays to answer questions and familiarize new users with the facility.

New users were thrilled to be part of the program. Several expressed appreciation in the significant savings offered by the RTS over commercial services, whose prices are constantly increasing. Using the RTS can cost half of a commercial service.

A number of residents were happy to know their participation in the recycling program made a positive, direct impact on the environment. One resident who switched from a commercial service said, "I was throwing all this stuff in the trash. Now I think about what I'm throwing away. I'm so glad to know this is not going into a landfill. And it's so easy."

Several new users, who had been reluctant to try the RTS, remarked on how user-friendly the facility was and how simple it was to recycle and dispose of trash. “This is only my second time here, and I never thought it would be this easy. I feel like a veteran already.” said another new resident.

New uniform, easy-to-read, signs at each recycle bin let residents see, at a glance, where to place their recyclables. These are only the latest improvements. New walkways and railings were installed earlier this year. The facility has been kept clean and structures moved to make it even more convenient to enter, park, and exit.

The Town is considering further ways to improve the RTS, protect our environment, and save residents money. “This is an excellent facility and getting better.” said Leonard Simon a member of the RTS Group. “I’m proud to be part of it.”

2012-2013 stickers for the RTS can be obtained at the Department of Public Works offices at 275 Old Lancaster Road.



Goodnow Library

Have you purchased or received an electronic reading device? In addition to the content available for purchase, the library has about 40,000 electronic titles available for lending. We have both e-book content to read and e-audiobook content to listen to.

Would you like to know how to access library and/or other free content? Bring your devices and your questions and we'll do our best to answer them for you!

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Monday, July 23, 6:30-8:30 pm

Tuesday, July 24, 2-4 pm

Monday, August 20, 6:30-8:30 pm

Tuesday, August 21, 2-4 pm

Monday, September 24, 6:30-8:30 pm

Tuesday, September 25, 2-4 pm

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- *Wireless downloads vs. USB downloads for Kindle and Nook (and more)
- *iPad/iPhone Apps
- *Kindle Fire/Nook Tablet/Kobo Vox Apps and sideloading
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The Sudbury Senior Center

A number of special guests visited the Senior Center in June. At the Senior Center on June 1st, Meteorologist A.J. Burnett shared his knowledge of New England weather along with his take on last year's Springfield tornado.

Richard Clark brought "Atticus Finch" from To Kill a Mockingbird to life on June 4th.

Local resident Neil Kaufman shared his enthusiasm and knowledge of Military Aviation history on June 7th.

Ron McAdow, Director of Sudbury Valley Trustees, described the evolution of Massachusetts' landscape and flora and fauna on June 14. All of these programs were excellent!

This month, on July 11th, the Senior Center hosted the annual Summer Barbecue with Ben Sears and Brad Connor offering a "Musical Salute to Fenway Park at 100". A delicious barbecue dinner was provided by Heritage Assisted Living of Framingham.

Throughout July and August, the Senior Center is showing "The History of Ancient Egypt", a DVD from the Teaching Company. On Mondays, we serve popcorn, drinks and show a classic movie at 12:30 PM. On Thursday, we serve pizza from Sudbury Pizza at noon, and show a current movie at 12:30 PM. The Senior Center is looking forward to a special program on August 1st – Midsummer Joy. Local resident and New Black Eagle Jazz Band pianist, Bob Pilsbury will perform classic jazz, swing and boogie woogie at 1:00 PM. We are so pleased to have him return for an encore show!

In addition we have many wellness programs! Stop in, cool off, have a snack and enjoy your Senior Center.

Town Clerk

With the sunny days of summer upon us, many non-profit organizations look to fun community events as a way to raise funds for their cause. An entertaining activity and a great source of revenue for charitable organizations, raffles are a mainstay of many fundraisers. Civic, veteran, fraternal, religious, educational and recreational non-profit organizations interested in conducting a raffle in Sudbury can apply for a Permit to Conduct Raffles and Bazaars at the Town Clerk's office. New permits are \$25 and renewals are \$10. The Raffle/Bazaar Permit is good for an unlimited number of raffles or 3 bazaars over the course of 1 year from the date of permit issue. For details or to obtain applications and information, you may call 978-639-3351 or visit the Town Clerk's office at 322 Concord Rd.

Wedding bells are ringing in Sudbury! In June and July alone, the Town Clerk's office has received eight intentions of marriage. Are you or someone you know thinking about tying the knot in Massachusetts? Be sure to apply for a marriage license less than 60 but more than three days before the wedding.

Marriage intentions (the official marriage license request process) may be filed anywhere in Massachusetts for an in-state wedding, not just the city or town where the event is being held. You and your fiancée will need to come in together, answer a few questions and complete three forms. ID will only be required if either person filing their intentions appears to be under the age of eighteen. Some important information to have on hand prior to filing the intentions includes: surnames to be used after the wedding, past and present surnames of parents, name of the wedding officiant, and location of the ceremony. Please allow at least 30 minutes to complete the process. After the wedding, you will receive a certified marriage certificate, and if you require additional copies in the future, they will be permanently available at the Town Clerk's office.

Voter Alert! The September 6th State Primary is fast approaching and the deadline for voter registration is Friday, August 17. The Town Clerk's office will be open till 8:00 p.m. that Friday to accommodate residents wishing to register to vote in the election. Marriage intentions (along with other Town Clerk business) may also be filed during the extended hours.

Historic Happenings

What is going on at the Revolutionary Cemetery? There are Yellow and Red flags all over and a DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE TAPE.

Back at the 2010 Town Meeting, residents approved a Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Historical article to use Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) to search for grave stones and sites which are unmarked and may be buried in the ground over time. In layman's terms, GPR operates by transmitting pulses of ultra-high frequency radio waves down into the ground through a transducer or antenna. The transmitted energy is reflected from the buried objects between earth materials. The antenna then receives the reflected waves and stores them in a digital control unit.

A contract was awarded to Topographix LLC Hudson, NH in 2012 for a ground penetrating radar study including 3-D. Modeling at the Revolutionary War Cemetery, Bob Perry, owner operator. That work is ongoing at the cemetery NOW. The yellow flags are marking possible grave sites. The red flags are marking the areas for each section of the study. We have marked 976 possible grave sites. Our summer interns have physically marked the grave site with a ten inch spike driven through a half inch washer driven into the ground. The washer was labeled with the flag number on both sides. This will enable us to locate the exact location of the flag point after removal of all the flags. PeopleGIS, Arlington MA, created an online map that allows mapping accuracy of the cemetery with the mapped flag locations. Ryan Norton, our GIS intern, was able to add the Revolutionary War Cemetery paper map as a layer so you can see where flags are in relation to existing tomb stones.

The Historical Commission requests that you do not enter the cemetery until the DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE tape is removed, but come view the flags from the parking lot behind the Town Hall. It is Impressive that we have so many of our early citizens buried here.

We do not plan on digging up any of these grave sites. If we identify grave markers, they will not be disturbed at this time.

Park and Recreation Department

8TH ANNUAL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

With the help of contributions from local business, we are able to provide you with wonderful nights of family fun throughout the summer. Join us! Bring friends, family, a picnic dinner, a blanket or chairs, and even your dancing shoes! All of these community events are FREE and will be held on Monday nights at Haskell Field beginning at 7:00pm. In the event of rain, all concerts will be held across the street at the Fairbank Community Center Gym.

JULY 23th - Family Fun Night featuring The Toe Jam Puppet Band

Formed in 2000, the Toe Jam Puppet Band offers a special brand of hands-on children's entertainment that grown-ups can actually enjoy. The Dynamic group is great with kids, but best when teachers or parents are having fun with the little ones. The performances are very active, encouraging kids and parents to sing and dance along with the band as they entertain with a unique combination of original songs, masterful shadow puppetry, storytelling and just plain old good fun.

July 30th - Accent A Cappella

Accent is the first student-run a cappella group from Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School. Since its bold founding in 2004, Accent has released three full-length a cappella CDs. The group strives to bring a cappella into the mainstream by singing popular music. Accent currently consists of 16 members.

AUGUST 6th - Infractions

The Infractions, featuring the "Happening Horns," have been a mainstay in the wedding, college, and concert scene for more than seven years. Their music ranges from horn-driven Funk and Hip-Hop to contemporary Swing and Ska. They infuse alternative Rock, old school 70s, and the big 80s.

Anna Wood, Recreation Therapist running the Adaptive Sports and Recreation Program at the Park and Recreation Department, has developed a Horticulture Therapy program at the Fairbank Community Center. Anna wrote a grant that funded the purchase of four raised cedar beds filled with plants from local greenhouses. The raised beds are filled with herbs and flowers that will be harvested for goal-oriented programming this summer and fall.

Due to limited distribution of the June 29th Newsletter, some of this information may be a duplication.