

# TOWN OF SUDBURY

## Town Manager Newsletter

### June 2014

#### **Message from the Town Manager**

Greetings! I am pleased to be back from a two week vacation – much needed after Annual Town Meeting adjourned. Unlike a City Council form of government, a Town Meeting form of government requires that all the major appropriation and financial decisions for the Town’s governmental entities – the Municipal government, Sudbury Public Schools, and Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School – be made at one time, once a year, at the Annual Town Meeting. Although the Board of Selectmen can call for Special Town Meetings during the year as special opportunities arise, the Annual Town Meeting is required by state law and is the primary business meeting of the Town. Sudbury’s Annual Town Meeting went three nights, and a number of important initiatives were considered and approved by the residents who attended the meeting. Staff for the Town, SPS and L-S will now get to work on these initiatives. Some of the most important related to the Town’s capital improvement plans. Final bidding documents are being prepared for the new Police Station, plans are moving forward to repair the parking lot and walkways at Nixon Elementary School, and L-S is preparing for their new technology project, among others. It will be a busy summer for everyone and I hope yours is very pleasant.

*Sincerely, Maureen G. Valente, Town Manager*

#### **From the Selectmen’s Office**

At the May 20, 2014 Selectmen’s Meeting, the Board met for the first time since Town Meeting. For the first time in 27 years, John Drobinski was not a member of the Board of Selectmen. John served the Town on the Board of Selectmen with unselfishness, integrity and commitment for over two decades. Newest Selectman Pat Brown took her seat at the Selectmen’s table, and the Board got right down to business, taking a number of important votes.

First, they called a Special Town Election for Tuesday, June 24 and placed a capital exclusion ballot question on the Election Warrant regarding purchasing a new Fire Engine and Ambulance for the Fire Department. They also voted to terminate the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Wayland for sharing the services of a Recreation Director between Sudbury and Wayland. This agreement was put in place back in 2008, during the recession. At the time, the Town was facing the prospect of staff reduction in many departments, and sharing a Recreation Director was one way of saving a position in this department. But the Town’s recreational programs have grown in number and complexity since then, and the Recreation Commission is looking to begin a number of capital improvement projects to the Town’s playing fields and other recreation amenities. The Board agreed it is time to make the Director position full-time again, and voted to end the IMA with Wayland, and send along Sudbury’s thanks for helping us when we most needed it and being such a great partner to work with in this area. The Board also voted to continue the current IMA with the city of Marlborough for establishing a Regional Veteran’s District, an arrangement that has worked well providing veteran’s services to residents of Sudbury and Marlborough. In the most

contentious vote of the night, the Board voted by a 3-2 margin to elect current Vice Chair Chuck Woodard to be the next Chairman of the Board.

At their next meeting, on June 10, the Board continued to determine their leadership for this year by electing Selectman Pat Brown as the Vice-Chair. They also interviewed and voted to appoint Alice Sapienza and Elizabeth Ingersoll to be the newest members of the Council on Aging, and approved the appointment of several residents to the Conservation Commission and the Historical Commission.

On June 25, the Board approved an agreement with Lincoln-Sudbury Youth Baseball (LSYB) to accept a \$232,051 gift to the Town in order to make improvements to a portion of Upper Featherland Softball field. This plan had the support of the Sudbury Park and Recreation Commission, and six other user groups who schedule their softball games and practices at this field. This gift will allow the Town to bid out the improvement work this summer and begin construction this fall. The picture below shows the Board accepting the check from LSYB, along with Park and Recreation Director Nancy McShea.



*Above: Left to right, Selectmen O'Brien and Haarde, Mike Walsh, Park and Recreation Director Nancy McShea, Al Fordiani, Selectmen Chair Woodard, a member of one of the Field's user groups, and Park & Recreation Commission Member Jim Marotta accept the gift to fund improvements to Upper Featherland Softball field.*

*Please note: the brief description of the Board meeting found here is only designed to give a quick snapshot of those agenda items that received the most time at the Board meetings. They are not meant to be exhaustive on materials received by the Board or all comments on agenda items. For a complete understanding of the items at each Board meeting, please go to [SudburyTV.org](http://SudburyTV.org) for a replay of the meeting or review the minutes of Board meetings, found on the Town's web site.*

### **Accounting Department**

It's a busy time in Accounting as we wrap up FY14 and prepare for the new year. Department heads are asked to reconcile your statements which you are receiving on a weekly basis during the month of June and report any discrepancies you may find to us as soon as possible. All FY14 bills must be submitted by July 7th. Carry forwards must also be received by this date.

On a personal note, I'm delighted to be here in Sudbury as the new Town Accountant and thank you for the warm welcome I've received. We have another transition on the horizon in our department as our Accounts Payable clerk Marilyn Reiman will be retiring at the end of July after many years of service to the Town. I'm sure you all join me in wishing her well in her retirement.

*Submitted by: Christine Nihan, Town Accountant*

### **Assessors Department**

With the onset of Fiscal Year 2015 quickly approaching (July 1st), I cannot think of a better time to mention a few available property tax exemption programs. These long-established programs provide a measure of tax relief for some of our disabled veterans, certain surviving spouses (with limited assets), legally blind citizens, and certain income and asset restricted senior citizens. The programs briefly mentioned within this writing have been in place for many years, but may not be as well-known as Sudbury's popular new Means Tested Senior Exemption Program. The benefits associated with each of the programs are partially reimbursed by the Commonwealth. We encourage you to get in touch with our office for further information on any of the programs, or to request application materials: 978-639-3395 [gerryrc@sudbury.ma.us](mailto:gerryrc@sudbury.ma.us).

Basically, an exemption discharges the taxpayer from the legal obligation to pay a portion of the property tax. Unlike tax deferrals, exemptions do not have to be paid back. Exemptions are found in various clauses of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 5 (M.G.L. c. 59, § 5). Some of the common personal exemptions conferred under M.G.L. c. 59, § 5 are available to certain Disabled Veterans; Seniors or Surviving Spouses or Minor Children of a Deceased Parent; Legally Blind Persons; and Seniors (of limited means).

#### **Veterans (disabled): Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22D, 22E, Paraplegics**

Clauses 22 etc. provides exemption to disabled veterans and spouses of qualifying disabled veterans. The minimum disability rating is 10%. You must provide the assessors with whatever information is reasonably required to establish eligibility, including Certification of a service-connected disability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) or branch of U.S. military service from which discharged. The minimum base exemption amount for Clause 22 Veterans is \$400 per year (and may be higher with increased levels of disability). For information on the Massachusetts Disabled Veteran's Exemption Programs please contact the Assessor's office.

#### **Seniors or Surviving Spouses or Minor Child (of deceased parent): Clauses 17C/17D**

Clauses 17C/ 17D provides exemption to (1) seniors, (2) surviving spouses, and (3) minor children with a deceased parent, who meet specific ownership, occupancy and asset requirements. Seniors 70 or older may, alternatively, qualify for an exemption under Clauses 41C which provide a higher benefit, but have stricter eligibility requirements. Clause 17 is the basic exemption for the three categories of taxpayers. The base exemption amount for this program is \$286.00 per year. For information on the Clause 17 programs please contact the Assessor's office.

**Legally Blind Persons: Clause 37A**

Clause 37A provides exemption for legally blind persons who meet specific occupancy and ownership requirements. The base exemption amount is \$500.00 per year. For information on the Clause 37A program please contact the Assessor's office.

**Seniors (over age 65/limited financial means): Clause 41C**

Clause 41C provides exemption for those qualifying seniors over the age 65 with limited income and assets. Please contact the Assessor's Office for program details. The base amount of this exemption is \$1,000.00.

The following statement applies for each of the above mentioned programs: You must own and occupy the property as your domicile. All eligibility requirements must be met as of July 1 of the tax year (fiscal year of cities and towns begins July 1 and ends the following June 30). An application must be filed annually. Fiscal year 2015 applications may be filed on or after July 1, 2014, and not later than March 31, 2015. Filing on time is required. By law, the assessors may not waive this filing deadline, nor act on a late application, for any reason. Filing an application does not entitle you to delay your tax payment.

*Submitted by: Cynthia Gerry, Director of Assessing*

**Building Inspection Department**

Summer construction is going strong in Sudbury. We have three residential subdivisions under construction with houses being built on Huckleberry Lane, Bostonian Way and Arboretum Way. It's been a while since we have seen this much single family construction at one time. The residential community, Dudley Brook Preserve at Tall Pine Drive, has 10 of its 26 units in different stages of construction, and the Coolidge is in the finishing stages.



*Left: Construction of a new home at Dudley Brook Preserve.*

In addition to construction, the annual inspections of daycare centers and camps are the focus of our attention during the early part of summer.

*Submitted By: Mark Herweck, Building Inspector*

### **Department of Public Works**

All the streets and roads have been swept and centerline has been striped on all the main and secondary roads. Crosswalks and stop line are in the process of being painted and should be completed sometime this summer.

Dudley Road walkway is progressing, trees and stumps have been removed, subgrade has been excavated and backfilled with gravel.

The stone walls at the town center are completed. The next step is to obtain an Order of Conditions from the Conservation Commission. This project is to be heard on June 30, 2014.



*Above: Stone walls in Historic Sudbury Center*

Under the Winter Rapid Recovery Road Program, \$113,338.00 was released to the Town for repairs to roads. This money was used to resurface Elderberry Circle, Flintlock Lane, Musket Lane, Starview Drive and Woodmere Drive.

*Submitted by: I. William Place, P.E./Director of Public Works/Town Engineer*

### **Facilities Department**

For several years, the Town staff has been working for the resolution to the abandoned, neglected, dilapidated, and unsafe buildings at 11 August Road. For the past 16 months, the property has been in foreclosure following a tax taking. This property has been a problem for several years, and more than one concerned neighbor has contacted town officials about it. After a long and destructive winter, the house became more of a danger and eyesore than ever.

The Treasurer's office foreclosed on the property last month, and the Town officially took ownership. The Building Department immediately conducted an inspection and deemed the building unsafe and dangerous, thus requiring the structure to be removed immediately. The house was removed by the Department of Public Works, the property has been cleaned up and the site is no longer a nuisance. Although the process is cumbersome and it took a long time to resolve this issue, the Town staff diligently pursued the resolution and took quick action to make the neighborhood safe.



*Above Right: An abandoned house on August Road. Left: The same lot after the house was removed.*

*Submitted by: James Kelly, Combined Facilities Director*

### **Board of Health**

The Board of Health is one of 10 MetroWest towns participating in a tobacco control program funded by the MetroWest Health Foundation. A Tobacco Control Specialist recently conducted compliance checks at the eight permitted retail tobacco sales locations in Sudbury and no sales were made to an under-age person.

*Submitted by: Bob Leupold, Board of Health Director*

### **Library**

#### **Join the Library in the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade!**

The library is currently planning its participation in Sudbury's July 4 Parade, with a float and "Famous Book Characters throughout the past 375 years."

In honor of the town's birthday, the library has compiled a book list of [375 must reads](#)! If you are interested in impersonating a character from your favorite book (The Hobbit, Wizard of Oz, Charlie & The Chocolate Factory, The 3 Musketeers, Harry Potter, Alice in the Wonderland, Tom Sawyer, The Secret Garden, Little Red Riding Hood, The Hunger Games, Little Women, and many others), kindly please contact our parade volunteer



coordinator below. Need help deciding which character to impersonate? Stop by the library to check out our list.

Click here to view the book lists on Pinterest: [375 Must Reads](#)

Please contact Esmé Green if you are interested in taking part in the parade: 978-440-5515 or [greenes@sudbury.ma.us](mailto:greenes@sudbury.ma.us)

### Summer Reading



This summer the Goodnow Library will have fun programs and activities to get children excited about reading. Starting on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, stop by the children's room to sign up for the program and receive your summer reading materials: reading log, reading challenge, bookmark, sticker and tattoo!

As we spark a reading reaction, help us construct a science laboratory mural by reading all summer long! For every 5 books a child reads they will get to add a new piece of art to the children's room mural. For every 10 books read, or every reading challenge completed, children will get to vote for which Discovery Museum exhibit the library will support on behalf of all of our summer readers! Each child that participates in this year's program will be invited to our summer reading finale: A Night at the Discovery Museum and Ice Cream Party!

### Browse & Brew: Coffee comes to the Goodnow!

Thanks to the [Goodnow Library Foundation](#) and the efforts of staff, we now offer coffee at the library. The newly-minted coffee cart is located on the second floor across from the popular study rooms. During the installation on Thursday morning, one patron declared, "This library is officially the best library in the world!" We hope you will agree and come see for yourself. We have started with a sampling of regular, flavored, decaf and teas. If you have a favorite, please leave us a note in the suggestion box. This is a pilot project sponsored by the Goodnow Library Foundation and came about as a result of the focus groups it has held for various groups during the past year.



*Above Left: The new "Browse & Brew" coffee station has comfortable seating and books on display.*

*Above Right: Joe Bausk inaugurates the Keurig.*

The idea of having coffee in the library came up repeatedly, so in cooperation with library staff, the Foundation decided to give it a try. The cart, Keurig machine and other accessories were bought for with a donation from the Foundation, but ongoing coffee costs will be covered by a \$1 charge per “pod.” This will be an honor system, so one measure of success, besides use, will be people’s willingness to pay for their caffeine fix.

We hope to see you this summer at the library, and for more information about all of our programs and services, please visit our website at [www.goodnowlibrary.org](http://www.goodnowlibrary.org)

*Submitted by: Esmé Green, Library Director*

### **Park and Recreation Department**

The Park and Recreation Department now has the [Summer 2014 Program Brochure](#) available online. You can download a copy from the town website [here](#) or stop by the Fairbank Center and pick up a copy at the Recreation Department.

Below are some of our popular camp programs that still have openings available:

#### **Sudbury Summer Mini Session Openings**

WHO: Children Entering Grades K - 5 at Haskell Field & Fairbank Community Center

TIME: 8:45 AM — 3:00 PM

DATES: June 30 - July 2

COST: \$150

DURATION: 3 Days

#### **Sudbury Adventure Mini Session Openings**

WHO: Children Entering Grades 6 - 8 at Haskell Field & Fairbank Community Center

TIME: 8:45 AM — 4:00 PM \*Tuesdays until 5:00PM

COST: \$60/day or \$165 for 3 days

DURATION: 1, 2, or 3 Days!

DATES: Mon., June 30 - Mini Golf and Fun & Games Arcade & Laser Tag

Tues., July 1 - CoCo Key Water Park

Wed. July 2 - Boston Harbor Islands Ferry Trip & Beach day

#### **Sudbury Adventure Plus Day Trip Openings**

WHO: Children Entering Grades 9 - 10 at Haskell Field & Fairbank Community Center

TIME: 8:45 AM — 5:00 PM

COST: \$55/day

DATES: Tues., July 8 – Canobie Lake Park

Tues., July 15 – Water Country

Tues., July 22 – Canobie Lake Park

Tues., July 29 – Water Country



There is a lot going on at the Park and Recreation Department this summer including our annual Summer Concert Series. We will kick off this free family event beginning Monday July 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm and running



every Monday through August 4<sup>th</sup>. Join us each week as we enjoy the sounds of a different band, bring a blanket, a picnic dinner, family and friends and come down to Haskell Field. It is sure to be a fun evening for everyone. On July 21<sup>st</sup> we will have a special Family Fun Night to celebrate our department achieving National Accreditation this past October, so be sure to catch that awesome event.

Finally I would be remiss if I didn't mention the staffing changes happening in our department. Many of you know that Anna Wood, our Adaptive Sports and Recreation Specialist, left in May to pursue another position. We are in the process of filling that position as an Assistant Recreation Director/Adaptive Sports and Recreation Specialist.

On May 28, Millie Gastan retired from the Park and Recreation Department after serving the Town for 11 years. Many of you had the pleasure of seeing Millie when you came into the building as she worked at the front desk and always had a smile and a pleasant word to offer every patron entering the building. She will be greatly missed by all patrons and the staff at the Fairbanks Community Center. We wish Millie well and hope she has a fun time in her retirement!

In May the Board of Selectmen voted unanimously to rescind the intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Wayland for the shared services of the Park and Recreation Director. As a result, beginning August 1<sup>st</sup> I will be working for the Town of Sudbury full time as the new Park, Recreation and Aquatic Director. I am very much looking forward to being here full time and to working with staff on a regular basis. We have a dynamic team here in Park and Recreation and I can't wait to devote all my time and energy to this one town. I welcome all residents to stop by and share your concerns, feedback, suggestions and praise on how we can do things better, more efficiently or what things you'd like to see stay the same. All of us are here to serve you and make your experiences the best ever. I wish everyone a wonderful start to the summer season!

Finally, we have added Pickleball to our offerings at the Fairbank Center outdoor basketball courts. The court area is now lined for Pickleball and beginning shortly, any resident may stop in at the front desk to sign out Pickleball equipment, play a game and sign it back in when they are done. This is an exciting paddle ball game that is a combination of table tennis and regular tennis skills on a small court. A resident in town approached the Park and Recreation Commission and asked to make this possible as a recreation opportunity for residents, and they thought it was a great idea! If you have an idea for a recreation opportunity and want to share it with us, please stop by and let us know.

*Submitted by: Nancy McShea, CPRE, CPSI Park and Recreation Director*



### **Planning and Community Development**

The Annual Town Meeting approved all 4 articles proposed by the Planning Board, including the minor change to the definition of "shed," regulation of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, adoption of new flood plain maps under the Federal Emergency Management Act, and deletion of the existing Wastewater Treatment Facilities Bylaw, section 4500 of the Zoning Bylaw. These bylaws were all discussed in the April edition of the Town Manager's Newsletter for reference.

As the Planning Board typically does soon after Town Meeting, a discussion of goals and projects for the upcoming year was initiated in May, continued at the June 18 meeting, and will likely culminate in adoption of new and continuing directives for the Planning and Community Development staff sometime

this summer. The Board's next regularly scheduled meeting is August 13 in Town Hall. High priority projects on the Planning Board's list for this coming year include actively studying the Melon property for some sort of development, and progressing the Route 20 sewer zoning initiative. Other projects advancing in the PCD Department include Selectmen projects that were discussed at Town Meeting, including the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail preliminary design, and beginning to plan for the Mass Central Rail Trail.

In July the Regional Housing Services Office will move its location to Concord, MA, in the municipal building at 141 Keyes Road. The same high level of service will be given to Sudbury's affordable housing needs, but the staff will be located in Concord. Once that site is operational, new phone numbers and web access will be advertised and distributed.

The Planning office has also been working with the Police and DPW Departments on a Request For Proposals to lease a site for a new cell tower to be located at the DPW facility at 275 Old Lancaster Road. This facility will include specialized public safety equipment in conjunction with the new Police Station on Hudson Road, as well as private carriers.



Residents can expect to see construction begin on 2 recently approved subdivisions at 82 Maynard Road (1 lot) and 338 North Road (5 lots). All approvals have been issued and construction is expected to begin this summer. The Green Company development on Tall Pine Drive is progressing, with unit sales about to begin. The Planning Board adopted new subdivision regulations on June 18, 2014, and the final version is available at the Town Clerk's office and on the Planning Board web page.

*Submitted by: Jody Kablack, Director of Planning and Community Development*

## **Public Safety**

### **Fire Department**

In recent months I have written about the advances in the Sudbury Fire Department since we started our Advanced Life Support Service. Below you will see two pictures that really illustrate the rapid and effective interventions that our Firefighter/Paramedics are able to achieve in conjunction with the hospital.

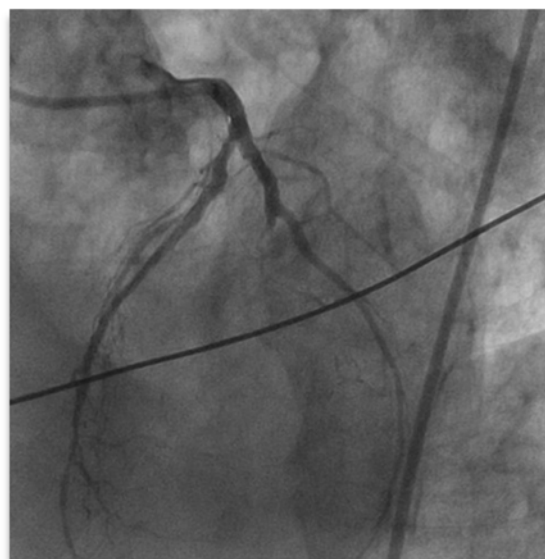
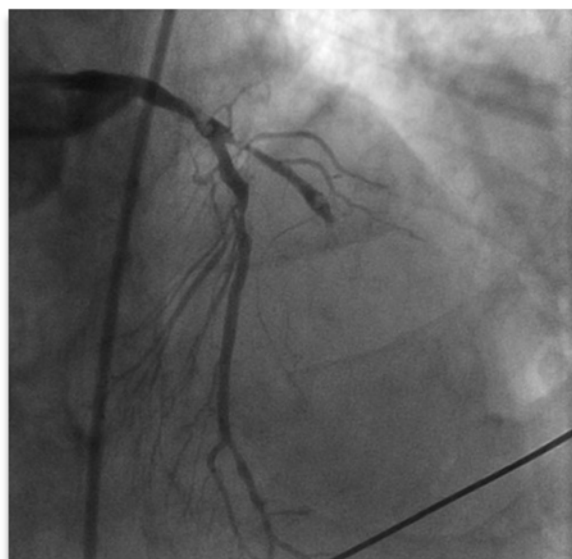
When our Paramedics arrive at your home, they carry in a lot of equipment. One important part of their gear is the cardiac monitor. A vital feature of our monitors includes the Lifenet System, which was funded by a grant from the Metrowest Medical Center. The Lifenet System allows Paramedics to transmit an Electrocardiogram (EKG) through a modem in the ambulance to the Metrowest Medical Center Emergency Room. ER Physicians are also able to receive the EKG on their cell phone or other electronic device.

The Metrowest Medical Center in Framingham is equipped with a Cardiac Catheterization Lab, allowing a physician to diagnose and treat some heart conditions. When the physician receives the EKG, he is able to diagnose whether the patient is experiencing a heart attack and whether to activate the Cardiac Catheterization Team at the hospital. A blockage in a blood vessel of the heart muscle is known as an MI, a Myocardial Infarction. An MI is an interruption in the blood flow to the muscles of the heart and causes tissue to die. An old medical adage is, "Time is Muscle," so the faster the blood flow can be restored, the better the outcome for your heart.

When the Paramedic attaches the monitor, a 12 lead EKG is performed. That gives the Medic a 360 degree view of the heart and helps to determine which area is affected by the blockage. If an ST elevation is noted in two or more areas, odds are the patient is experiencing a STEMI, an ST Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction. In the simplest terms, a STEMI is a blockage to the blood supply to the heart muscle.

As the EKG is being electronically transmitted to the hospital, the Paramedics follow standard treatment protocols and administer aspirin, nitro glycerin, oxygen, and pain medication. These treatments help to dilate the blood vessels and prevent further damage to the cardiac muscle. Upon receipt of the EKG that depicts a STEMI, the hospital would ready the Cardiac Catheterization Team.

The before and after pictures below are from the scans from an ambulance call here in Sudbury. The 911 call reported symptoms of chest discomfort and heartburn. The results of the hospital catheterization procedure can be clearly seen. In the first picture, the left anterior descending artery is blocked. After the physician removed the blockage and placed the stent, the blood flow is clearly restored to the vessel. Remembering that “Time is Muscle,” this was a tremendous outcome for this patient.



*Above: Dramatic before and after of a successful catheterization. Sudbury's Advanced Life Support Service team provided a quick ambulance response time as well as effective diagnosis and treatment by the Paramedics, helping to assure a lifesaving outcome.*

A common medical phrase in treating a STEMI is known as “Door to Balloon” time. The interval starts with the patient’s arrival in the ER, and ends when a catheter guy wire crosses the culprit lesion in the Cardiac Cath Lab and blood flow is restored. In this case, the Door to Balloon time was an extremely efficient 37 minutes. The time from the field EKG to balloon time was 61 minutes.

These pictures dramatically illustrate the team approach that is needed to prevent further heart muscle damage. From the instant a 911 call is received, our emergency medical system relies on proper dispatching procedures, a quick ambulance response time, effective diagnosis and treatment by the Paramedics, and timely intervention in the Cath Lab.

When I started on the Sudbury Fire Department more than 30 years ago, our treatment options were very limited. Other than monitoring a patient’s respirations and blood pressure and stepping on the accelerator, there was little we could do from the field to make a difference in the outcome of the patient. Extensive

Training, Teamwork and Technology have made an enormous difference in the delivery of Emergency Medical Services here in the Town of Sudbury.

*Submitted by: Bill Miles, Fire Chief*

### **Police Department**

Domestic violence transcends every community, to include Sudbury. Sudbury officers responded to 77 domestic disturbances in 2013 and we have 84 active restraining orders on file. All too often, abuse continues for lengthy periods with victims failing to report circumstances for various reasons and feeling they are alone with no assistance available. We want to demonstrate to residents in such situations that assistance is available beyond the enforcement aspects of our job. To that end, we have joined the Domestic Violence Services Network (<http://www.dvsn.org>) as a resource and continue to investigate other beneficial organizations.

Along the same lines, we partner with the Middlesex District Attorney's Office on numerous initiatives to include a recent event sponsored by the District Attorney's Office. Please see below for more details:

#### **District Attorney Marian Ryan Leads Domestic Violence Awareness Training for Salon Professionals at the Elizabeth Grady Salon**

SUDBURY – On Tuesday, June 3, Middlesex District Attorney Marian Ryan, Sudbury Chief of Police Scott Nix and representatives from the Sudbury-Wayland-Lincoln Domestic Violence Roundtable provided training for salon professionals at Elizabeth Grady in Sudbury to identify signs of domestic violence and to learn about resources available for victims of abuse.

The training marked the next step in the District Attorney's public-private partnership with Elizabeth Grady, bringing the national domestic violence prevention effort, Cut It Out, to Elizabeth Grady salons throughout Middlesex County. Elizabeth Grady operates eight salons in Middlesex.

Participants in Cut It Out Middlesex learn how to spot signs of domestic violence and how to safely refer clients to local domestic violence advocates. Specifically, the program connects participants to community-based domestic violence programs and domestic violence officers from local police departments. Tuesday's training was led by District Attorney Ryan, Chief Nix of the Sudbury Police Department, and Deborah Kenealy and Marilyn Ellsworth from the Sudbury-Wayland-Lincoln Domestic Violence Roundtable.



*Above Left: District Attorney Marian Ryan conducts Cut it Out training at Elizabeth Grady of Sudbury. Above Right: Police Chief Nix and District Attorney Ryan with the Elizabeth Grady staff who received Cut it Out*

“We are so pleased to have partnered with Elizabeth Grady in bringing this important program to its Sudbury salon,” District Attorney Ryan said. “Salon professionals are in a unique position to assist domestic violence victims who are their clients because of the intimate, and often long-term, relationship many of them develop. Educated with information about what signs might indicate abuse and what local assistance is available to clients in need, estheticians, makeup artists and massage therapists, like hair stylists, may provide a crucial bridge linking victims with resources and trained advocates who can help.”

“I appreciate the efforts of District Attorney Ryan in developing innovative partnerships like this to prevent domestic violence,” said Chief Nix. “All too often victims of domestic violence, to include Sudbury residents, feel there is nowhere to turn and/or fail to reach out for help; therefore the abuse continues. Domestic violence comes in various forms to which Sudbury is not immune.”

“Statistics show that an estimated 1 in 3 women will be victims of domestic violence at some point in their lifetime,” said Elizabeth Grady President John Walsh. “Every year, we at Elizabeth Grady are fortunate to provide services to more than 300,000 clients, and if only a fraction of them are victims, that is too many. Our dedicated and talented staff cares about the health and well-being of our clients, and now they will have the tools to help those who need it. We are thankful to District Attorney Ryan and her staff for their collaboration and for the important training they have provided.”

The Cut It Out program was conceived and first implemented in 2002 in the state of Alabama. Cut It Out: Salons Against Domestic Abuse is a program of the Professional Beauty Association Foundation. Cut It Out mobilizes salon professionals and others to fight the epidemic of domestic abuse in communities across the country by building awareness and training salon professionals to recognize warning signs and safely refer clients, friends, family and co-workers to local resources.

For more information on the program or to request training for your salon, contact Director of Community Partnerships Shawn MacMaster at 781-897-8300.

*Submitted by: Scott Nix, Police Chief*

### **Sudbury Senior Center**

The Sudbury Council on Aging said goodbye to two members in May and welcomed two new members in June. John Beeler served two 3-year terms and is retiring from the COA. He has been a valuable contributor to the mission of the Sudbury COA, including leadership on the Nutrition Committee, the Senior Community Work program working group, and planning and advocacy for the future of the Senior Center. For the past two years, Mr. Beeler participated in presentations to the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager to justify a new position at the Senior Center to support the Director. Mr. Beeler has also been a frequent volunteer at special events at the Senior Center.

Sam Merra served one 3-year term on the COA and has also taken a leadership role on the COA. In particular, Mr. Merra acted as COA Treasurer for two years, assisted with the Senior Community Work program working group, and the planning and advocacy for the future of the Senior Center. Mr. Merra worked with seniors and the Assessors office to develop a workable questionnaire for the Senior Tax Relief Program and assisted seniors in filling out financial forms for the new Tax Relief Program.

We will miss both of these excellent members as we go forward on the COA, but we have benefitted greatly from their input.

The COA welcomes Elizabeth Ingersoll and Alice Sapienza to the Council on Aging for their first 3-year terms. Elizabeth has a B.A. degree from Bennington College and an M.Ed. from Boston College. She is a retired Special Education teacher of 34 years and a volunteer with the Bridges Together program. She served on the Town of Sudbury Board of Appeals and worked in the Town of Sudbury Accounting

Office. Elizabeth is interested in contributing to quality of life issues in Sudbury and at the Sudbury Senior Center.

Alice Sapienza has a B.S. degree in Chemistry from Stonehill College and an M.A. in English from Boston College, as well as an M.B.A. and D.B.A. from Harvard College. Ms. Sapienza is a Professor Emeritus at Simmons School of Management in Boston focusing on health care leadership and management. She continues to be interested in health issues broadly defined as economic, physical, social, and mental. She is active in St. Vincent de Paul Conference at Our Lady of Fatima Parish and has been a friendly visitor for the Senior Center for several years.

We are very pleased to welcome Elizabeth and Alice to the Sudbury Council on Aging.

### **Town of Sudbury Wins Award for Innovation**

The Town of Sudbury won an Award for Innovator of the Year from the Massachusetts Councils on Aging Association and the Massachusetts Municipal Association at their annual joint meeting on June 6, 2014. The Award recognized the innovative new Means-Tested Senior Tax Exemption that became active in 2013. The new Senior Tax Exemption created by Sudbury residents Ralph Tyler and David Levington offers a property tax break to residents 65 and older who are eligible based on the Mass. Circuit Breaker Tax Credit and other qualifications. The tax break is targeted to residents who are paying more than 10% of their income on property taxes. If you are interested in information about the Senior Tax Exemption, you may call the Sudbury Senior Center at (978) 443-3055 or the Sudbury Assessors Office at (978) 639-3393. Should you need assistance with the application, Senior Center volunteers will be offering individual help sessions on Monday, July 14, Thursday, July 17 and Monday, August 11.



*Left to Right: Council on Aging Member Phyllis Bially, Council on Aging Chair Jack Ryan, Sudbury Senior Tax Exemption advocates Ralph Tyler and David Levington, Massachusetts Councils on Aging Chair Jayne Colino, Selectman O'Brien, Selectmen Chair Woodard, Selectmen Brown, Haarde and Simon accepting the Massachusetts Councils on Aging Association Innovator of the Year Award.*

*Submitted by: Debra Galloway, Senior Center Director*

### **Town Clerk**

#### **2014 Special Town Election**

The Special Town Election was held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, at two locations. Precincts 1, 1A, 2, & 5 voted at the Fairbank Community Center, 40 Fairbank Road, and Precincts 3 & 4 voted at the Town Hall, 322 Concord Road. The polls were open from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM. There were 738 votes cast, representing 6.2% of the Town's 11,932 registered voters. The final tabulation was done at Town Hall. Please visit <http://sudbury.ma.us/election/245> for a complete listing of the results.

**Voter Registration: Office Open until 8PM on August 20 and October 15**

The deadline for qualified voters to register to vote or make changes to an existing voter registration is 20 days prior to an election. The Town Clerk’s Office will offer extended hours (9AM-8PM) on the last days to register to vote in time for each election.

**2014 Scheduled Primary And Election**

Election Type	Election Date	Voter Registration Deadline
State Primary	9/9/2014	08/20/2014
State Election	11/4/2014	10/15/2014

*Submitted by: Veronica W. Craven, Asst. Town Clerk*

▶ **Volunteer Opportunities** ◀

Looking for a way to get more involved in the community? The Town Committees listed below are looking for volunteers.

To learn more about the invaluable work of these committees, please contact them directly or stop by an upcoming meeting. General information and meeting times can be found on the town website.

- ▶ Capital Improvement Advisory Committee
- ▶ Commission on Disability
- ▶ Conservation Commission
- ▶ Fairbank Community Center Study Task Force
- ▶ Memorial Day Committee
- ▶ Planning Board
- ▶ Route 20 Sewer Citizens Advisory Committee
- ▶ Sudbury Housing Trust
- ▶ Zoning Board of Appeals



Ready to apply? The committee application form is available at:

[http://sudbury.ma.us/departments/Selectmen/doc361/Blankapplicationforappointment\\_v4.pdf](http://sudbury.ma.us/departments/Selectmen/doc361/Blankapplicationforappointment_v4.pdf)