



Town of Sudbury
Town Manager Newsletter
October 2012

Message from the Town Manager

Greetings!

We have just received news of the passing of Clay Allen, a longtime resident, retired Zoning Enforcement Field Agent for the Town, and one of the finest, kindest, and most dedicated people I have ever met in my time in Sudbury. Clay and his wife June have been honored many times during their many years living in Sudbury. They both have served on numerous committees, and as his daughter said to me recently “No” and “Can’t” were words rarely used by Clay. He was a role model in how to give to make this Town he lived in and loved for so many years a better place. I already miss him very much.

The days are shorter and a little colder and rainier, so you know fall has arrived. For Town staff, as soon as October arrives, we start thinking about next May, because that is the time of the Annual Town Meeting (ATM). For nearly all the articles that are voted on at the ATM, work begins in the fall. The deadline for articles for the 2013 ATM is January 31, 2013 and that is only 14 weeks away from now. For boards and committees that meet twice per month, that means 7 meetings to begin considering articles, hearing about alternatives, discussing consequences and opportunities, involving other boards and committees in the process, and much more. And it is during this time that the public has the chance to become aware of proposed changes and ask their questions and provides their thoughts on proposals. The most significant efforts the Town has undertaken in the past 10 – 15 years have involved a great deal of preparation and study before proposals are successful at Town Meeting.

This is also the time we make sure we are prepared for winter storms to come. Last year, with the exception of the Halloween snow storm, we had a very mild winter; but typically we receive a number of snow and ice events where DPW staff are working, often overnight, to clear roads and walkways near schools. As part of our planning each year, among other activities, Town department heads meet with school heads to review the process for delay or cancellation of school; Fire Chief Bill Miles and the CERT team (Citizen’s Emergency Response Team) review the process for opening the Fairbank Center as the Town’s primary shelter; and COA Director Debra Galloway makes sure the Emergency Call List is up to date, which the COA uses to call seniors who sign up for the service when severe weather is approaching.

Sincerely, *Maureen G. Valente, Town Manager*

From the Selectmen’s office

The Board had two regular Selectmen’s meetings during October. October 2nd was a short meeting and the primary agenda item to report on is the Board’s annual meeting with the Sudbury Access Corporation (SAC) as required by the Town’s contract with SAC. SAC president Jeff Winston and Executive Director Lynn Puorro shared with the Board good news on several fronts: programming has been expanded by several new regular offerings, including a cooking show, a news show, and a Saturday night movie program. Efforts to train more residents on how to use the equipment owned by SAC continues, and the goal of offering live cable programming on a streaming web basis has finally been achieved. More Town government meetings are being regularly taped, and a major capital project – adding remote cameras to the Silva Meeting Room in the Flynn Building – has been completed. The Board voted to accept the report in fulfillment of the contract requirements, and the report can be found on *SudburyTV.org* web site.

On October 16th, the Board met and discussed potential next steps related to the Fairbank Community Center. The Town's Facilities Director Jim Kelly and the Permanent Building Committee (PBC) strongly recommended that part of the roof area of the Fairbank be replaced now, based on a Town-wide roof study that was conducted during 2010 and the number of leaks and areas of roof failure already being experienced. But an article considered at the Special Town Meeting last month failed to get the necessary two-thirds vote for approval, apparently due to suggestions and questions about the possibility of a future expansion of the Community Center complex. At the BOS meeting, Jim and PBC Co-chair Mike Melnick again urged that the roof be replaced as quickly as possible.

A plan was developed to form an *ad hoc* task force to study two items as expeditiously as possible: first, if there is a desire for an expanded building, what specifically does this mean – how much additional space, what kind of rooms, how would the space be used? Second, how long would it take to do the fundraising for a building larger than we currently have? What is the experience of other towns that have built or redeveloped existing community centers as far as costs and sources of revenue to pay for the construction costs? With this information, the Selectmen, PBC, and others can give further thought to the best timing for dealing with the issue of the failing roof on the Fairbank Center.

In other items, the site plan hearing for the proposed redevelopment of the Colonial Auto property as a bank was postponed, at the request of the applicant, to Wednesday, November 7 at 8:30 p.m. The Selectmen voted to place two ballot questions on the Warrant for the Town's Special Election to be held on December 4 – a debt exemption question for the cost of the Nixon Elementary School roof replacement/repair project and acceptance of the Means Tested Senior Citizen Property Tax special act. They also voted to approve the Purchase and Sale agreement for preservation of the Pantry Brook Farm, as authorized by the 2012 Annual Town Meeting, voted to release Executive Session minutes no longer requiring Executive Session status, and ratified the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Sudbury and the Sudbury Police Union. That MOU can be found on the Town's web site.

Special Act on Changing from Three to Five Selectmen Update

As mentioned in my last newsletter, Special Town Meeting voted in favor of a petition article to increase the number of Selectmen from three to five. Representative Tom Conroy has sent the following e-mail to the Selectmen's Office relative to the Special Act of the legislature that would be required to make this change in the Town's charter, which was created by Special Act in 1994.

"I posted this on the OneSudbury facebook page last night. Jamie Eldridge and I are pushing the bill through the legislature as fast as we can, as I said earlier. We got it out of the House Rules Committee already and it's in the Joint Committee on Municipalities. I've arranged for the bill to be voted on by the committee next week, and I expect it to be voted upon favorably. Once that happens, I'll be in touch with the Steering and Policy Committee chair about where the bill goes next. The bill number is H4471, but I regret to inform the group that the www.mass.gov/legislature website is not being updated as regularly as we would like, so there's no public record on it yet for the bill status. BTW, I have been receiving numerous emails, letters, and phone calls from Sudbury residents on both sides of this matter: one side asking for my support for the bill and the other side asking for an amendment to the legislation mandating a town-wide ballot vote".

Sudbury Celebrates 375/Sudbury Day

An informal, get-acquainted meeting will be held on Thursday, November 1st at 7:30 p.m. in the Flynn Building Thompson Room with residents who have indicated an interested in serving on the Sudbury Celebrates 375/Sudbury Day Committee. At that time, we will ask those in attendance if they wish to be formally appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve on the Committee to help celebrate this major event in Sudbury's rich history. If you would like to attend to hear what was done in the past, what might be done in 2014, what other towns have done, please feel free to attend. We will welcome your ideas and your enthusiasm.

Assistant Town Manager

Veterans appreciation Luncheon for Sudbury Veterans of All Ages

Wednesday, November 14 12:00 noon

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CPT. THOM KENNEY

Sudbury Senior Center/Fairbank Community Gym

40 Fairbank Road, Sudbury

Reserve your space by calling: (978) 443-3055

Welcome Home SPC James Eckersley!

Specialist James "Jake" Eckersley is returning home after three years of service with the United States Army. After graduation from Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School in 2009, Jake enlisted as a Calvary Scout and was sent to Fort Knox, Kentucky for basic training. In early 2010, SPC Eckersley was assigned for further training at Fort Hood, Texas, and later deployed to Southern Iraq in 2011. He was awarded "Soldier of the Month" in November 2010.

Jake expects to start college in January. SPC Eckersley is the son of Nancy Eckersley, who lives in Sudbury, and Dennis Eckersley, who resides in Ipswich with Jake's step mother, Jennifer. Jake also has two sisters, Allie and Mandee.

Welcome Home, Jake, and thank you for your service!

Submitted by the Office of the Assistant Town Manager

Board of Health

The Board of Health will be conducting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday, October 27, 9 a.m. – 1 P.M. at Curtis Middle School, 22 Pratt's Mill Road. No latex paint, motor oil, auto batteries, mercury thermometers, alkaline batteries, fluorescent light bulbs will be accepted but can be taken to the town transfer station with a recycling permit. See Sudbury.ma.us/services/health for a list of hazardous materials.

Department of Public Works

Snowplowing and Snow Removal Procedures

This information is to provide residents of the Town of Sudbury a general overview of the plan of operation that the Department of Public Works puts into place when we have a snowstorm. Hopefully this will answer questions you may have regarding the DPW snow policy.

Snow Plowing Operations

When the snow starts falling, sanding and salting operations begin first with the major roadways, schools and Town facilities. Anti-icing is an important phase in dealing with snowfall. It prevents the snow from becoming compacted and frozen to the road surface.

When the snowfall continues and three inches of snow has accumulated, the plowing operations begin — again with the major roadways, secondary roads, schools and Town facilities. The main objective is to keep the roads passable during a storm.

Public Works Department personnel are well trained and dedicated to work "around-the-clock" if necessary to keep all roadways open and passable.

When the snow stops, crews plow spots and drifting snow. The snow is pushed back at necessary.

Every storm is different. The more the resources are taxed. equipment, and, of course,



continue to monitor roads for icy sidewalks around school zones are different intersections if

longer the duration of the storm, This includes salt, sand, employees.

With your assistance and patience, the DPW will be able to provide the Town with important functions of our winter maintenance operation.

Plow Damage

The Town is not responsible for damaged lawns, sprinkler heads, fences, steps, trees, shrubs or other private property, i.e., basketball hoops, that are located within the Town's right-of-way which is approximately 10-12' back from edge of road pavement.

The Town will only be responsible for mailboxes that are physically hit by a plow. Mailboxes pushed over from the force of plowed snow are not covered.

Town plows cannot be hired or requested by residents to clear driveways or walkways.

Winter Tips

Pay close attention to weather forecasts. Remember: freezing rain and wet snow cause dangerous road conditions. Motorists are advised to stay off the roadways if possible until DPW crews get the pavement treated. Drive cautiously.

On-street parking is prohibited during snow and ice storms and snow and ice removal operations.

The DPW director is authorized to have any vehicle removed during snow or ice operations. Owners are liable for costs of removal/storage and subject to \$50 daily fine.

How You Can Be of Assistance

- Check your mailbox to make sure it and the post are in good condition.
- Please observe the on-street parking snow ban which is in effect during snow and ice storms when plowing and sanding operations are taking place. The on-street parking ban starts in November and ends in April.
- Reduce your speed and drive carefully.
- Do not attempt to pass a sander or plow. These units weigh over 40,000 lbs. and are not easily maneuvered.
- Do not allow children to make snow forts at the edge of the road.
- Do not plow, blow or throw snow into the roadway. There is a \$50 penalty fee for violation of this Town Bylaw. Make sure your contractor is aware of this policy.
- For your own safety, please shovel out the fire hydrant located nearest to your house.
- Keep nearby catch basins clear of snow or ice to prevent street flooding during snow melting periods.

And last, but not least, please be patient. Snow plowing is a time-consuming and laborious job covering approximately 140 miles of roadway in the Town of Sudbury.

With your cooperation, we will all have a safe and enjoyable winter season. Thank you!

Contact

Please feel free to call the Department of Public Works at (978) 443-2209, ext. 1221, for further information. We'll be more than happy to help you.

Free sand is available to residents at the public works yard -5 gallon pail maximum

NO COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES

Submitted by DPW Director

Public Safety

Police Department

On 10-6-2012 at approximately 9:07 PM officers responded to a Maynard Farm Circle residence in reference to a 911 call reporting someone trying to gain entry to the residence via a second story window having climbed a ladder placed against the structure. The subject was described as a white male, late teens with short light colored hair, slim build wearing a white polo type shirt. A search of the area by officers and a Framingham K9 unit yielded negative results. The scene was processed for physical evidence.

The investigation initially focused on a subject given information provided by the residents but to this point that subject has been ruled out. Given this development we wanted residents to be aware of the circumstances and request if anyone has information that may be of assistance please contact the Sudbury Police Department Detectives at (978) 443-1042. The incident remains under investigation. Patrols remain vigilant in monitoring their sectors.

On September 27th a 911 call was received reporting a Wagonwheel Road residence had been broken into. Officers responded determining it was a past break with the suspect(s) having fled. The preliminary investigation revealed a number of items had been taken to include jewelry.

One of the responding officers, who had returned from Framingham District Court a short time earlier, recalled observing two males he felt were acting in a suspicious manner a limited distance from the break. His attention was drawn to the two who had a motorcycle parked on the sidewalk in an odd manner and appeared to be nervous given the presence of the cruiser passing by. The officer noted the registration, having a gut feeling something may be awry.

After finishing the initial investigation the officer returned to the station where the motorcycle plate was run through the Registry of Motor Vehicles/Criminal History Systems Board. This revealed the registered owner had an extensive criminal history to include breaking and entering. As well, the Medfield Police Department had recently queried the registration plate. In contacting the Medfield Police it was learned they had two individuals under arrest for receiving stolen property, one of whom was the registered owner of the motorcycle previously seen in the area of the break. Apparently, a detail officer walking by a vehicle observed numerous pieces of jewelry strewn about the vehicle that appeared out of the ordinary. He in turn notified the station initiating an investigation resulting in the arrest.

The victims of the Wagonwheel break were escorted by Sudbury detectives to the Medfield Police Department where a number of pieces of jewelry were identified as being theirs. During this process, a Landham Road resident returned home to report his residence had been broken into as well. Correspondence between detective on scene at the most recent break as well as those at Medfield Police resulted in items from that break being positively identified.

As a result of the investigation, to this point, William Bourque (44) of 9 Arthur Street in Framingham, MA has been charged with 2 counts of breaking and entering in the daytime with intent to commit a felony, 2 counts of larceny from a building, 1 count of wanton destruction of property. To the best of our knowledge Bourque was already being held on \$10,000 cash bail as the result of the Medfield arrest. The investigation remains ongoing as to gathering further evidence for prosecution as well as identifying the accomplice believed to be with Bourque.

As always, we recommend residents remain diligent in monitoring their neighborhoods, which they know best, as well as keeping their houses/vehicles secure at all times. Often times, in conducting a canvass of the area after a break has been reported, information is received regarding suspicious activity noticed during the event that if we had been notified immediately may have prevented and/or assisted in the investigation. We would rather be proactive in investigating suspicious persons/vehicles/activity reported by residents than wait for a circumstance to occur where we are further behind in the ability to provide a successful outcome. Residents should not hesitate to call nor feel they are being bothersome in reporting suspicious activity. If something feels awry, please call with as detailed information as possible. The smallest piece of information can sometimes be the most beneficial in breaking a case.

Submitted by Lieutenant Scott Nix on behalf of Sudbury Police Department

Library

Celebrate Halloween at the Goodnow Library!

MONSTER MASH PAJAMA STORYTIME



Thursday, October 25 at 7:00 PM **Children are invited to wear their Halloween Costume for a PJ storytime about monsters! Ages 3 & Up**



STORYTIME FUN

Friday, October 26, at 10:30 AM

Join Miss Victoria for Halloween storytime fun!

Ages 2 ½ & Up

HALLOWEEN STORYTIME & PUMPKIN PARADE

Wednesday, October 31 at 11:00 AM



Come dressed in your costumes, enjoy stories and crafts with Miss Heather and then go Trick-or-Treating around the Goodnow Library! All ages: Registration Required

Staff will be handing out candy, stickers, erasers, and pencils at the Pumpkin Stations.

Submitted by Library Director

Planning and Community Development

The Planning Board has reviewed and approved the preliminary plan for 40 Tall Pine Drive, proposed as 26 age restricted condominiums by the Green Company. The development would include demolition of the existing office space formerly occupied by Jones and Bartlett Publishers. No construction can begin until a definitive application has been submitted and approved.

The Planning Board also approved a subdivision known as Peter's Way Extension, located off Concord Road. This subdivision creates one lot for development, and completes a land swap between the Bartlett family and the Town for a one acre parcel of land to be used for cemetery purposes at the New Town Cemetery. The land swap was approved as Article 27 at the 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

The Town is currently reviewing a proposal from Northern Bank and Trust Company to construct a new bank and drive-through canopy at the corner of Union Avenue and Boston Post Road, at the site of Colonial Auto. The location of the building, grading for the septic system, access to the property and architecture are items of particular interest to the various boards. A site plan public hearing has been scheduled by the Selectmen for November 7, 2012 at 8:30 pm at Town Hall. The application is on file at the Planning and Community Development office, and the Selectmen's office.

Construction is nearly complete on the Sudbury Housing Authority duplex units which are in 5 different locations in Sudbury. A ribbon cutting has been scheduled at one of the new homes at 19 Greenwood Avenue on November 1, 2012 at 10:30 a.m.

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is accepting applications for FY13 funding until November 2, 2012. The CPC will meet with project sponsors to discuss the applications on December 5th and 19th in anticipation of preparing their warrant articles by the end of January, 2013. The proposals will be on the CPC website in early November for public review.

Submitted by the Director of Planning and Community Development

The Sudbury Senior Center

New Classes

In October and November, several classes begin including the "How Art Became Modern", T.E.D. Talks (held at the Goodnow Library), "Random Events that Changed History", "A Series featuring Gershwin" and "What was the Cuban Missile Crisis"? New sessions of fitness classes are starting as well, including: Zumba, Fit for the Future, Tap Dance, Yoga and Strength classes. We are looking forward to the first annual Sudbury Halloween 5K and Senior Stride (run or walk) on Sunday, October 28. Several of our FitWalk walkers will be participating.

Special Programs

Seniors who have questions about their tech devices have been signing up for our Teen Tech Days at the Senior Center. Student volunteers from Lincoln-Sudbury High School come twice a month to meet with seniors and assist with laptops, software, social networking, email, cell phones and more. In November, the focus will be on email questions. Call the Senior Center to schedule your appointment.

Another program that we are fortunate to offer is the “Current Events” group. Volunteer Facilitator Richard Nesmith makes sure every voice is heard and keeps the topics lively. First and third Thursdays at the Senior Center, please call to let us know that you would like to join the group.

Fall Prevention

Thirty-seven people attended our Fall Prevention Awareness Day on Saturday, September 22. The Sudbury Senior Center worked with the Sudbury Board of Health Nurse, Allison Latta and Parmenter Community Health Care to organize “Fall Prevention Day”. Along with healthy brunch food, the day featured Tai chi and Yoga talks and demonstrations, as well as “stories from the front” from Sudbury Fire Department Lieutenant Kevin Cutler, and fall prevention strategies from Occupational Therapist Terrie Banhazl, Supervisor of Rehab. Sue Rushfirth and Board of Health Nurse Allison Latta. The most important information: Falls can be prevented!

Veterans

Looking ahead to November, the Sudbury Senior Center and the Sudbury Military Support Network will celebrate Sudbury’s Veterans with a special luncheon on Wednesday, November 14 at noon. Wayside Inn will be catering this luncheon and we are pleased to announce special guest, Captain Thom Kenney will be speaking. Veterans and spouses are invited to register at the Sudbury Senior Center by calling (978) 443-3055.

Veterans Transportation to Hospitals

We would also like to let veterans know that the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority offers free transportation to the VA hospitals in West Roxbury and Jamaica Plain, as well as the Boston hospitals in the Longwood Medical area. For information or to register please contact Lisa Long, Call Center Manager, at (508) 820-4650.

Holiday Bazaar!

The Friends of Sudbury Seniors has planned a very special “Holiday Bazaar” this year. Come and browse the various tables with delicious baked goods, jewelry, and handmade crafts. This year, Sudbury Coldwell Banker Real Estate is sponsoring Magician Jim Munsey for the grade schools, and we will have special guest: Tommy the Balloon Guy, showing us how he makes balloon animals! The Bazaar will be held at the Fairbank Community Gym and Sudbury Senior Center on Saturday, November 10 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Mercury Removal and Disposal Program

Ed Gottmann, the Senior Center Volunteer Coordinator, has organized a Mercury Removal program at the Senior Center. Sudbury seniors can bring their old mercury fever thermometers to the Senior Center and receive a new Vicks digital fever thermometer donated by Kaz, Inc. of Southborough. Lenny Simon of Sudbury has generously volunteered his time to be at the Senior Center on Saturday, October 20 and October 27 from 9:00 – 11:30 AM to help with the collection and exchange.

Submitted by Sudbury Senior Center Director

Town Clerk

State (Presidential) Election is Tuesday, November 6, 2012

- **Polls open on Election Day at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.**
- **There are two polling locations in Sudbury:**

Precincts 1, 1A, 2 and 5 vote at Fairbank Community Center, 40 Fairbank Road.
Precincts 3 and 4 vote at the Lower Town Hall, 322 Concord Road.

Voters may visit the Town website at <http://sudbury.ma.us/> to look up their precinct by address, view Specimen Ballots and find Absentee ballot information.

Voters may click on the website to print out an Absentee Ballot Application or come into the Town Clerk's office at the Town Hall, 322 Concord Rd, 9:00 AM until 5:00 PM, to fill out an application. For further information call (978) 639-3351.

Absentee Ballot Application Deadline is 12 Noon on Monday, November 5, 2012.

Submitted by: Town Clerk