



Town of Sudbury
Town Manager Newsletter
July/August 2013

Message from the Town Manager

Greetings! I hope you are enjoying the summer thus far. Summer is the time for family vacations, cookouts, and hot, humid days. I hope everyone is looking out for children and seniors as the heat wave continues. The Goodnow Library and the Senior Center are great places to visit anyway, but they can also be great places to cool off on a hot day (or evening for the Library). Keep cool, keep hydrated, and keep safe.

The great news for Sudbury is that there was tremendous turnout for the special election held on June 25th, indicating a lot of interest in the Selectmen's race and the ballot questions. As you may have already heard, Len Simon and Chuck Woodard were elected to the two new seats on the Board of Selectmen, and both the Town Center project and the Police Station design and engineering questions were approved by voters. Staff has already moving forward with work on the two projects, and the new Selectmen have begun digging into the many issues that the Board will be facing in FY14.

I am pleased to announce that I have appointed Lt. Scott Nix, who has been serving as the Interim Police Chief for the past several months, to be Sudbury's next Police Chief. Chief Nix is a Sudbury resident and has been with the Department since 1993. He has been serving as the Department's executive officer (second in command) since 2010. He will be sworn in on July 30, 2013 at 7:15 pm in Lower Town Hall, just before the Board of Selectmen's meeting starts at 7:30 pm. The Public is invited to the ceremony.

Sincerely, *Maureen G. Valente, Town Manager*

From the Selectmen's office

The Selectmen met on July 9th – their first meeting since the election. The first order of business was swearing in the two new Selectmen. Town Clerk Rosemary Harvell administered the oath of office to Len and Chuck, and many Sudbury committee members, residents and Town department heads came to witness the historic occasion as Sudbury moved from a three to a five member Board of Selectmen. Len was joined by his wife Gail, and Chuck by his wife Lisa as they took the oath of office.



The Board then interviewed and approved the appointment of the following residents to Town committees: Carmine Gentile to the Council on Aging, Fred Bautze to the Historical Commission, and Thomas Friedlander to the Conservation Commission. The Board also re-appointed a number of residents for continuation of service to various boards and committees they have been serving on.

As part of their Consent Calendar, the Board accepted gifts and grants for a number of purposes, accepted a walkway easement, and granted a special permit for a “Bike MS: Minuteman Ride” on July 20. In miscellaneous items, the Board discussed and then reached agreement on which Selectmen will serve as liaison to some Town committees, and where there was a membership role, which Selectmen will serve as a member. They authorized the Town Manager to sign a contract with a consulting firm for property assessment services, and to send a letter to State legislators regarding double poles legislation.

The Board determined that three important issues would be on their next agenda: discussions regarding the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and the proposed softball field construction project at Lincoln Sudbury High School, and a report from the Route 20 Wastewater committee.

Finally, the Board voted in new officers for FY14. John Drobinski was elected as the new Chairman and Chuck Woodard was elected as the Vice-Chairman.

Sincerely, *Mauveen G. Valente, Town Manager*

Further from the Selectmen’s Office

The Town’s database is being updated to reflect the appointments described above and letters will be mailed very shortly. It is incumbent upon each appointee (new or re-appointed) to be sworn in by either the Town Clerk or a Notary Public. This must be done prior to sitting on a board or committee and participating in a vote or decision. Welcome to FY14 and for volunteering your time and talents to serve your community. It is deeply appreciated.

Inasmuch as I will be retiring on July 31st, this particular Newsletter contribution from the Selectmen’s Office will be my last. I would like to take this opportunity, after nearly 17 years, to say farewell to those of you with whom I have worked, corresponded or communicated in some fashion. It has been a wonderful opportunity to get to really know Sudbury - its residents and the truly dedicated, professional and caring co-workers with whom I have had the pleasure of sharing these years. I have enjoyed my time here and hope that I have helped to make a difference. My position as the Town Manager’s Assistant will be very ably covered by Patty Golden, who has served as the Office Supervisor for the past six years.

Submitted by: Mary McCormack, Admin. Asst. to Town Manager

Assistant Town Manager

Sudbury Salutes
CPT Kristen E. Walls
Welcome Home!

Finance Department

“The Finance Division is working on the FY14 Budget and Financing Plan document. We hope to publish the document in August. The 200+ page book will be made available on the Town’s website”.

“FY14 Preliminary Property Tax bills were mailed out to all taxpayers at the end of June. First quarter payments are due on or before August 1st.”

“During the month of July, the Tax Collector’s Office will be mailing out “good news” letters to taxpayers that overpaid in FY13. Taxpayers may request a refund check or balance transfer on their FY14 account.”

“Demand bills for real estate and personal property were mailed out at the end of June. Accounts with FY13 tax balances will receive a final notice in August prior to having the delinquencies advertised in the local newspaper”.

Submitted by: Andrea Terkelsen, Finance Director

Department of Public Works

Centerline striping and gutter line striping has been completed on all the Main Roads and Secondary Roads.

Three Methane Gas relief wells were installed at the Transfer Station in association with the installation of the Solar Array.

Work continues on the Old Framingham Road walkway from Framingham Town line to the entrance to Mahoney Farm.

The Town owned parcel at 15 Hudson Road has been graded loamed and seeded.

Drainage System at Canterbury Drive has been repaired.

Ward Road and Mark Lane were resurfaced in July.

The DPW had one Dump truck, one backhoe and one front-end Loader at Truck day at the Goodnow Library and the children loved the experience.

The Traffic lights at the center of Town were out again last week. Bell Traffic Signal Corp. replaced the cable between the manhole at the intersection of Concord Road and Old Sudbury Road to the Master Controller located at the entrance to the Town Clerk’s Office at Town Hall. The Traffic Lights hopefully will be in operation until the intersection is reconstructed next spring.

Joseph DeMarco will be the new Light Equipment Operator starting July 22. He will be working in the Drainage Division.

Submitted by: I. William Place, Director of Public Works

Park and Rec Department

Anna Wood, our Adaptive Sports and Recreation Specialist, has been selected by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) to receive the 2013 Young Professional Fellowship. This Fellowship provides young professionals with the opportunity to explore the operation of NRPA and its leadership at the 2013 NRPA Congress & Exposition in Houston, Texas, October 8-10 and the 2014 NRPA Legislative Forum in Washington, DC in 2014.

The summer is in full swing at the Park and Recreation Department where over 250 kids are enjoying our Town-run Sudbury Summer, Sudbury Adventure, and Preschool Pals camp programs. In addition, we have sport camps and clinics of all types, science programs, our summer concert series, swimming and much, much more! 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 maybe 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 8th - Friends of Broadway
- JULY 15th - Better Her Than Me
- JULY 22nd - Family Fun Night featuring The Toe Jam Puppet Band
- JULY 29th - Adam's Basement
- AUGUST 5th – Reminisants

July is National Park and Recreation Month so be sure to stop by our Facebook page, or the office and tell us what you like most about Parks and Recreation in Sudbury! Have a safe and healthy summer!

Submitted by: Nancy McShea, Park & Recreation Director

Public Safety

Police Department

We all love our children, and it can be hard to let them play in a world that poses so many possible dangers to their health. Tumbles and scratches are a part of growing up, but in some accidents can lead to severe injury and even death. Luckily, with proper education, a responsible adult can recognize and deal with dangers that arise during play, and children can continue to explore the world around them safely.

Here are a number of Public Service Announcements and articles on child safety that contain critical knowledge for parents, adult supervisors, and for the responsible citizen.

- Car Safety
- Swimming Safety
- Window Safety
- Sleep Safety
- Water Safety

Go to [Safe Kids Worldwide](#), for more thorough safety articles on a greater number of safety topics.

Submitted by: Scott Nix/Sudbury Chief of Police

Planning and Community Development

Development activities underway include the commencement of construction at the new Green Company development, Dudley Brook Preserve, located on Tall Pine Drive. This development will include 26 condominium homes for seniors. The Coolidge at Sudbury, located at 189 Boston Post Road, broke ground recently. When completed, this development will include 64 rental apartments for income-qualified seniors. Both of these developments anticipate occupancy beginning in the spring of 2014.

With the approval of the ballot question for funding of the Town Center Intersection project, the Town will finalize the engineering plans and go out to bid sometime in the fall of 2013. Construction is anticipated to begin during spring of 2014, with completion of the project in the summer of 2014.

Walkway construction is due to be completed on Old Framingham Road and Peakham Road in August. Planning for a new walkway on Dudley Road has begun. Any neighborhoods interested in having a walkway constructed should contact the Planning and Community Development office at 978-639-3387.

Submitted by: Jody Kablack/Director Planning and Community Development

Sudbury Senior Center

The Sudbury Council on Aging, the advisory body to the Sudbury Senior Center, wishes to share with the community information about the Fairbank Community Center Task Force. COA Chair Jack Ryan sits on the Fairbank Community Center Task Force with representatives from the Park and Recreation Commission, Richard Williamson, several community members and Jim Kelly, Facilities Director. The Task Force has created an RFQ seeking an architectural firm to conduct a Feasibility Study of expansion of the Fairbank Community Center. The study will take place in the fall of 2013. A report will have recommendations for possible expansion of the Community Center and Senior Center in January of 2014. The Council on Aging is seeking feedback from the community about the expansion and the priorities for any change/expansion to the Senior Center. Please see the form online at the Town website at <http://sudbury.ma.us/departments/SeniorCenter/news4333/> and feel free to call the Senior Center with any questions at (978) 443-3055.

The Sudbury Council on Aging meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month, except in the summer when there is one meeting in mid-July. The public is welcome!

June at the Senior Center-

In June, the Sudbury Senior Center was fortunate to have H. David Reed come to speak about his experience at NASA Mission Control during the Apollo Lunar Landing Missions. Mr. Reed was a joint recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his efforts in the safe return of the crippled Apollo 13 spacecraft. Audience members were enthralled with his talk and enjoyed learning that many people in the audience played some role in the NASA programs during that time. The Senior Center wishes to thank Pat Mullen for his role in facilitating a connection with Mr. Reed!

Another popular and informative program, Medicare 101, was offered by the Senior Center's S.H.I.N.E. (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Elders) volunteer Counselors, Kathleen Woerhling and Susan Foley, on Thursday, June 27 at the Goodnow Library at 7:00 PM. The audience consisted of residents who are turning or on the verge of turning 65 who need to know the ins and outs of Medicare. Thank you to our excellent volunteer counselors for taking the time to develop and present this program!

Ticks are in the news! Phyllis Schilp, the Sudbury Board of Health Nurse, provided seniors with the latest on ticks and the diseases that they often harbor on Tuesday, June 25. Prevention is best - wear light colors, check yourself after being outside and check your pets!

The Senior Center has several upcoming events and programs including: ***From Iceland to Italy on a Bicycle on July 18***, ***Understanding Hubble*** DVD series on Monday mornings, ***The World was Never the Same*** DVD series on Wednesday mornings, ***Music Appreciation*** on Thursdays July 25, August 8 and 22, and movies on Thursdays and Fridays. Please call the Senior Center with any questions and to register for these programs.

Town Clerk

Special State Primary and Election in 2013

With the vacancy caused by Edward J. Markey’s resignation from 5th Congressional District Representative, a Special State Primary and Special State Election have been scheduled for 2013 to fill this position. The 5th Congressional District Representative seat represents precincts 1A, 2, 3, 4 and 5 in Sudbury. Because precinct 1 voters are represented by Nicola Tsongas, they will not be included in either the primary or election.

Below are the dates for the two upcoming elections.

Special State Primary: Tuesday, October 15, 2013

Special State Election: Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Polls open on Election Day at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m. For absentee ballot information, click here: [Absentee Ballot Information](#)

Voter Registration: Office Open till 8PM on September 25 and November 20

In order to vote in an upcoming election, qualified voters must register 20 days prior to the 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 as well as Town Meeting.

2013 SCHEDULED SPECIAL PRIMARY AND ELECTION:

Primary/Election	Election Date	Voter Registration Deadline
Special State Primary	10/15/2013	9/25/13
Special State Election	12/10/2013	11/20/2013

Submitted by: Leila Frank for the Town Clerk