



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts
Town Manager's EMAIL Newsletter – May 31, 2006

Town staff and committees are constantly working to improve the quality of life in Sudbury. This email is designed to share information with Town staff and committee members about the many programs and efforts that are underway.

New Finance Director Appointed

I am very pleased to announce that I have appointed Andrea Terkelsen, currently the Town's Treasurer-Collector, to become the next Finance Director for the Town of Sudbury, taking over when Sue Petersen retires in August.



Andrea has only been with the Town for two years, but she has accomplished a great many things in that time, including reducing the amount of old tax title accounts, streamlining and documenting how Town trusts are managed, introducing new payment options such as online payment and a drop box outside the Flynn Building, establishing a Tax Collectors list serve so that taxpayers can get automated notices of mailings of tax bills, and many more projects. She assisted Sue Petersen with management of the Town's budget process this year as well. I know with Andrea's energy, enthusiasm, financial knowledge and accounting skills, she will be great in this new role.

Just as explanation, the Finance Director for the Town is not a separate position, but rather consists of additional duties added on to one of the three finance division heads (Town Treasurer-Collector, Town Accountant, or Town Assessor). With Sue's departure the Town Accountant position will be vacant, and the schedule of Town Assessor Maureen Hafner, which calls for an enormous amount of work to be done in order to get the tax rate set at the same time that the Town Budget is being developed and finalized, is not compatible with the responsibilities of the Finance Director. I deeply appreciate Andrea's willingness to accept these extra duties, and look forward to working more closely with her.

So, we are moving forward with recruiting for a new Town Accountant. We are looking for someone with municipal experience, hopefully someone who has worked with MUNIS financial software, to join our Finance Department in August. If you know someone who might be interested, have him/her call Wayne Walker, Assistant Town Manager/Personnel Director.

Remembering Heroes of Past Wars – POW Medal Presented Posthumously



A wonderful, moving ceremony honoring Lt. Paul Wilson, arranged by Veterans' Agent Peter Harvell, was held on Saturday May 20 at the Hosmer House. The Prisoner of War Medal (shown at left) was presented to Lt. Wilson's widow, Irene Wilson by Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Bill Keller. Pieces of art work created by Lt. Wilson while a POW at Luft Stalag were also put on display. Peter also arranged to have some fascinating items from World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, the Cold War and Desert Storm on display, including fake German papers that Lt Wilson did as his contribution as part of the camp's

British and American Escape Committees. And Peter arranged to have wartime photos of some of Sudbury's intrepid aviators, Clay Allen, Fred Hitchcock and others on display. Special thanks to Rosemary Harvell, and their two daughters, Katherine and Megan, who helped Peter with putting together and staffing this special event. As Chairman Keller said, we owe so much to those who served in the armed forces and protected us from how the world could have been if the Allies had not prevailed in World War II. Pictured at right is Mrs. Wilson with Selectmen Bill Keller and Larry O'Brien.



Remembering Heroes of Past Wars – the Memorial Day Parade, May 29, 2006

Once again the Memorial Day Committee brought us the Sudbury Memorial Day Parade. The Board of Selectmen and I joined other marchers, including veterans of all wars and conflicts, members of Sudbury American Legion Post 191 and their



auxiliary, our state representative Sue Pope, the Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute, the Sudbury Ancient Fyfe and Drum Companies, the Greater Lowell Indian Cultural Association and numerous Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Brownies. I truly appreciate the efforts of our Memorial Day Committee and our Veterans' Agent Peter Harvell.

They help the rest of us honor those both living and dead who have given so much for their country's freedom. And thanks to all the residents who turned out to see the parade and clap for the veterans as they marched by.

Fire Department Promotions

Chief Ken MacLean, Assistant Chief Mike Carroll and I are happy to announce recent promotions in the Fire Department. Two captain positions became available due to the promotion of Mike and the retirement of Captain Devoll. Appointed to fill these positions is Lieutenant Tim Choate and Lieutenant Brian Lewis. Their promotion opened up two lieutenant positions, and appointed to those positions are Fire Fighter Steve Reini and Fire Fighter David Zieler. Each of these fire professionals handled a lengthy and demanding selection process in fine fashion and I believe will be a great credit to the Department and the Town.



Sudbury Firefighters Receive Annual Heroes Award

Chief MacLean received notice from the American Red Cross of Massachusetts Bay that "after careful consideration, we are proud to announce that Robert Boyd and Tim



Howe have been selected to receive 2006 Heroe's Awards." I reported in my May 1 newsletter that Bob and Tim assisted during a medical emergency with an elderly woman aboard their airline flight to Las Vegas recently. On their return, another passenger sent a letter to the department describing their actions which Chief MacLean forwarded to the Red Cross along with the proper application. Congratulations Bob and Tim and thanks to Chief MacLean for making sure their actions were given proper recognition.

My thanks to all the staff and volunteers who work hard to make these things happen. You make Sudbury such a special place.

Maureen Valente, Town Manager