



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts
Town Manager's EMAIL Newsletter – February 27, 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.

It's All About People! Lots of personnel news to share this week. Here goes...

Retirement Reception for Jean Lind Next Week

There will be a reception on Tuesday to honor Jean Lind, who retired as Teen Center Director a few months ago. Jean has continued to help out over the past few months as the Town searched for a new Teen Center Director. The reception will be February 28, from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in the Community Room at the Goodnow Library. Please try to drop by and say goodbye and thank you to Jean. Like so many others, Jean has made it more than a job in her dedication to the Town and the program she has worked on all these years.



New Teen Center Director Gets to Work

With Jean's departure, Sudbury needed a new Teen Center Director, and we were fortunate to find Lisa Barnes of Sudbury to fill that position. Lisa, who has lived in Sudbury for 13 years, was profiled in the Town Crier last week, and was quoted as saying that the fact the town provides this teen center for the kids is exciting. The Teen Center is located in the Fairbank Community Center, and includes the gym, a TV room, a video game/dance room with a jukebox, a dance area and special lighting, a games rooms for pool, ping pong, foosball and air hockey, as well as a snack bar. Lisa started her work as coordinator in mid-January. Welcome aboard, Lisa.

New Assistant Fire Chief Appointed



I am very pleased to announce that Fire Captain Michael Carroll has been appointed to the position of Assistant Fire Chief in this newly created position. Mike has been a part of the Sudbury Fire Department for many years. Already Mike has begun training with Fire Chief Ken MacLean as the two look at departmental requirements and how to divide the work along strategic and operational lines. Both are excited and share a common vision for the daily needs and the long term view. With Mike making sure that daily operations are fundamentally sound, Chief MacLean can be focusing on strategic projects formerly addressed only as time permitted. Congratulations to Mike!

In other Fire Department news, Captain Peter Devoll will be retiring soon after over 40 years of service to the Sudbury Fire Department. Firefighting has been a family affair for the Devolls, as Pete's two sons are firefighters and his brother Jim retired from the Sudbury Fire Department a little over a year ago after 44 years of service. Good luck Pete! And finally, Rob Beer, part time dispatcher, leaves this month to assume a full time firefighter position in Holden. This reverses a trend whereby a

number of firefighters have left their positions in Holden to come to Sudbury. Rob will be missed and we wish him best of luck.

And of course these promotions and departures will create some new entry level positions in the fire department so expect to see some new faces soon.

Oh No! Not Another Retirement! ☹

Sue Petersen, Finance Director/Town Accountant, submitted her retirement letter to me and the Selectmen last week. Thankfully, she is not actually leaving until this summer, but I really, really hate to see her go. Sue was appointed to the Finance



Director position in August 2004 and just hit the ground running and has been outstanding ever since, especially in her role as Budget Director.

Sue was first hired in 1990, and in her retirement letter she remarks on many of the changes she has seen in the Town government during that time. But there are two constants she notes – first the professional good work that so many dedicated town employees tirelessly perform everyday, who join with the volunteer committees to keep the Town running well despite the challenging times. And secondly John Drobinski - she observes this is Sudbury's good fortune to still have John on the Board, as he was when she first began working for the Town. Sue's retirement is due to her planned move to another state after she gets married later this year.

Police Department Personnel Changes

Patrolman Mitch Caspe will be transferring to Lexington Police Department effective March 1st. Mitch started with the police department in October 1992 as a Reserve Patrolman/Dispatcher. He was appointed as a full time permanent patrolman in September 1994. Mitch had been assigned to mostly patrol duties but has also handled the Firearms Licensing the past few years. Good luck to Mitch working in Lexington. I understand they have a great Town Manager over there.

Make Note of This Change, Please!!!!

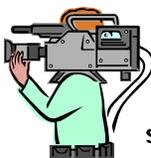


Mary Daniels, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen, has changed back to her maiden name, which is Mary McCormack, effective immediately. Her e-mail address is now set up for

McCormackM@town.sudbury.ma.us. Please make note of this change.

Senior Property Tax Options Program to be Taped on March 3

Maureen Hafner, Sudbury Assessor, Cynthia Gerry, Assistant Assessor, Peg



Whittemore of the Sudbury Senior Community Work Program and staff from the Senior Center will be at Lower Town Hall on Friday, March 3 at 10:00 am to present information on the tax relief options available to Sudbury seniors, including the new rules for the Circuit Breaker. The session is being taped for later broadcast on Channel 8. Attendance at the session is free, but Kris Kiesel, COA Director, asks that anyone planning to attend call (978) 443-3055 to register, so she knows how many handouts to make.

The Assessors office and the COA continue to look for ways to educate Sudbury seniors on the options open to them. Thanks for the extra efforts to get out the word!

My thanks to all the staff and volunteers who work hard to make these good things happen. You make Sudbury great! Maureen Valente, Town Manager