



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts
Town Manager's EMAIL Newsletter – March 4, 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 Faces at the Goodnow Library

There are three new employees at the Library to introduce to you. The Circulation Desk has two new staff members. On Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings, the new face at the desk is Sue Stine. Sue is a retired high school teacher and a resident of Sudbury. She has taken very quickly to her job responsibilities at the circulation desk and we are very pleased to have her on staff. Sue replaces a staff member who left the Library. Christine Zate will be working at the desk on Wednesdays. She is also working in the technical service department on other days of the week. Christine, having worked at the Marlborough Public Library, brings both technical services and circulation experience to her new position here. Christine replaces Bettie Rose who was promoted to Head of Technical Services.



I realized I never mentioned the appointment of Karen Tobin to be Assistant Library Director last fall. Karen came to Goodnow from the Marlborough Public Library where she worked for 31 years, first as a teenage page, then as a librarian and over the last 10 years serving as Assistant Director/Head of Circulation. Karen specializes in Technology and is working with Mark Thompson on all sorts of improvements at the Library, such as making the Library's home screen for public PC's more friendly and useful to library users. The screen will be designed to arrange the various on-line services and functions available to the public in easily identifiable categories. This new arrangement will streamline PC use for our regular users and make options much clearer for first time and occasional users. Karen has made several changes to improve the Library's web site as well. Again, working with Mark, Karen created an e-mail list for users to subscribe to for Goodnow news. She has much more in mind for the future – I'll try to give an update at that time. Welcome Karen, Sue and Christine – we're so happy to have you join us.

IRS Forms at the Goodnow Library

On a less cheery note, Library Director Bill Talentino reports they now have a supply of federal and state tax forms in the inner lobby across from the circulation desk. For those lesser used forms that are not part of the package of materials we receive from the IRS, the reference department staff, on the second floor, will assist people with retrieving copies of those forms from the IRS website. Also, there is a binder with reproducible forms for federal tax forms next to the photocopiers on the first and second floor.



Seniors Can Get Help with Their Taxes

Keeping on the income tax theme, COA Director Kris Kiesel advises that seniors who need help preparing their 2005 income tax documents can get assistance free of charge through the Senior Center. AARP-trained tax preparer volunteers Tom Sifferlen, Dave Levington and Ben Stahl are available to assist Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until mid-April. One and a half hour appointments are available from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. Tuesday and Thursday assistance will be at the Senior Center, while Wednesday help will be at the computer lab in the Flynn Building. Call the Sudbury Senior Center for an appointment at (978) 443-3055. Once again, I'm so impressed with all the volunteering that occurs in Sudbury, particularly to help our seniors.



Treasurer-Collectors Office Provides Printouts

Finally, I'll mention the Town's Treasurer-Collector's office is making real estate and motor vehicle excise tax payment information by calendar year available, upon request. Residents may obtain a printout of calendar year payment history from the Tax Office in person, or by mail/email/fax. HOWEVER, Treasurer-Collector Andrea Terkelsen reminds taxpayers that this information is NOT intended for use for personal income tax filing purposes and residents should consult a tax professional, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue or the Internal Revenue Service to determine what may be considered for income tax reporting purposes. The Sudbury Treasurer-Collectors office can not help with any questions regarding personal income taxes.



Sudbury's Town Hall is 74 Year's Old

Lee Swanson of the Sudbury Historical Society brought to my attention the fact that February 22 was the 74th anniversary of the dedication of the Town Hall. Lee sent me a copy of the program from the Dedication Services, held on the afternoon and evening of Monday, February 22, 1932. According to the program, in the afternoon were several addresses, singing of patriotic songs, a report from the Building Committee Chairman, Henry E. Rice, and the placing of the Memorial Box by Harvey N. Fairbank, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. In the evening was a musical program at 8 pm, followed by a grand march and waltz at 9 pm and dancing until 1 am! Music was provided by Arthur Wallace's Orchestra.



Curt Garfield's book *Sudbury, Massachusetts: 100 Years in the Life of a Town* offers details about the night the old Town Hall burned down (February 3, 1930), the decision to locate the new one across the road on a site that was once part of the farm owned by Reverend Israel Loring, the decision to build the new Town Hall primarily out of brick instead of wood, and to plan space in the basement for three fire engines. Next year will be the 75th anniversary, and I hope we can plan something nice to mark the occasion. Thanks Lee for bringing this to my attention.

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