



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts
Town Manager's EMAIL Newsletter – April 20, 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.

Barbara Siira to Retire ☹️

If you were at Town Meeting, you heard the news that our wonderful Town Clerk, Barbara Siira, has decided to retire effective June 30, 2006. Barbara was appointed Town Clerk March 2002, and has been doing a great job since then. Her tenure as Town Clerk has been marked by exceptional customer service, and an emphasis on team work and a high level of appreciation for her staff and the other Town employees who make elections run so smoothly and professionally. And she is one of the most enjoyable individuals I know, with great insight into the many comical moments that happen every day. She will be missed by all.

Help with Spring Clean Up!!

The Board of Selectmen proclaimed April 23 – April 29 as Earth Week in Sudbury, and the 29th is the Annual Roadside Cleanup Day. The Selectmen's Office, Public Works Department, and the Earth Decade Committee will be all working on Saturday April 29, between the hours of 9am and 2 pm, to clean up the Town and [we need your help!](#) On Saturday, Dev Glaser and Mary McCormack of the Selectmen's Office will be at Town Hall beginning at 9 am to hand out trash bags and



give street assignments to our volunteers. You can call the Selectmen's office to request a specific street or area (443-8891 ext. 381 on weekdays) or just show up behind Town Hall on Saturday morning and we will give you an area where help is most needed. Filled bags are left on the roadside and later collected by the Public Works Department. Many groups have already signed up, including Raytheon employees, Raveis Real Estate Services employees, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and many others. Meanwhile, Earth Decade Committee members will be working to tidy up the Transfer Station area on Route 20. The Selectmen have agreed to create a new Town committee to make this area more attractive and this is the first step in the process. Light refreshments of hotdogs and soft drinks will be served once again at the American Legion Post, 676 Boston Post Road around noon for those who participate in the Town Roadside cleanup.

Also, the Public Works Department has scheduled street sweeping to begin this week. The Town contracts with a company to have four machines sweeping up the sand from our roadsides. They will start at Town Centre and work their way outwards until all streets are done. Depending on the weather, DPW hopes to complete this work by mid-May. Residents can help out by sweeping the sand into SMALL piles at the road edges. Large piles cannot be picked up by the sweepers.



Ed Gottman is Honored at Town Meeting

The Board of Selectmen chose Sudbury resident Ed Gottman to honor this year by asking him to read Article One of the 2006 Annual Town Meeting and what a great choice! Ed is an extraordinary volunteer in Sudbury. I will particularly note that Ed is the primary coordinator of the Medical Equipment Loan Closet, a program that has saved Sudbury seniors tens of thousands of dollars over the past five years. The Loan Closet provides free use of medical equipment for as long as the client needs it. Ed himself checks and cleans each piece of donated equipment and makes sure it is safe for reuse. He stores the equipment in Town buildings, and can usually provide it the same day it is requested, often delivering the needed equipment directly to the client at home. Hats off to Ed for all he does for others.



Sudbury Militia Remember Patriots Day

Yesterday, on April 19, the Sudbury Militia completed a 12 miles march from Sudbury Centre to North Bridge in Concord in re-creation of the historic march of April, 1775. On that date, a messenger reached Sudbury between 3 and 4 am bringing news that British Regulars had left Boston the evening before and were headed westward, presumably to Concord where military supplies were garrisoned. Sudbury contingents heeded the call and the present day Sudbury Companies of Militia and Minute follow a route that approximates one of the routes. While on route, they honored those who lay in rest at several cemeteries with prayer and musket salute.



MBTA Passes Need to be Updated!

The Council on Aging is trying to get out the word - residents with MBTA passes need to get new versions as the T changes to new fare collection equipment. Staff from the MBTA will be on hand at the Sudbury Senior Center Thursday, May 11, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to take photos and replace senior passes and T.A.P IDs at no charge. The Senior Center expects a crowd, so to avoid long waits they suggest these arrival times: people with last names beginning A to H from 11 a.m. to noon, I-M from noon to 1 p.m., and N-Z from 1 to 2 p.m. Senior passes are for those aged 65 and older. Bring a proof of your age with you. Temporary permits will be issued that day, and the new senior photo ID will arrive by mail. Even if you already have a Senior MBTA Pass or Transportation Access Pass (T.A.P.) ID for people with disabilities, you need to get this new version. Non Sudbury residents may also use this service on May 11.

Email Address Changes

Please send those email address change notices to the Selectmen's email address - selectmen@town.sudbury.ma.us, and Mary and Rosemary can take care of making those changes to our master database. Many thanks.

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

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