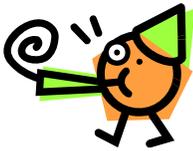




The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts
Town Manager's EMAIL Newsletter – June 30, 2006

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.

Happy New Year's Eve! Fiscal Year Closes on a Great Note.



Yes, today marks the end of Fiscal Year 2006, and tomorrow officially begins FY07. FY06 just flew by, but I am looking back with satisfaction upon the many accomplishments of the past year. One of the most satisfying is the recent report of the Town Auditors, presented to the Selectmen at their meeting on June 20th. The Town's Finance Department, under Finance Director Sue Petersen, works extremely hard to insure that all important internal controls are in place and faithfully adhered to, so that taxpayers and town officials can feel secure that town funds are being collected, safeguarded and spent in accordance with state laws, accounting standards and Town Meeting votes. The auditors are an independent, 3rd party source of information and opinion to the Selectmen on any problems they see in how Town management is handling their responsibilities for the millions of dollars that flow through the Town's bank accounts, and I'm pleased to say that according to the Management Letter to the Selectmen, there were **NO MATERIAL WEAKNESSES** in the Town's financial management operations. Hat's off to Sue and the entire Finance Department for this equivalent of an A+ report card from the Auditors.

Welcome New Employee



Beth Rust is the new Community Housing Specialist for the Town. She will be working under the direction of Jody Kablack, in the newly created Planning and Community Development Department and can be found in the Flynn Building. Beth will work exclusively on the creation and retention of affordable housing units in Sudbury as recommended in the 2005 Community Housing Plan adopted by the Board of Selectmen. This part-time position is funded through Community Preservation Act administrative funds.

Sudbury Public School Art Displayed on Town's website



Mark Thompson, the Town's Technology Director, has been working with the Sudbury Public Schools to find a way to display on the Town's web site some of the terrific art work produced by elementary school students. Organized and presented by grade, much of the art work is linked to other areas of curriculum, such as science, math, history, etc. Superintendent John Brackett set forth guidelines for the publishing of the art on the web site, to insure that none of the children's names or other identifying information was used in connection with this effort. But its great to see how creative and talented the kids of Sudbury are and what a nice way Mark came up with to show the art off beyond the classroom.

Multi-Board Meeting Discusses Comprehensive Permits

Board of Selectmen Chairman Bill Keller and Planning and Community Development Director Jody Kablack teamed up to host and facilitate a recent meeting of five Town boards to discuss how the Town of Sudbury could develop guidelines for developers who are considering beginning a Comprehensive Permit (40B) project in Sudbury. One of the hallmarks of Sudbury in recent years has been the cooperation and communication between boards and committees and this was a great example of that principle in action. Each board has its own goals, rules and guidelines, yet members of each are working to find common ground on key issues such as safety, density, design and open space. The end product of this effort is still a work in progress, but just having the process of discussing how each group perceives potential projects helps clarify information and mutual understanding.



Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Town Trusts – and More

Thanks to a special effort by Collector-Treasurer Andrea Terkelsen and Peter Anderson of her staff, you can now find out the history and purpose behind the 16 individual funds that together make up the \$1.4 million Town Trusts. The oldest fund is the Discretionary/Charity Fund, also known as the Ancient Fund or Donation Fund, begun with the 1697 will of Peter Noyes. The largest is the Perpetual Care Fund, for the improvement and maintenance of the town's cemeteries. The newest is the September 11 Memorial Garden Fund, set up to insure there are always resources to improve and maintain the beautiful garden created by the Town to honor our three residents who died in the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001. Some of the funds are small, created in memory of a loved one, or to connect with the donor's special interest in an area. The Trustees of the Town Donations are the three Selectmen plus the Town Treasurer. The complete report put is on the front page of the Town's web site.



4th of July Parade A Great Hometown Tradition



I hope to see many of your friendly faces at the 4th of July parade, one of Sudbury's greatest traditions and community events. Thanks again to the Chamber of Commerce for their sponsorship of the Parade, and three big cheers for Jacqui and Joe Bausk for all their work coordinating the many participants in the parade. See you there!

Goodbye and Happy Retirement

Before I close I want to say a public goodbye to several people who have served the Town with pride and dedication and are now retiring. Barbara Siira, Town Clerk, and Pat Terkelsen, secretary in the Police Department, are leaving and both will be missed so much. Having great co-workers, and admiring the way they handle themselves and seeing their commitment to top notch public service, is one of the best things about working for the Town of Sudbury. Both have made a difference in this community and that is an important legacy to leave behind. Have a great retirement and keep in touch.



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