



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts
Town Manager's Weekly EMAIL – August 26, 2005

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

September 11 Remembrance Planning



The September 11 Memorial Garden Oversight Committee is working with First Parish of Sudbury to plan early (probably beginning at 8:30 am) memorial services on Sunday, September 11, 2005 – the 4th anniversary of the terrible events of that day and tragic loss of Sudbury residents and others with deep connections to Sudbury. If you have not visited the beautiful Memorial Garden the Town created to mark that day and honor those killed, I urge you to take a walk in Heritage Park sometime soon, and if you can, join in the services that are planned. As soon as the plans are finalized, we will put them on the Town's website.



Volunteers Needed for Sudbury Day Festival – September 17

The Sudbury Day Festival Committee is looking for Volunteers and is offering two free passes to the Children's Pavilion booths for anyone who volunteers, as well as snacks and a T-shirt. See the sign up sheet at the end of this email for more information and JOIN IN!

Three New Committees Are Formed



The formation of a new Town Committee always brings mixed emotions – excitement and optimism of course, because it means that once again, Sudbury residents have stepped forward to serve their community, an important issue is going to get attention, and usually good ideas are developed for solutions and improvements. On the other hand, there is no doubt each committee brings additional workload for the Board and the staff. And the creation of a committee often raises expectations that we can resolve long standing problems to everyone's satisfaction, when often the problem is so multi-faceted that whatever is developed will please some while disappointing others. Sudbury's experience has been, for the most part, excellent with citizen committees, and I fully expect these three new ones will be contributing to the well being of the Town of Sudbury in significant ways. To learn more about their missions and who the Selectmen have appointed to them, go the Town's website at www.town.sudbury.ma.us and click on committees. Please be patient if you don't find much information just now. Each committee will be adding information to their home page as time goes by.

- Ponds and Waterways Committee – established by Selectmen on May 3, 2005
- Agricultural Commission – established by Town Meeting, members yet to be appointed by Selectmen
- Sudbury Centre Improvement Advisory Committee – established by Selectmen on August 16, 2005, members will be appointed in early September.

Jan Silva is Retiring

After working for the Town of Sudbury for 33 years, **Jan Silva, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen/Town Manager** will be retiring at the end of 2005. Jan has been such an institution in this Town, and her knowledge of Town projects and activities is unmatched by anyone. Personally it will be very difficult for me to see her go (that's me crying to the right). I mention this now because we posted her position on the Town's website this week, and I thought many of you might have seen it and wondered about the circumstances.



Library Comings and Goings

Welcome to two new employees at the Goodnow Library. **Library Director Bill Talentino** announced that **Karen Tobin** is the new Assistant Director at the Goodnow Library. Karen will begin work next Monday, August 29, moving from her current position as Assistant Director/Head of Circulation at the Marlborough Public Library. Also, **Joyce Kamsler** is the new Library Clerk in the Children's Dept. She replaces Sarah Hubbell who became a minister. Great to have Karen and Joyce on board!



Welcome!

Pinching Pennies, Saving Dollars **Fire Chief Ken MacLean** has worked out a deal with the US Fish and Wildlife Refuge to make available to Sudbury a brush truck at a fraction of the cost we would otherwise have to pay. USF & W will grant to Sudbury 90% of the \$15,000 cost for purchasing a used pickup truck and will also provide a slip on tank for the truck. Sudbury will provide registration and insurance, and make the truck available to the Refuge as they need it. This is an important type of cooperative effort between agencies that increases our ability to respond to certain types of fires, while stretching Town dollars. Great initiative, Ken!



Summer Concert Series Wraps Up, But Scores a Big Hit!

The summer concert series attracted over 1,000 Sudbury residents and exceeded all expectations for this first-time event. Feedback from residents noted the increased feeling of community, and celebration of what is good about Sudbury. **Peter Coleman**, Program Coordinator for the Recreation Department, not only planned the event, but did all the fundraising. He is already planning next year's concert series, looking for suggestions for bands, special themes, etc. Hats off to Peter and **Dennis Mannone** and the **Recreation Commission** for adding so much to Sudbury's summer enjoyment.



FYI - Crime Lab moved into extended new quarters in Sudbury

Gov. Mitt Romney was in Sudbury on Wednesday to hail the leasing of 12,000 new square feet of space at the State Police Crime Lab. The new lab space, located in the former Sperry Research Center, will double the amount of space for the beleaguered lab, which has a backlog of up to 18 months on some cases. The existing Crime Lab offices on Horse Pond Road in Sudbury will still be used as well.

*My thanks to all the staff and volunteers who work hard to make good things happen.
You make Sudbury great!*

Maureen Valente, Town Manager



Sudbury Day Festival

September 17, 2005 --- 12 noon – 5 pm

Volunteers Needed

All volunteers will receive two FREE around the world passports to the Children's Pavilion booths, a \$20 value! Snacks and a T-shirt provided.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

I'd like to help out in the following areas (check all that apply):

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| _____ Friday 9/16 | 4:30 pm-6:30 pm | Set-Up |
| _____ Saturday 9/17 | 8:30 am-11:30 am | Set-Up |
| _____ Saturday 9/17 | 11:30 am-1:30 pm | Site Management |
| _____ Saturday 9/17 | 11:30 am-1:30 pm | Children's Pavilion |
| _____ Saturday 9/17 | 1:30 pm-3:30 pm | Site Management |
| _____ Saturday 9/17 | 1:30 pm-3:30 pm | Children's Pavilion |
| _____ Saturday 9/17 | 1:30 pm-4:30 pm | International Films |
| _____ Saturday 9/17 | 3:30 pm-5:30 pm | Site Management |
| _____ Saturday 9/17 | 3:30 pm-5:30 pm | Children's Pavilion |
| _____ Saturday 9/17 | 4:30 pm-6:30 pm | Clean-up |

Thank you for supporting the Sudbury Day Festival.

If you are interested helping please return this form by September 10 to dandg1@verizon.net or call Debbie Howell at 978-440-8269.