



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts
Town Manager's EMAIL Newsletter – October 13, 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.

Cutting Field Grand Opening!!

The Cutting Field was formally opened and dedicated last June by the Board of Selectmen and the Cutting family. On a very wet Saturday morning (remember the rain that would not stop in June?) the entire Board of Selectmen and a few members of the Park & Recreation Commission and Community Preservation Commission Committee gathered to cut the ribbon on the new sign on the newest recreational facility of the Town. The Cutting Field design and development was paid for primarily through Community Preservation Funds but also supplemented by private fund raising. The playing field was authorized by the 2004 Annual Town Meeting, which also authorized the purchase of the land for the field and preservation of the larger parcel through an agricultural preservation deed restriction. The field is a multi-purpose athletic field, with a



Becky Cutting and Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Bill Keller cutting the ribbon

synthetic turf surface, developed to partially address Sudbury's serious playing field shortage.

Development of the playing field was a joint effort of the DPW and the Park & Recreation Department, so a pat on the back to both these departments for their work on the project.

HOPEsudbury Telethon Planned for October 28

Last year the telethon provided nine hours on LIVE television and grossed more than \$51,000 for the HOPEsudbury Community Assistance Fund, the Michael Carter Lisnow Respite Center, and other HOPEsudbury charitable causes. As the Co-chairs of the telethon say, there is nothing quite like live TV. If you (or someone you know) would like a great way to get involved in the Sudbury community, support several great causes and have a lot of fun, contact the HOPEsudbury folks. Their web site address is www.hopesudbury.org



Truck Day a Success Again

The 2nd annual Truck Day was held at the Goodnow Library this summer and Library Director Bill Talentino reports it was again a great success. Children's Librarian Barbara Gariepy worked to put together the program, assisted by other Library staff and volunteers. And as Bill reports, it is the Fire, Highway and Police personnel who

provide the critical ingredient - the enthusiasm and conscientiousness they bring to helping residents (especially the kids!) learn about and enjoy the vehicles, and the pride they showed in serving the residents of Sudbury.

Well Done, Everyone! Below, some pictures from Truck Day.



Summer Offerings Recap



Thanks to the Goodnow Library, the Council on Aging, and the Park and Recreation Department, Sudbury residents of all ages had many opportunities to view great movies for free this summer. The Sudbury Senior Center offered Movie Mondays and in August grandparents were invited to bring their grandchildren to watch the classic film *Mary Poppins* with them and free popcorn, cold drinks and ice cream were served. The Park & Recreation Department closed out their outdoor summer concert series with Family Fun Night and showed the family movie *Madagascar*. I received feedback that the event was GREAT and families had a great time, with a perfect evening of cool weather, no bugs and a beautiful full moon. Finally the Friends of the Goodnow Library have been hosting a summer film series for a number of years. Friends' officer Janice Rudolf and her daughter K.C. are the key people who have energetically planned and hosted this well received summer event.

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