

# Municipal Update



Town staff presentations at the Town Meeting podium on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Left to right: Town Manager Andrew Sheehan, Facilities Director Sandra Duran and Planning & Community Development Director Adam Burney.

## Town Meeting for the other 97.6%

Sudbury held its Annual Town Meeting on May 6 and 7, 2024. The Meeting spanned a little more than 7 hours over the two evenings. Attendance on night one was 317, and 182 voters attended night two. With roughly 13,439 registered voters, this translates to about 2.4% and 1.3% of voters.

Here's quick recap for the other 97.6%.

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# Town Meeting and YOU, cont...

On night one, after voting the Consent Calendar, Town Meeting took up seven articles. Article 3, the Fiscal Year 2025 operating budget, was approved after presentations by the Finance Committee, Town Manager, SPS Superintendent, and L-SRHS Superintendent. The most spirited debate on night one was Article 16, a zoning measure to adopt a Firearms Safety Business Use Bylaw. Debate lasted a bit over 2 hours. Several amendments were made and considered. The measure failed by 4 votes.

On night two, the body moved through the remaining 11 articles in a little over three hours. Approval was given for the acquisition of two historic buildings and a number of capital appropriations, including funding for repairs to the Atkinson Pool. Town Meeting also took up several zoning amendments with the adoption of a multi-family overlay district among the most notable. You can find the full listing of the actions taken by Town Meeting on the [Town Meeting Articles page](#).


*We are grateful to all of the voters who came out to make your voice heard, enact our bylaws and budget and make it possible to keep our town running. We would like to see even more of you next time, so more voices are weighing in on the crucial decisions that affect all residents.*

*There are many reasons not to attend Town Meeting. Some of the most frequently discussed issues include:*

**No Remote Participation or Early Voting:** People often ask why they cannot participate remotely or vote early/absentee for Town Meeting, like we do for elections. The reason is that Massachusetts law does not allow it. This has been discussed by the Massachusetts Legislature in the past and the debate continues on Beacon Hill.

**Timing:** We also hear that evening Town Meetings are inconvenient. People often suggest weekend Town Meetings. While several communities hold their Town Meetings on weekends, this can conflict with religious services and youth sports. In Sudbury, during the height of COVID, we held two meetings outdoors on Saturday mornings. Attendance in 2020 was 3.8% of voters and 1.1% in 2021 – by no means a boost in turnout.

**Lack of Child Care:** Our Town Meetings start at 7:30PM and often go to 10:30PM or later. Even with childcare, that is too late for many children to be up, particularly on a school night. This was one of the reasons that, on occasions when childcare was offered during Town Meeting, it was very sparsely used.

These are significant issues, and we are working to address them as we seek innovative approaches for the crucial work of engaging Sudbury voters. But we can't do it without you. Even with all its quirks, Town Meeting offers unmatched insight into the town's goals and priorities, a vote on how your tax dollars are spent and, of course, it's how Town of Sudbury business gets done. **WE WANT YOU**  **FOR SUDBURY TOWN MEETING.**

Have concerns, thoughts or ideas about Town Meeting? We want to hear them. Please email [townmanager@sudbury.ma.us](mailto:townmanager@sudbury.ma.us) and be sure to put Town Meeting Ideas/Questions in the subject line. And next time you find a Town Meeting warrant in your mailbox, be sure to add the date to your calendar. Making that commitment to our town today will make it a better place tomorrow.

**Andy Sheehan**  
Town Manager

**STARTING SEPTEMBER 2024**

**ALL PRECINCTS**

**VOTE AT**



**FAIRBANK COMMUNITY CENTER  
ON ELECTION DAY**

**DETAILS COMING SOON**

# *Cultivating a Greener Future: New Pollinator Habitat Initiative*

**BY JOSEPH MILLER, LAND MANAGER**

In a proactive effort to enhance biodiversity and support pollinator populations, the Conservation Department has launched an exciting new initiative to create pollinator habitats across our conservation lands.

This innovative project not only aims to beautify our natural spaces but also serves as a crucial step towards preserving local ecosystems, and joins efforts across the Commonwealth and the country to protect a multitude of pollinator species against increasing threats. These pollinator gardens offer a multitude of benefits to our community and environment. They provide crucial food sources for pollinators, a key feature of climate resiliency, which help native habitats and biodiversity thrive while also providing invaluable support to agriculture. Additionally, the gardens contribute to the overall beauty of our conservation lands, offering residents and visitors alike a serene and picturesque natural environment to enjoy.

The project began with a unique approach, as staff and volunteers dismantled an unauthorized treehouse that had been constructed on conservation land. This endeavor not only restored the integrity of the protected area but also provided valuable materials we were able to recycle into this project. The recovered wood, combined with plexiglass shielding previously used during the Covid-19 pandemic, was repurposed by a

volunteer with carpentry skills, who constructed three cold frame boxes at very little cost. These structures now serve as small-scale greenhouses, allowing us to extend the growing season and protect the seedlings against frost.

Thanks to a generous contribution of seeds from Sudbury Valley Trustees, we were also able to acquire the most critical component of the project at no cost. These seeds were sown into recycled household materials such as milk jugs, egg cartons, and other plastic containers, adding to our commitment to sustainability and further reducing the costs of this project. If you are to try this at home, we definitely recommend larger containers, as they had far higher rates of germination, as the small amount of soil held in the egg cartons made maintaining moisture levels very difficult.



# *Pollinator Habitat Initiative, cont.*

One of the key techniques employed in this project is “cold stratification,” a process that involves exposing seeds to periods of cold temperature. This method breaks down the seed coating, simulating the conditions necessary for germination in the wild. By employing this technique, we ensured the optimal growth and development of our native plant species. We attempted multiple methods of germination, and those species that we cold stratified outside showed a much higher rate of sprouting than the other methods we attempted.

Our ultimate goal is to establish multiple pollinator gardens across various conservation properties, including Carding Mill and Lincoln Meadows, as well as expanding the existing pollinator garden established by an Eagle Scout project at Davis Farm. These gardens will not only provide essential habitats for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators but will also serve as a self-sustaining seed bank for future growth, allowing us to extend the program year after year while keeping costs to a minimum. With each passing growing season, we aim to expand this program, creating a vast network of pollinator gardens that span public lands all across town.



Furthermore, as the Conservation Department intensifies its efforts to treat and remove invasive species, the availability of a stock of native plants becomes invaluable. By promptly replacing invasives with native species, we greatly reduce the risk of invasive species resurgence, ensuring the long-term health of our ecosystems.

As we continue to forge ahead with this initiative, we invite members of the community to join us in our efforts. Whether through volunteering, planting their own gardens, or simply spreading the word, together, we can create a greener, more vibrant future for our town and its natural inhabitants.



**CELEBRATE INCLUSION!**

01776  
Sudbury  
**PRIDE**

JUNE 9TH, 2024 2:00 - 4:00 PM  
CURTIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

MUSIC  
COMMUNITY  
FUN & FRIENDS  
TREATS  
CRAFTS

**Sudbury**  
**Pride Proclamation**

The Select Board,  
on behalf of the  
Town of Sudbury,  
do hereby proclaim  
THE MONTH OF  
**JUNE**  
AS  
**LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH**  
within the  
Town of Sudbury.

By **UNANIMOUS VOTE**  
JUNE 11, 2022

**Goodnow Library**  
21 Concord Road  
Sudbury, MA 01776  
(978) 443-1035

**Goodnow Library**

**Celebrate Pride!**  
**Wednesday, June 5**  
**4:00-6:00 PM**

Join us as we celebrate Pride month! Drop-in  
for colorful crafts, bracelet making, glitter  
tattoos, face painting, cake, and more!

**All Are Welcome!**

goodnowlibrary.org

# Coming to a Trailhead Near You

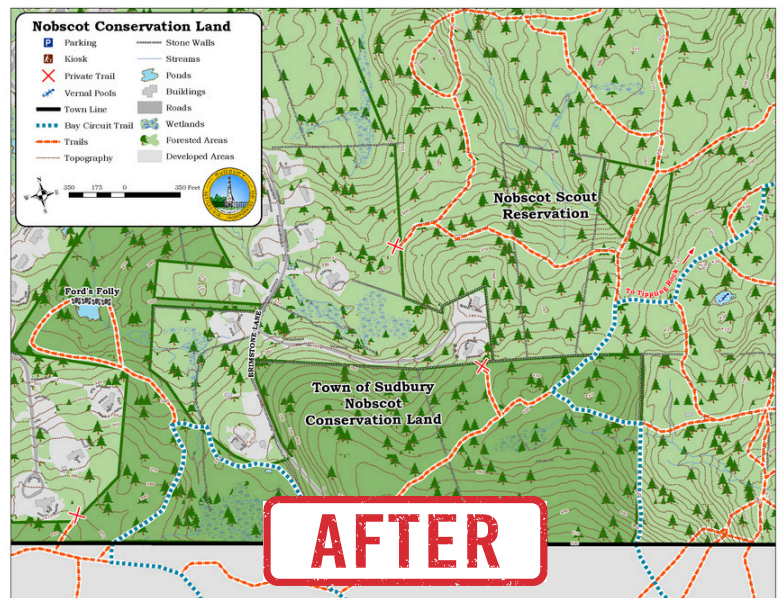
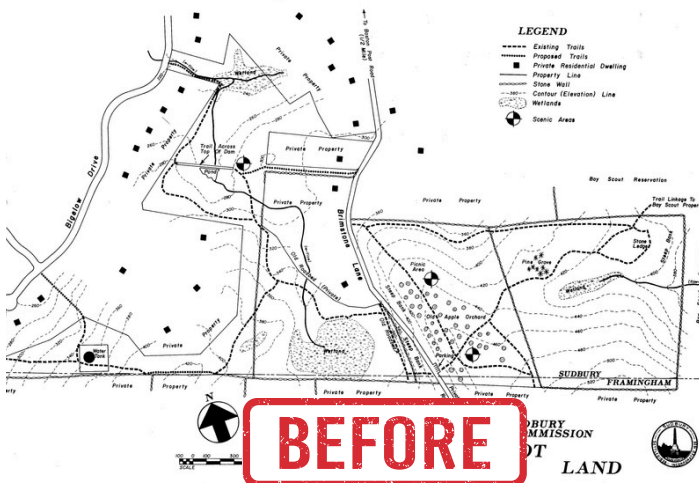
BY ROBERT BOSSO,  
CONSERVATION ASSISTANT

If you happened to visit one of Sudbury's Conservation Lands within the past few weeks, you may have noticed some changes. Colors have begun to poke up from the leaf litter, through the understory, and down from the canopy as winter gives way to spring. The air is losing its frosty edge, and carries a different set of notes to the ears and nose. Astute observers may also notice something else: after many years, the Conservation Department has taken a giant leap forward in the effort to spruce up the appearance and usefulness of our trailhead kiosks.

To understand how we arrived at this point, we have to go back in time to 2019. Lori Capone had just stepped into the role of Conservation Coordinator for the Town. In reviewing the Department's collection of trail maps, she noticed that some of the them dated to the 1970s, while others existed only as rudimentary sketches. Some Conservation Lands didn't have any trail maps at all. This essential element of kiosk design was clearly in need of a revamp.

Her attention turned first to Frost Farm, a conservation land off North Road in North Sudbury. The only existing trail map was of undetermined origin, possibly dating back to the early part of the current century, and marked as a "Draft" copy. Black and white, the features tended to blend together. Spatial relationships were not obvious and didn't easily tie to the actual landscape. Some key features were missing entirely. Simply put, it was hard to use.

After walking the trails to collect data and get a general feel for the land, she set about designing a new trail map. The map she envisioned would emphasize accuracy and usability. Furthermore, with vibrant colors and engaging symbology, it would present a stark contrast to the previous map, while having a unique appearance to set it apart from other trail maps. As it so often happens, other matters took precedence and the project was pushed onto the back burner.





## Trailhead Improvements, cont.

Four years later, the effort was renewed, and this time the project was completed. The map was published as a laminated poster and also included in a brand-new trail guide. These were promptly installed at the Frost Farm kiosk. At the same time, digital copies were uploaded to the Department [website](#). To publicize this breakthrough, a supplemental [article](#) was published in the Summer 2023 edition of the Sudbury Municipal Update Newsletter.

However, this was just the beginning. The pivotal event that accelerated this project into high gear was the hiring of Joseph Miller into the newly-created Land Manager position. With a satellite-linked tablet computer in hand, he collected GPS data for all twelve of the Conservation Lands which host trail networks. In so doing, he discovered some trails that were not captured on previous versions. Back in the office, he exported the data and used GIS (Geographic Information System) software to draft new maps for each property, using the original Frost Farm design. After multiple, exhaustive rounds of critique and revision, the maps were finalized and published on the Conservation Commission's website.

Concurrently, the process of revising the Conservation Land narratives was underway.

A narrative is the text describing the location, history, ecology, and other aspects of the land. Information was added, removed, or corrected after hours of research, with Steven Greene of the Historical Society and Commission Chair David Henkels generously contributing their expertise. The narratives and trail maps at last came together in the form of brand-new tri-fold trail guides and laminated kiosk posters. Revised regulations for the Conservation Lands, recently voted on by the Commission, were also incorporated.

To date, new materials have been debuted at the kiosks for Davis Farm, Frost Farm, Hop Brook Marsh, Lincoln Meadows, Nobscot, and the Tippling Rock Trail Conservation Lands. In the near future, expect to see the same for Barton Farms, Haynes Meadows, Landham Brook, King Philip Woods, Piper, and Poor Farm.

And that isn't the end of it. At the urging of the Select Board and the Board of Health, educational literature highlighting the dangers associated with ticks and mosquitos will be provided at all kiosks. Specialized postings will also be installed. These address issues specific to a given Conservation Land, e.g. the Nobscot kiosk features a trail map for the adjacent Nobscot Scout Reservation. As a finishing touch, kiosks have all been freshly painted with the help of Senior Worker Martin Hensel, and new plexiglass windows have been installed where needed.

Volunteers and staff have also been hard at work painting trailhead signs, mulching, opening and blazing trails, clearing fallen trees, installing bog bridges, carrying off trash, removing invasive plants, and other activities aimed at promoting the recreational and ecological values of the Conservation Commission. We hope you will visit the Town's Conservation Lands soon, and experience them for yourself.



# Sudbury 2024 Rain Barrel Program



## Another Year of Record Flooding and Drought

Last summer, many communities reported several inches of rain within just a few hours. On August 8, more than 6 inches of rain fell on parts of Massachusetts with many drivers stranded in their cars. There were hundreds of no swimming days at our beaches this summer as heavy rains sent bacteria-laden stormwater into the ocean. And by October 2, there had been only 5 rain-free weekends since Memorial Day. Presently, the climate crisis is here to stay.

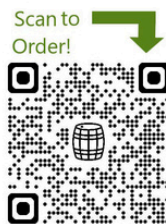
## Rain Barrels Can Be Part of the Solution

- Rain water is an alternate source of water during droughts
- Decrease your water bill by up to 40%
- Rain water is a healthy, chlorine and chemical-free water source for plants and gardens
- Rain barrels help reduce pollution, erosion and improves local watershed health by collecting runoff rain from roofs and gutters
- Lower municipal water demands & save energy at treatment plants



## About The Great American Rain Barrel

- 100% re-purposed, food grade, UV protected and BPA free barrels. **Produced in Massachusetts.**
- Most durable rain barrels on the market: 3/16" wall thickness. Screen filtered to keep mosquitoes out.
- Will last for years when properly drained & stored for winter. Pay for themselves in one year.
- Several rain barrels can be linked together — easy 5-minute setup
- **Available Colors:** Forest Green, Earth Brown, and Nantucket Grey. Also available unpainted.



## How to Purchase Your Rain Barrel

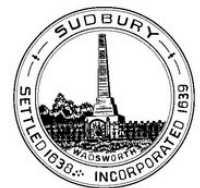
Rain Barrels are available for purchase by residents at the discounted price of \$89.00.

**How to Order:** <https://www.greatamericanrainbarrel.com/community/>. Select Town and State

**Pickup:** Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-11:00 at the Sudbury DPW 275 Old Lancaster Road, Sudbury, MA

**Deadline:** June 16<sup>th</sup>, Midnight

**Questions:** Contact Dani Marini-King at [marinid@sudbury.ma.us](mailto:marinid@sudbury.ma.us)



# Changing the Way You Think About the Earth Beneath Your Feet

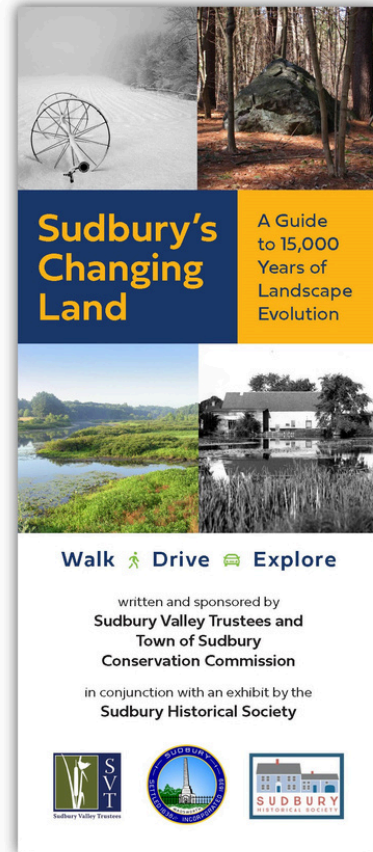
**BY LORI CAPONE,  
CONSERVATION COORDINATOR**

The Conservation Department and Sudbury Valley Trustees have been hard at work over the last year to develop a self-guided driving and walking tour for people, to supplement the Sudbury Changing Landscape gallery at the Sudbury Historical Society. The goal is to cultivate a new appreciation for Sudbury's landscape by explaining how and why the Town has developed into what it is today.

This Guide takes the reader through seven eras that have transformed land and land use in Town. It begins with the Last Ice age, when glaciation formed our landscape and provided us with our rich fertile soils. From there, the impact of human habitation is considered. Both internal and external influences that have affected Sudbury's land such as early settlement and the removal of forests and damming of streams, transportation improvements, changes in water elevations stemming from industrial development elsewhere in the Sudbury River watershed, and the historic shift from agrarian to residential use of the land.

We challenge you to explore the landscape and take a more intimate look at the earth that comprises Sudbury. We encourage residents to get a better understanding of how the land and water shaped Sudbury's development, as well as the ecological impact imposed on the land by human activity and the shifting views of the human experience.

To accompany the guide, the Conservation Department has launched a webpage featuring narratives that explain each transformative era, as well as additional drives and walks that could not be accommodated in the brochure.



The site explains the unique land formations from the bottom of Glacial Lake Sudbury to the top of Tippling Rock. It explores the sociopolitical shift that each era presented. It encourages the reader to think more critically about how we got where we are and where we are going. It culminates with the Sudbury of today and the efforts to protect its land and create a resilient and sustainable Sudbury for future generations.

With the Mass-Central and Bruce Freeman Rail Trails nearing completion, a new era in Sudbury's landscape is coming into focus. These trails will provide ADA (Americans with Disabilities) access to many of the properties that are identified in the guide. Please take the time to explore the land beneath your feet.

## SUDBURY EARTH DAY 2024 WATCH NOW!



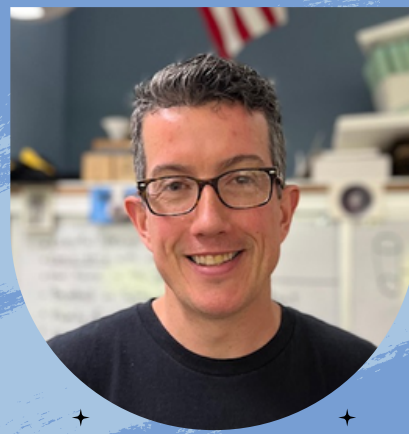
## TOWN OF SUDBURY EARTH DAY 2024

DANÍ MARINI-KING, SUSTAINABILITY COORDINATOR

Make every day EARTH DAY! Check out the Sudbury Earth Day 2024 Video, learn about the exhibitors and more by visiting [sudbury.ma.us/earthday](https://sudbury.ma.us/earthday) today!

## COLBY CARAVAGGIO DAY

Now, therefore, be it resolved:  
The Select Board hereby proclaims  
**Friday, June 7, 2024** as  
**"Colby Caravaggio Day"**  
in the Town of Sudbury.  
*By Unanimous Vote - March 26, 2024*



IN MEMORIAM

COLBY CARAVAGGIO

## Juneteenth

In observance of Juneteenth Independence Day, all non-emergency Town offices will be closed on Wednesday, June 19, 2024.



## Summer Hours

**July 1** through **August 30, 2024**, several Town offices in Town Hall and the Flynn Building will be following a four day (Monday - Thursday) summer schedule.

**Monday, Wed and Thursday: 8:00AM - 5:00PM**  
**Tuesday: 8:00AM - 6:00PM**  
**Friday: Closed**

More details at  
<https://sudbury.ma.us/selectboardsoffice/?p=3709>

# Read → Renew → Repeat

## Goodnow Summer Reading 2024

BY ESME GREEN,  
GOODNOW LIBRARY DIRECTOR

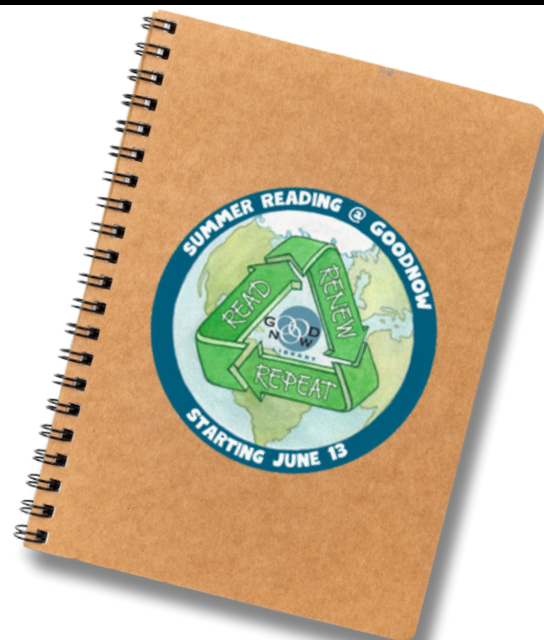
As usual, Goodnow will be offering many special summer programs for all ages in conjunction with our Summer Reading Program. This year, our theme is "Read, Renew, Repeat," and will feature many sustainable crafts and activities.

### For Grownups aka Adults

We will be offering jewelry classes, craft programs, author talks and concerts. As always, we will be offering the 8-week reading challenge for adults where a lucky winner will win a prize each week!

### For the Littles aka Children

This summer, kids from birth through rising 5th graders are invited to "Read, Renew, Repeat!" Together we will learn creative ways to care for our planet and ourselves. Join us in-person at the library for weekly programs including Summer Sweets, LEGO Club, craft programs, special performers and more. Log your reading and listening to build a necklace and win amazing prizes! Summer reading registration begins on the last day of school, June 13th!



### For the Bigs aka Teens

We will be offering jewelry classes, craft programs, author talks and concerts. As always, we will be offering the 8-week reading challenge for adults where a lucky winner will win a prize each week!

### For the Littles aka Children

Along this year's theme of read, renew, repeat, teens will each get a wrapped used "mystery" book to kick off the start of summer reading at the end of June. With different reading challenges to complete, participants can enter to win weekly raffle prizes and a chance at the end-of-summer grand prize. Summer Sweets happens every Monday, where we'll make fun and creative treats to take home, and other programs include jewelry making and art crafts, movie showings, and a teen summer book club.

WHAT'S HAPPENING  
IN THE  
GOODNOW LIBRARY  
SARA SHERMAN  
NOW LAB?



**BUTTON  
MAKING**

CHECK THE GOODNOW LIBRARY  
CALENDAR TO SEE HOW YOU CAN  
JOIN THE FUN!



**LASER CUT  
RUBBER STAMPS**



**CUTTING  
VINYL**

**AT CURTIS  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**



# TRUCK DAY!

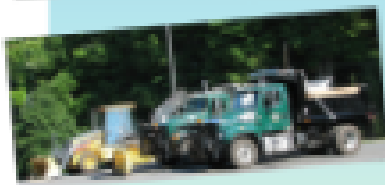
**WEDNESDAY, JULY 10**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

**EPHRAIM CURTIS MIDDLE  
SCHOOL**

**22 PRATTS HILL RD  
SUDBURY**

**ALL AGES**



Kids young and old can touch, honk, and climb the many vehicles that will be on display. Remember to bring your camera and have your picture taken sitting in a fire truck or snow plow! The first hour from 10:00-11:00 AM will be horn and siren free for the enjoyment of our littlest patrons.



# *Holbrook Regional Emergency Communications Center*

## *Sudbury Fire Department Partnership*

**BY CHIEF JOHN WHALEN,  
SUDBURY FIRE DEPARTMENT**

The Town of Sudbury is pleased to announce our partnership with the Holbrook Regional Emergency Communications Center (HRECC). Fire Department emergency calls are now dispatched by the Center, and Police Department emergency calls are expected to transition later this year.

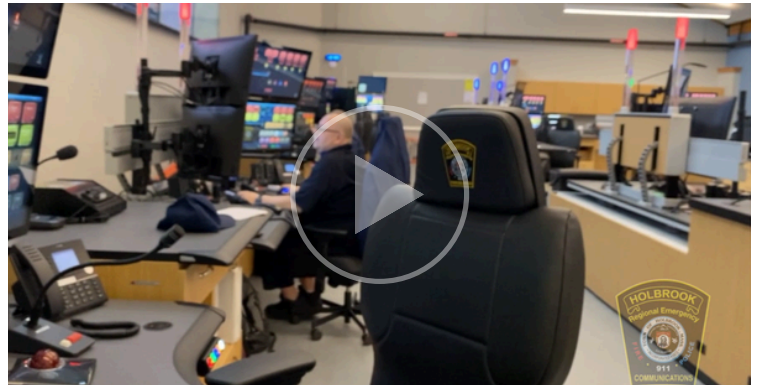
### **Benefits of Regionalization**

Sudbury dispatch services for the Police and Fire Departments were combined in light of mandated Emergency Medical Dispatch requirements as well as more efficient service. These services transitioned to a central location after the 2015 relocation of Sudbury Police Headquarters. Staffing the Sudbury Dispatch Office has become increasingly challenging, and the number of dispatch personnel has fallen sharply in recent years. Sudbury currently employs three telecommunicator professionals, two of whom aspire to be police officers, of the available nine positions. By contrast, HRECC employs 44 telecommunicator professionals, with more to be hired, which gives Sudbury access to more dispatch personnel for major events and surges of 911 calls.

In addition, Sudbury's Police and Fire radio systems, which connect dispatchers to first responders, will be upgraded at no cost to the Town through a State 911 Department Grant obtained by HRECC.

### **Holbrook Regional Emergency Communications Center**

HRECC offers highly trained dispatchers and state of the art equipment, providing industry-leading dispatch services to Sudbury residents. Residents are encouraged to visit the [HRECC website](#) to learn more about the Center's capabilities and staff. More about the partnership can be found [here](#).



## *New Police Department Mountain Bicycles*

### *Sudbury Foundation Grant Funded*

**BY CHIEF SCOTT NIX,  
SUDBURY POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Sudbury Police Department is pleased to announce that we were awarded a grant from the Sudbury Foundation for the purchase of two police patrol electric-assisted mountain bicycles. The bicycles will allow officers to better patrol and respond to emergencies on the newly built rail trail systems, as well as other remote areas in town. We would like to thank the Sudbury Foundation for their financial support which made it possible to add this vital equipment.



# Update on Sudbury Rail Trail Projects

BY MARCIA RASMUSSEN,  
RAIL TRAILS PROJECT COORDINATOR



## Town of Sudbury

Planning & Community Development Department

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www.sudbury.ma.us/pcd

To: Sudbury Residents and Businesses  
From: Marcia Rasmussen, Planning Development Assistant - Rail Trails project coordinator  
Re: **Update on Sudbury Rail Trail Projects**  
Date: May 9, 2024

**PUBLIC TAKE NOTICE** – the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail is an active construction zone and is **CLOSED to the public. Using the trail is at your own risk.** Town officials are very concerned about the numbers of people already using the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail while it is an active construction zone, crossing public ways without taking notice of traffic conditions, and trespassing over private property abutting the trail. The Town is working with the contractor to install additional signage and warnings to alert the public of the dangers of using the trail while it is under construction. The official completion date, per the contract, is June 2025.

### **Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Phase-2D Construction**

- Fuss & O'Neill submitted its Field Inspection Report #16 in April, which has been posted to the Town's BFRT webpage.
- Replacement of the 8-inch pipe under the rail bed at Fairview Farm has been approved by MassDOT and is expected to be scheduled for installation later this spring.
- Additional heavy rain storms in April led to flooding conditions on Morse Road at the intersection with the BFRT and concerns about the condition of the pipe/culvert under Morse Road. To better understand current conditions that caused this situation, the pipe will be cleared and a camera will be used to determine the condition of the pipe. Once that is done, a solution will be identified and implemented.
- After an early April meeting with the Historical Commission to present the preliminary content and design of the Historic Interpretive panels and receive feedback from Commission members on the concept and content, Town staff prepared a scope of work and is soliciting quotes for a graphic designer to assist with this project.
- New traffic signals have been installed at the intersections of Peakham Road and Hudson Road in Sudbury Center and at North Road and Windmill Drive. These signals will not be activated until power has been supplied to the locations later this year.

### **Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Phase-3 Design**

- A review session was held with MassDOT in early April on the preliminary 25% design plans. With comments in hand, Engineering/Design Consultant Fuss & O'Neill is preparing the final 25% design plans for submission in June 2024.
- The Boston Region Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has prepared and made available for public comment the draft FFY2025-2029 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), which includes 50% of the construction funding for the BFRT Phase 3 project in

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Progress on Sudbury's portions of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail and Mass Central Rail Trail is full steam ahead. Find the latest updates, project plans, field inspection reports and more at <https://sudbury.ma.us/pcd/?p=354>.



# DPW News

The Sudbury Department of Public Works held their first annual **Open House** on Saturday, May 18 in celebration of National Public Works Week. The event was a huge success, complete with equipment demonstrations, touch-a-truck, tasty treats and, best of all, DPW crew members sharing tons of great info about their vehicles and operations. Thank you to everyone who came out to meet your awesome DPW crew and learn about their important work!



Introducing **The Road Ahead**, a new quarterly newsletter from Sudbury's Public Works Department. The inaugural issue is packed with updates on town-wide projects, info about programs and services as well as great tips for homeowners and drivers. Download your copy today!

PILOT TRANSIT SERVICE IN  
**SUDBURY**

**JULY 1, 2024 - JUNE 30, 2025**

**Monday - Friday, 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM**

Offered through the MetroWest Regional Transit Authority

**LAUNCH EVENT:**  
**Sudbury Senior Center**  
**Thursday, June 6, 2024 - 1 PM**



**Sudbury**

Available anywhere in Sudbury +  
Target Plaza in Marlborough

 <sup>20</sup> Target Plaza



For info on transit options in Sudbury, visit  
[sudbury.ma.us/transportation](http://sudbury.ma.us/transportation)



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[WW.MWRTA.COM/CATCH](http://WW.MWRTA.COM/CATCH)

# Senior Center News

**BY DEBRA GALLOWAY,  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR**

Changes, changes. As of March 29, our longtime Program Coordinator Sharon Wilkes retired. Sharon worked with us for 10 years, providing creative and informative programs, while she also helped with publicity and program and event management. Fortunately, she has been helping out part-time while we look for her replacement. Simultaneously, we are looking to hire an Outreach Coordinator.



*Senior Center guests are often greeted by the smiling face of Receptionist Mary Murray.*



*The Stamp Group sharing a laugh at a recent Monday meeting.*

Our many wonderful part-time staff and volunteers help us to continue to provide a welcoming, friendly, and helpful environment. From Mary Murray, our part-time receptionist, to our Volunteer Greeters, Baked Goods Delivery people, and our volunteers providing services out in the community, these people make the Senior Center the special place that it is!

Although we are currently short-handed, the part-time staff and volunteers, along with the dedicated full-time staff, ensure that we continue to offer a variety of classes and programs as well as support services, information and transportation. The only program we have not been able to restart is the Medical Equipment Loan Closet services. Currently, we are referring people looking for medical equipment to the generous staff and volunteers at the Lincoln Council on Aging. We are hopeful that we will bring the Loan Closet back into action soon.

# Senior Center, cont.

## Newsletter

Our Sudbury Scene newsletter provides a wealth of information about our programs. If you don't already receive our newsletter, please contact us at 978-443-3055, or sign up for the emailed newsletter at the town website, [www.sudbury.ma.us](http://www.sudbury.ma.us) by clicking on the "Email Lists" tab.



*Guests watching the solar eclipse with special glasses on the new Senior Center patio.*



*Kevin Figueroa, of KevTech Services, leads an iPhone workshop at the Sudbury Senior Center.*

## Tech Savvy

The Sudbury Senior Center was awarded the "Enhancing Digital Literacy for Older Adults" grant through the Executive Office of Elder Affairs recently. Funds from the grant are supporting free iPhone and Android phone workshops. Check the Sudbury Senior Center newsletter for upcoming Tech workshops!

*A few of the Sudbury Senior Center Chess players gathered on a Wednesday in April 2024.*

# Has your home or daily routine been impacted by flooding?



Intense heat, major storms, flooding rains – climate change is bringing more extreme weather to Sudbury.

What can Sudbury do to help residents prepare, recover, and build back stronger?

**We want to hear about it** \_\_\_\_\_

<https://mapc.ma/ClimateConversations>

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Town of Sudbury

## Fire Station 2 Construction Complete

BY JANIE DRETLER,  
SELECT BOARD

Fire Station 2 construction is complete, and it is a smashing success! I recently met with Fire Chief John Whalen at the newly renovated Fire Station on Route 20, located near the Meadow Walk complex, to tour the new building. Thank you, Chief Whalen, and to all our firefighters and emergency responders for the work they do on our behalf every day.

The town of Sudbury recently completed its state-of-the-art fire station located on Route 20. The new facility, built to enhance the old and outdated station and to provide space for an ambulance, is a testament to the town's commitment to enhancing public safety and emergency response services for its residents.

The construction of the fire station was a long-awaited project that aimed to increase the town's medical response capabilities by housing an Advanced Life Support (ALS) ambulance and provide a more efficient and effective environment for the dedicated firefighters who serve the community. The new station boasts modernized accommodations including four bunk rooms, a kitchen/day room, two offices, an exercise room, and laundry room for the firefighters on duty, as well as a first aid center. The new building is approximately 2,500 sq. ft.

The fire station project was originally funded with an appropriation of \$4.3M at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting ([Article 16](#)). Due to inflation and supply chain disruptions stemming from the COVID pandemic, the project was supplemented with an additional 2022 Town Meeting ([Article 24](#)) appropriation of \$995,000, and \$770,000 of ARPA funding, for a total construction cost of approximately \$6M.



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## *Fire Station 2, Continued*

One of the key features of the fire station is its strategic location on Route 20, a major thoroughfare that allows for quick response times to emergencies throughout Sudbury and the surrounding areas. The convenient access to Route 20 enables the fire department to reach different parts of the town promptly, ensuring timely assistance during critical situations.

With improved facilities and resources at their disposal, the firefighters in Sudbury are better equipped to handle emergencies ranging from fires to medical incidents with precision and their exceptional professionalism. The new fire station building not only elevates the town's emergency response capabilities but also instills a sense of security and reassurance among its residents.

In addition to its operational advantages, the fire station serves as a symbol of the town's commitment to investing in essential services that benefit the overall well-being of the community. It stands as a beacon of resilience and preparedness, ready to serve and protect the people of Sudbury in times of need.

As Sudbury embraces this milestone in its public safety infrastructure, the residents can take pride in knowing that their town is equipped with a top-notch fire station built to the highest standards of safety, efficiency, and reliability. The completion of the new facility marks a significant chapter in Sudbury's history, signaling a bright and safe future for all who call it home.

## FROM THE SELECT BOARD

### *The Transfer Station*

#### A Local Asset to Improve Our Environment & Foster Sustainability

BY LISA KOUCHAKDJIAN, SELECT BOARD

Having just recently celebrated Earth Day, every year at this time we are reminded of our responsibility to protect our planet and our atmosphere. Over the last number of years, awareness regarding the importance of this issue has grown. Countries around the world, lawmakers, different industries, including manufacturing, transportation, and fossil fuel companies all play pivotal roles in helping to improve our environment and foster sustainability efforts.

What can we do on a local level to take care of our planet?

Can what we do on the local level make a difference?

One asset we have in Sudbury is our Transfer Station. The Transfer Station is operated and managed by the Department of Public Works. Located on Route 20, the Transfer Station offers the disposal of common household items and limited hazardous waste. Items that may be recycled include newspapers, mixed paper, cardboard, glass, aluminum cans, plastic, automobile batteries, used motor oil, and scrap metal.

In a recent conversation with our Public Works Director Dan Nason, Dan shared that approximately 25% of the town's residents purchase stickers to the Transfer Station. During our conversation, Dan stated the [Transfer Station Webpage](#) is a great place for community members to learn about the benefits offered by the Transfer Station.

In addition to the trash and recycling services offered by the Transfer Station, Dan indicated there are other benefits to the community including the Put N' Take and the book room. A list of items that may not be left at the Put-N-Take may be found [here](#). The Put N' Take closes a half hour earlier than the Transfer Station. There is also a book room where residents can leave books they no longer need, or take books for their enjoyment.

During our conversation Dan shared some of the challenges associated with the Transfer Station including the cost to manage and operate the facility. With an increase in residents using the Transfer Station, however, some of those costs can be offset.

I recently had the opportunity to pose the above two questions to our Town of Sudbury Sustainability Coordinator, Dani Marini-King. Dani shared that local, grassroots efforts can shine a light on the importance of environmental issues and help to make change at higher industrial levels of our society. Improving the societal culture through consumption and behavior changes can enhance climate resiliency and sustainability. How we act on the local level can make a difference and improve our environment.





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## Transfer Station, Continued

### Recycling Guide

#### In The Bin

Every recycling program in Massachusetts accepts the items below. Make sure they are empty and clean.



Dani shared that the Transfer Station is a great tool to support sustainability efforts on the local level. It is a wonderful introduction for people to focus on what kinds of waste they generate. Residents can take ownership of the waste they generate. The Put N' Take and book room foster a recognition of the importance of reuse. One person's trash is another person's treasure.

Many residents utilize private refuse companies for their trash and recycling services. Hauled recycling is mostly single stream. Using the Transfer Station for recycling allows residents to participate in the appropriate disposal and sorting of items suitable for recycling. Big trucks used by multiple hauling companies in town also contribute to greenhouse gas emissions in our community.

Importantly, using the Transfer Station is a great way to teach our children about preserving and protecting our environment. Having our young people learn that they can and should be an active participant in helping to improve our environment to keep our planet safe and our air quality clean, is vitally important.

To use the Transfer Station, you must have an annual pass sticker on your vehicle. There are two membership options, the Transfer Station Sticker, or the Recycle-Only Sticker. The Transfer Station Sticker cost is \$180 per year, in addition to a pay as you throw process where residents purchase yellow bags from local businesses and dispose of their trash in those bags. Although there is an additional cost for the trash bags, with appropriate recycling, the amount of trash generated is less.

The recycle-only sticker, with no waste disposal access, cost is \$35 per year. During our conversation, our Sustainability Coordinator stated that the recycle-only sticker is a great way for people to begin using the Transfer Station. Dani also shared that the more people that use the Transfer Station and purchase stickers, the more likely we are to manage the cost of the stickers.

Using our Transfer Station is a way for us as a community to show respect for our environment and model good stewardship towards our planet. The Transfer Station is open three days a week on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

To learn more about our Transfer Station, please visit [sudbury.ma.us/transferstation/](http://sudbury.ma.us/transferstation/)

#### Not In The Bin

Many items you'd think belong in your recycling bin don't. Putting them in does more harm than good. Not sure? Check the Smart Recycling Guide.



#### ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:

- Food & Beverage cans
- Plastic bottles, jars, jugs and tubs (NO OTHER SHAPES unless listed on [www.RecycleSmartMA.org](http://www.RecycleSmartMA.org))
- Glass bottles & jars
- Paper & Cardboard





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**OPEN DOOR CONNECTIONS AT THE DISCOVERY MUSEUM JUVENTAS NEW MUSIC ENSEMBLE SHEGROOVES: USING OUR VOICES FOR POSITIVE CHANGE LINCOLN-SUDBURY CIVIC ORCHESTRA WINTER CONCERT LINCOLN-SUDBURY FRIENDS OF MUSIC, INC. MUSIC DANCE.EDU PRESENTS HIP HOP CHAIR DANCE FOR SENIORS! MUSICIANS OF THE OLD POST ROAD HISTORICAL CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT THE WIZARD OF OZ PRESENTED BY OPEN DOOR THEATRE OF ACTON PIONEERING WOMEN OF EARLY ROCK AND ROLL WITH DAVID POLATIN WOMEN IN WORLD JAZZ PRESENT: WOMEN FOR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE NEEDLE FELTED ART WORKSHOP WITH LYN SLADE PRINCESS IDA PRESENTED BY SUDBURY SAVOYARDS, INC. HEARTPLAY PROGRAM FROM THE HOSPICE OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD SUDBURY'S CHANGING LANDSCAPE AT THE SUDBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY JEWELRY MAKING AND DESIGN WITH SUSAN UNDERWOOD ARTISTIC MOVEMENT: MOVING TO HEAL AT THE VIRGINIA THURSTON HEALING GARDEN WAYSIDE QUILT SHOW PRESENTED BY THE WAYSIDE QUILTERS GUILD**

For more information, including upcoming dates and locations, visit <https://sudbury.ma.us/culturalcouncil/>





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### *Program*

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**JUNE 24 - AUGUST 23, 2024**

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