



The Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts  
Town Manager's Weekly EMAIL – September 2, 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.*

### Building Walkways, Road Striping and Crosswalk Painting

The DPW has been busy this summer. A walkway on Concord Road between Thompson Drive and Lincoln Road is currently under construction in the hopes of being ready for school opening. One of the most visible tasks of the DPW each year is to repaint the crosswalks and re-stripe the lines of all primary and secondary roads. Both of these tasks are critical for the safety of motorists and pedestrians in Sudbury, and we sure get plenty of resident complaints and questions if there are any delays. Funds for this work are put in the DPW's road work budget. DPW Director Bill Place contracts out for the road striping, it is done at night, and takes about a week (if weather cooperates). The stop lines at intersections and crosswalks are painted by DPW employees. At the request of the Selectmen, the DPW has been painting crosswalks near schools and high volume areas in bright blue, and Bill has purchased and installed additional pedestrian crossing signs at particularly dangerous intersections. These safety enhancements have added to the cost of these projects in recent years, and the Board, Bill and I are grateful to Town Meeting for supporting the DPW road work account funding.



### September 11 Remembrance Details Finalized



The Sept. 11 Memorial Garden Oversight Committee, together with community leaders and First Parish of Sudbury, invites the entire community to attend a ceremony on Sept. 11, entitled, "We Remember Them - A Service of Memory, Hope, and Community." The brief interfaith service, to be led by the Rev. Katie Lee Crane, minister of First Parish of Sudbury, will take place on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 8:30 a.m. Activities will begin at the First Parish Meeting House and conclude at the Sept. 11 Memorial Garden in Heritage Park. For more details, see the article in the September 1 edition of the *Town Crier*.

### Email Sign Up Technology and Taxes!

The Tax Collector's Office continues to look to technology to assist taxpayers in making their payments a bit easier. Now, taxpayers can sign up for a notification system to alert them via email on tax due dates and other important tax related information. Treasurer-Collector Andrea Terkelsen, assisted by Peter Anderson on her staff and Mark Thompson, our Technology Director, have set up this new service through our Town web site. To find out more or sign up, see the front page of our website at [www.town.sudbury.ma.us](http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us).

## Recent Additions to the Sudbury Fire Department



Chief Ken MacLean provided the following information on staff that has joined the Sudbury Fire Department in the past few years. Michael Desjardins was hired on November 22, 2004 and graduated from the Academy on February 11, 2005. He comes to us after 17 years of service to the Sudbury Department of Public Works as their mechanic. Ethan Craig was hired on March 29, 2004. Ethan had a short career in Hollywood in which he played an extra in at least one movie in which he was recognized by the SFD members when it ran on TV. Kevin Morrissey was hired on December 1, 2003. Kevin previously worked for the Devens Fire Department and transferred to Sudbury. Josh McLeod graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy July 2005 in a ceremony at Nashoba Regional High School. Chief MacLean presented the certificate and Josh's brother, a firefighter from Wayland, pinned on his badge. It's great to have you all join our outstanding Fire Department.

## Michele's New Baby



Congratulations to Michele Korman, Health Coordinator, and her husband John on the birth of their second child, Bradley John, born on Aug. 23. He has a big brother Andrew who's three.

## Senior Center

Until I started this newsletter, I don't believe I fully appreciated the range of services and programs our Council on Aging provides at the Senior Center each month. Each week now, COA Director Kris Kiesel sends me the update on the offerings and they are impressive! Residents of Sudbury can find recreational and leisure options, meals, social opportunities, help with a variety of needs, health and exercise programs, and more. Here is a brief overview on one new program. *"Seniors can have their own medication reviewed by a registered nurse at the Sudbury Senior Center's Brown Bag Clinic Thursday, September 8 from 1:00 – 3:00. She will review all your medications, nutritional supplements, vitamins, and over-the-counter medications and check for interactions and compatibility among them. She'll check your blood pressure and blood sugar level, too. This clinic is free, thanks to a grant from the VNA of South Middlesex. Participants should call for an appointment, and bring a brown bag with all their medicine, vitamins, and supplements. What a great chance to clean out your medicine cabinet!"* Great Efforts, Kris, staff and COA Board.

## Summer is Over – Hawaiian Shirts Retired Until Next Year



Many of you know that Selectman Larry O'Brien shows off an impressive array of Hawaiian shirts at the summer Selectmen meetings, even donning one for the annual Fourth of July Parade. This year several department heads got into the spirit too! The picture to the left is Finance Director Sue Petersen and DPW Director Bill Place at a recent Selectmen's meeting sporting shirts even brighter than Larry's!



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