

# TOWN OF SUDBURY

## Town Manager Newsletter

### August/September 2017

#### Message from the Town Manager

Dear Neighbor,

Summer is quickly coming to an end, and the school buses have been passing my window letting me know that Sudbury is back in full swing!

Our Town Meeting warrant has closed and I am looking forward to seeing many of you at Town Meeting. There are plenty of exciting items on the warrant including playground modernization, a new fire station and a couple of “hot topic” petitions.

This summer, the Town received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and reporting, and its attainment is a significant accomplishment for a municipality. I’m very proud to work with such an amazing finance team.

This week I was honored to meet with Peter Milano, the Senior Director of Business Development for the Commonwealth. We discussed economic development possibilities here in Sudbury as well as potential grant opportunities. We visited the Meadow Walk site and were impressed to see all the progress made. If you would like to learn more about that project, including construction and traffic updates here:  
<http://www.meadowwalksudbury.com/construction-updates/>.



*Left to Right: Director of Mass Business Development Peter Milano, PCD Director Meagen Donoghue, and National Development’s Steve Senna and member of the crew at the site of the future Meadow Walk retail space.*

Best,  
*Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues. Esq., Town Manager*

## From the Selectmen's Office

### August 8

The Board signed a lease with the Sudbury Historical Society for the Loring Parsonage to be used as the site of the Sudbury Historical Museum. In Public Hearing, the Board voted to grant an alcohol license to Oak Barrel Tavern and modified orders from a previous dog hearing. The Board also called a [Special Town](#)

[Meeting](#) to be held at LSRHS Auditorium on Monday, October 16, 2017.

*Please note: The above description reflects some of the agenda items discussed at recent Board meetings. For further meeting details, please go to [SudburyTV.org](http://SudburyTV.org) to replay the meeting or view the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes, found at: <https://sudbury.ma.us/boardofselectmen/meetings/>*

## Assessors Office

While our department enjoyed the compressed work schedule these past seven weeks, we have now transitioned back to our regular schedule with a refreshed and re-energized perspective. I look forward to meeting program and project goals and deadlines that I associate seasonally with the bucolic beauty of Sudbury in the fall. Town Meeting, the annual Certification of Assessed Values and Tax Rate setting time will soon be upon us. Our ten-year cyclical property inspection program will continue. New property owners should expect sales questionnaires from our office. The information provided on the returns proves often times helpful in validating whether or not a sale was arm's length. If you have questions regarding the inspection program, I encourage you to give a call or send an email.

The months of June, July and August offered an opportunity for long term, Sudbury Resident/Property Owners, over age 65 and of moderate means to begin the application process for the innovative program known as "The Sudbury Means Tested Senior Exemption Program". This year's program filing period expired August 31, 2017. As of this writing (August 30th) we have received 114

applications. The received application packets will be processed for eligibility during September and October. Any applicant not meeting the criteria of the program will be notified in writing as to their ineligibility. Otherwise, I expect the calculated benefit amount will be applied to the applicant's January 1, 2018 tax bill. Although the Means Tested Senior Exemption Program application cycle is now closed, the application cycle for other exemption and deferral programs will continue through April 1, 2018. We have brochures and application forms available to download from our website, or you may send an email to request material, or give the office a call. We encourage you to get in touch with us: 978-639-3395 or 978-639-3393 or via email at [assessors@sudbury.ma.us](mailto:assessors@sudbury.ma.us).

In case you have forgotten, or simply never knew our "Open to the Public" hours of operation are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30 am to 4 pm; Tuesday from 8:30 am to 7 pm and Friday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

*Submitted by: Cynthia Gerry, Director of Assessing*

## Building Department

### Raytheon Redevelopment

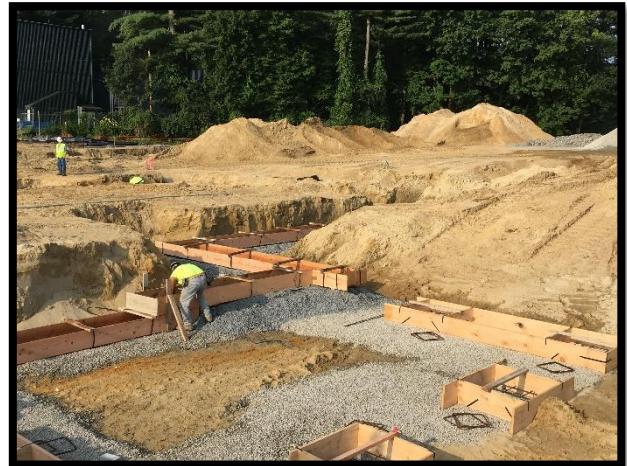
The Whole Foods Market is complete, and the four retail buildings have foundations in place and will be erecting a steel frame this month. The Bridges Assisted Living building has the foundation and rough plumbing done. They have started to frame the building and appear to be moving right along. Avalon is starting construction and they plan to work straight through to completion. Work has just started on the Waste Water Treatment plant with the anticipation of increased water flow once the other buildings begin to be occupied. High Crest, the over 55 condominium development, has started to submit permits.



*Future site of Bridges by Epoch Memory Care Assisted Living*



*Future site of 534 Boston Post Road, retail space at Meadow Walk*



*Excavation for the clubhouse at Avalon Sudbury*



*Reconstruction at Whitetail Lane*

### Rebuilding After a Fire

The reconstruction of 110 Brimstone Lane and 15 Whitetail Lane are moving right along. Both homes were damaged by fire and are being rebuilt using the existing foundations. This practice is being used more often in remodeling to keep cost down and reduce environmental issues.

We have had a very busy summer with inspections. Inspections have picked up due to the work generated by National Development's commercial buildings, and school and day care inspections are being completed for their annual Certificate of Inspection.

### Buyer Beware

When hiring a contractor, it's very important to do your research. Here is a list of suggestions to help find a quality contractor for your project:

- Ask for a copy of their Home Improvement Registration and Construction Supervisor License.
- Ensure that they carry liability insurance and workers compensation insurance. (Not always required)
- Ask for references from at least three recent projects with client contact numbers.

- Make sure you get a contract and understand what it includes and what it does not.
- Get at least three different contractor bids.
- Ask who will obtain the building permits and why.

For more information, check with the Department of Consumer Affairs at (617) 727-7755 and the Building Department at (978) 440-5461.

*Submitted by: Mark Herweck, Inspector of Buildings*

## Department of Conservation

The Conservation Commission has been very productive during the summer months. We have continued to monitor construction progress at Meadow Walk on Boston Post Road to ensure all aspects of the environmental requirements relative to wetlands are consistent with the permits.

VHB, Inc. the wetland consultants for the proposed Eversource transmission line project, has informed the Commission that they will be filing a wetland plan with the Commission in October. Identification and approval of this wetland delineation is part of the process for planning for the design of the transmission line.

The Commission has seen several projects that are in the permitting process such as the Coolidge, Phase II, 69-71 Brewster Road, as well as a new development proposed for 1011 Boston Post Road. The later proposal asks for two houses on rocky hillside across from the Wayside Inn field; the Commission is monitoring water flow in the stream. This is an unusual geologic area, with a boulder field on the lower slopes of Nobscot Mountain.



*The team who rebuilt the Nobscot kiosk.  
Left - Right: Jerry Tilbor, Peter Barrera,  
Isaac Tilbor and Eagle Scout Ryan  
Barrera.*

We continue to receive many project requests within Wetland jurisdiction. Often new homeowners are unaware they have Wetlands on their property that require a permit to work in an area. In order to educate them better, Dave

Henkels, Vice Chair of the Commission, has prepared a welcome letter to all new homeowners with information about wetlands. The letter notifies the resident that there are Wetlands on their property and provides information for them to make more educated decisions prior to beginning a new project.

After the old kiosk on Brimstone Lane sustained damage, Eagle Scout Ryan Barrera, with a little help from his friends, constructed a new kiosk at Nobscot on Brimstone Lane. Thank you!!!

*Submitted by: Kirsten Roopenian, Conservation Department*

## Goodnow Library

### Summer Reading Wrap Up

#### ***Kids:***

Goodnow Library children's department ran a thriving summer reading program this year! Kids were encouraged to read by earning beads to decorate a necklace or keychain. Beads got cooler the more kids read! Any child who participated in the program was also invited to the end of summer party with free ice cream at Haskell Field. Overall, 807 kids signed up for

Summer Reading and collectively read over 7,300 hours this summer – WOW! In addition to the reading incentive program, the Friends of the Library also sponsored many fun programs. Kids enjoyed watching a live animal show, a science show, building egg drop protectors, water bottle rockets, and more! Kids also got the opportunity to participate in service projects for a community supper, troops overseas, and a local animal shelter as part of the "Build a Better World" theme.



*Staff & volunteers at the Kids Summer Reading end of summer party*

**Teens:**

*Well she got her library card  
And she cruised through the nonfiction shelves  
now  
Seems she forgot all about the groceries  
Like she told her old man now  
And with the AC blasting  
Goes reading just as fast as she can now  
And she'll have fun fun fun  
'Til her daddy takes the Kindle away"  
(with apologies to the Beach Boys)*

It has definitely been both a fun and educational Sudbury summer. Robots and rockets and hobbits and Harry Potter inspired just a few of our teen activities. We learned some programming (using Minecraft!) with the Rhode Island Computer Museum. As part of our Teen Crafts series, we made laptop decals, Harry Potter magic wands, and tie-dyed t-shirts. During our 2 week Hobbit Camp, we not only discussed the book in detail, we also learned to write with dwarven runes and crafted our own dwarf battle axes (made out of foam). The LEGO Robotics series brought together middle-schoolers with members of the Lincoln Sudbury robotics team, who generously lent their expertise to the workshop. We made our own fidget spinners using the 3D printer and sculpted our own clay wind chimes with artist Janice Corkin Rudolf.

And finally, there was, of course, lots of reading. This year's grand prize for the Teen Summer Reading Challenge went to Mark Gregor, a frequent participant in many of our programs, who read a whopping 37 books this summer. Congratulations to Mark, who received an Amazon Echo Dot, and the 7 other weekly winners, who each received a \$10 gift certificate to Amazon, Dunkin' Donuts, or iTunes, all courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

This autumn promises to be equally busy with the return of our Girls Who Code club, which will be led by a cadre of local scientist moms. We're also planning a new gaming club and a variety of other activities for teens.

The summer may be drawing to an end, but the Teen Room will remain as active as ever.

**Adults:**

The Adult Department sponsored its first-ever summer reading program this year. Our only requirement was to read a book (in any format) and submit a raffle ticket including author, title, rating and (optionally) a review. To help our readers find new titles, we created a collection of themed booklists: [Bucket List](#), [Feel Good Fiction](#), [Get a Life](#), [In the Trenches](#), [Listen In](#), [Not Just for Teens](#), [Other Worlds](#), [Stay-cation](#), [The Melting Pot](#), and [The Real World](#). We also published weekly lists of the top-rated books from our reader submissions. (What Your Friends and Neighbors Are Reading: [Week 1](#), [Week 2](#), [Week 3](#), [Week 4](#), [Week 5](#), [Week 6](#), [Week 7](#), [Week 8](#).)



*Grand Prize winner Gloria Avila poses with her Amazon Echo.*

Our participants hailed from nine communities (Sudbury, Framingham, Hopkinton, Hudson,

Marlborough, Maynard, Natick, Stow and Wayland) and read a total of 258 books. 141 of those were read by the 54 Sudbury readers. Our most prolific reader read 77 books! Our readers listened to 48 audio books, and read 194 physical books and 13 eBooks. (Three titles were not categorized.) They also seemed to enjoy what they read, with 197 ratings of 3.5 or higher.

We held weekly drawings for \$10 Sudbury Coffee Works gift cards, generously donated by the Friends of the Goodnow Library. Winners were:

- Week 1: Sarah Sogigian, Sudbury
- Week 2: Forest Grant, Sudbury
- Week 3: Erin Barker, Framingham
- Week 4: Anita Yip, Framingham
- Week 5: Pat Howard, Sudbury
- Week 6: Louise Noce, Sudbury
- Week 7: Tracie Feeney, Sudbury
- Week 8: Karen Gregor, Sudbury

Our Grand Prize winner was Gloria Avila of Sudbury. Gloria, pictured, took home an Amazon Echo, generously donated by the Goodnow Library Foundation.

Demonstrating that reading runs in families, we learned that the daughter of our Grand Prize winner was a weekly winner in this year's Teen summer reading program, and the mother of the Teen Grand Prize winner was one of our weekly winners!

The summer program was fun for our adult users, and we also encourage adult reading as a way to model reading behavior for children. Week 6 winner Louise Noce told us: "When I see children that I teach around town, I have expressed that I hope they have been coming to the library and that I am signed up for the adult reading program."

The staff really enjoyed running this program, and we plan to make it a tradition!

### Minuteman Mobile App

Users on the go can use the app to search the catalog and place holds, keep tabs on their library account, renew or freeze their items and manage holds. Users have access to a digital library card on their phone. The app provides access to thousands of eBooks, streaming movies, digital magazines, and premium subscription resources for lifelong learning. It's like carrying the library in your pocket! Download it today from the App Store or Google Play.



### Sign up for text notifications

Get notices on your phone! With Shoutbomb text messaging (SMS) service, you can use your mobile phone to:

- Receive text notices about holds available for pickup, courtesy renewal reminders, and overdue items
- Send a text to renew items or check your fine balance
- Get reminders about your account status before hitting fine limits or expiration dates

#### How to sign-up

To get started, text SIGNUP to 508-507-2560, then reply to the Shoutbomb messages with your library card number. Within an hour, you will receive several introductory messages.



*Submitted by: Esmé Green, Library Director*

The Sudbury Board of Selectmen invites you to participate in...

# **ENVISION MELONE:** **Shaping Melone's Future Together**

**Tuesday, October 3, 2017**

***7:00 pm – 9:00 pm***



**Fairbank Community Center Gym**  
**40 Fairbank Road**

**CREATIVE. INFORMED. HANDS-ON.**  
**COME TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS FOR THE**  
**FUTURE OF THE MELONE PROPERTY!**

The 46-acre Melone property is the former site of a municipal gravel operation, which is no longer in use. Sudbury is seeking ideas on how best to reuse this large parcel of land. To learn more about the property, please visit:

<https://sudbury.ma.us/pcd/?p=103>

### **We Want to Hear From You**

- Come to the brainstorming session with your ideas, comments and questions.
- Can't be there? Email your idea to [community@sudbury.ma.us](mailto:community@sudbury.ma.us) in advance.
- Please put "Envision Melone" in the subject line of your email and include your name and address for the public record.

## Planning & Community Development

Greetings from the Office of Planning and Community Development (PCD). It has been a very busy summer with several milestones. Most evident is the Meadow Walk development kicked into full gear with the completion of Whole Foods and the continued progress on the rest of the site. PCD continues to work diligently with National Development to see the former Raytheon site transform into a great mixed used development. Director Meagen Donoghue presented on undergrounding of utility wires to the Planning Board as part of a Citizen's Petition from the 2016 Fall Town Meeting, and will do so with the Board of Selectmen in September.

Here are a few other milestones and a preview of what's to come in the fall:

### Housing

The Sudbury Housing Trust project at Maynard Road continues to make progress and the Marketing period for the remaining two duplex units has just closed. There will be a lottery to select the eligible purchasers. The Planning Board has been working on implementing a Capital Improvement policy at Grouse Hill, as well as getting an update on the property. Additionally, the 2017 Frost Farm eligibility requirements have been posted on-line, and PCD assists with applicant eligibility for units being sold.

### Envision Melone

PCD will collaborate with the Board of Selectmen to bring Envision Melone: Shaping Melone's Future Together. This highly interactive workshop will be held on October 3rd in the Fairbank Community Center Gym from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. The workshop will take a fresh look at the 46-acre former municipal

gravel operation and collectively strategize new and viable uses. We hope you can join us!

### Master Plan

Thanks to generous financial support from the Community Compact signed last spring by Town Manager Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, an update to the 2001 Master Plan begins over the next few months. PCD will be looking for community perspective and insight, so keep an eye out for participation events in the near future.

### Community Preservation Committee

#### Applications

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is now soliciting proposals for projects that may qualify for Community Preservation Act funding to be presented at the May 2018 Annual Town Meeting. Proposals can be submitted under any of the four topic areas of: 1) acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; 2) acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; 3) acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; and 4) acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing.

Click on the link for the [FY19 Project Form](#) to download the application. Applications should be submitted to the CPC as soon as possible, and no later than Monday, November 6, 2017. Submissions can be mailed to or dropped off at the Planning and Community Development Office, Flynn Building, 278 Old Sudbury Road. Public hearings about the proposals will be held during the late fall of 2017.

To find out more information about the CPA in Sudbury, check out the CPC website at: <https://sudbury.ma.us/cpc/>. A brochure is also

available describing the program along with a list of past projects funded by the CPA. Should you have questions about your project proposal please contact Meagen Donoghue, Director of Planning and Community Development at 978-

639-3387 or by e-mail:

[donoghuem@sudbury.ma.us](mailto:donoghuem@sudbury.ma.us)

*Submitted by: Meagen Donoghue, Planning and Community Development Director*

## Senior Center

### Needs Assessment/Livable Community

As mentioned in the July Town Manager Newsletter, the Town, Senior Center and Council on Aging have commissioned UMass Boston Gerontology Institute to conduct a town-wide Needs Assessment focusing on the needs and interests of residents aged 18 and older, with a focus on the town's livability for all residents. (Please see the Council on Aging section of the [July 2017 Town Manager Newsletter](#) for more information about the Town's interest in becoming an All-Age Friendly/Livable Town and the Needs Assessment.) The Needs Assessment study will involve two community forums, a sample survey of residents 18+, and 3 focus groups. Results from the assessment will inform planning for programs, policies and other Town-wide efforts meant to ensure that Sudbury is a friendly, accessible and inclusive place for all residents to grow up and grow old. Look for information about the Needs Assessment and Town Forums on the Town and Senior Center websites, the Sudbury Town Crier, and other locations in September. We hope you will participate! Please feel free to call the Senior Center with questions at 978-443-3055.

### Transportation

Transportation has long been a recognized need for Sudbury's older residents as well as residents who are unable to drive for other reasons. BayPath Elder Services recently awarded the Sudbury Senior Center and Council on Aging a grant to pilot an accessible van shuttle in Sudbury along Route 20 with a circuit through town in the morning and afternoon for 2 days a week. The grant start date is October 1, 2017 with planning to start then and a target date for the shuttle to begin in spring 2018.

The Town will join the CrossTown Connect (CTC) Transportation Management Association (TMA) based in Acton and encompassing the towns of Maynard, Acton, Littleton, Westford and Concord. The Senior Center and Council on Aging will work with the CTC TMA to pilot supplemental transportation service with extended evening hours from 4:00-8:00 PM, as well as on-demand transportation for employment and childcare, and other needs. We are planning the new pilot services now and hope to offer them soon. As information on the new transportation pilot programs is ready, we will share it on the Town website, in the Sudbury Town Crier, and other venues; feel free to contact the Senior Center at [senior@sudbury.ma.us](mailto:senior@sudbury.ma.us) for more information.

### Repair Café

The Rotary Club of Nashoba Valley is sponsoring a Repair Café on Saturday, October 28 from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM at the Sudbury Senior Center with help from the Sudbury Senior Center and the Sudbury Historical Society. The Repair Café brings together volunteers who like to fix things with people who have items to be fixed! Typical repairs are for: mendable clothing, lamps, small appliances, computers and electronics, bikes, toys, and dull blades. We are looking for additional volunteers who are handy at fixing things, as well as volunteers who would like to help with carrying items, or helping at check-in or with other tasks. This will be a fun community event! Save the date! For more information or to volunteer, please leave a message at the Senior Center at 978-443-3055 or email [senior@sudbury.ma.us](mailto:senior@sudbury.ma.us).

### Senior Center Activities

The Senior Center continues to offer a variety of programs, classes and events. We love to meet new neighbors! Please drop in when you have a chance. Upcoming programs include: Long 19th Century: European History 1732-1917 DVD Series with facilitated discussions, Comfort Food Caring Café on September 25 (for caregivers and their loved ones with memory challenges), Building Confidence in Bridge

series, the Heart of Meditation, the Surprising Benefits of Listening to Music!, Protecting your Home with Attorney Bergeron and many fitness classes, movies, lunch and more! We also provide many services, such as friendly visitors, SHINE Medicare counseling and more. Call or email with questions or suggestions at 978-443-3055 or [senior@sudbury.ma.us](mailto:senior@sudbury.ma.us). Check out our website at [www.sudburyseniorcenter.org](http://www.sudburyseniorcenter.org).

## Town Clerk

### A B C's and 1 2 3's

As we gear up for back to school, the “Lazy days of Summer” are sadly coming to an end. However, “Lazy days” certainly don’t describe the Town Clerk Office this summer. We have been busy, busy, busy with the many DBA certificates, vital records and happy couples coming in to file their marriage intentions. Since January, we have had 47 couples come to file marriage intentions this year! Love is definitely in the air for 2017!

### Special Town Meeting

The Fall Special Town Meeting will be held on October 16, 2017. Please note that the deadline to register to vote at this Special Town Meeting is Friday October 6, 2017. The Town Clerk’s Office will be open until 8:00 p.m. that evening in order to receive voter registrations.

### Are you registered to vote in Sudbury?

The deadlines to register or to make changes to an existing voter registration are twenty days before any election or annual town meeting and ten days before a special town meeting. First Step: Check your voter registration status.

If you find that you are eligible, but not yet registered to vote, and you have a MA driver’s license, you may register to vote online. For further voter information, please visit our website.

The Town Clerk’s Office Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:30 AM until 4:30 PM, Tuesday 8:30 AM until 7:00 PM and Friday 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM if you wish to come in person to register.

*Submitted by: Rose M. Miranda, Asst. Town Clerk*

## Commission on Disabilities (COD)

### Seeking Members

The mission of the COD is to promote equal access to all aspects of community life through removal of barriers that obstruct access for people of differing abilities. Reviving the COD

will help Sudbury enjoy a fully integrated community, welcoming to all residents and visitors.

A COD can:

- Advise and assist town officials with compliance to federal and state disability laws
- Provide technical assistance to differently-abled townspeople and accessibility advocates
- Educate the community about the universal benefits of providing equal access
- Ensure that the required Self-evaluation and Transition Plan meet American with Disability Act standards
- Assist the Town with implementation and upkeep of the Transition Plan
- Connect with MA Office on Disability to stay current with regulations and to take advantage of training, grants, and other resource offered
- Liaise with advocates and elected officials

The COD meets once a month with various work and activities likely between meetings. We are particularly seeking participation of townspeople who live with differing abilities so that Sudbury can benefit from your perspective and experience.

To learn more, please email [disability@sudbury.ma.us](mailto:disability@sudbury.ma.us).

Applications for appointment to the committee can be found here:

[https://sudbury.ma.us/selectmen/?attachment\\_id=199](https://sudbury.ma.us/selectmen/?attachment_id=199).

## Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are sought for the below committees. Please click on the committee name to find out more about its work and to apply for a position.

- [Conservation Commission](#)
- [Commission on Disability](#)
- [Fairbank Study Committee](#)
- [Memorial Day Committee](#)
- [Permanent Building Committee](#)
- [Ponds and Waterways Committee](#)
- [Sudbury Cultural Council](#)
- [Traffic Safety Coordinating Committee](#)



# FALL FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22ND



## HALLOWEEN 5K & FUN RUN

The Halloween 5K is a timed event starting at 11am followed by a 1-Mile Fun Run around the paved Haskell Field loop. Costumes are encouraged, so get in the spirit!

*\*Rain or shine.*

**5K TIME:** 11:00 AM

**5K COST:** \$30

**FUN RUN TIME:** 12:00 PM

**FUN RUN COST:** \$12

**T-SHIRT:** Register by October 5th



## SCARECROW CONTEST

We provide straw, a mounting, and twine; you provide materials needed for a face and any accessories you'd like for your family scarecrow. Clothing and accessories may not be returned, as the Scarecrows will be displayed until Halloween.

*\*Weather permitting.*

**TIME:** 12:30 - 2:00 PM

**COST:** \$10 per family

**\*Please note:**

we only have enough supplies for 50 scarecrows, sign up early!



A DAY FULL OF FUN FOR ALL AGES!

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

FACE PAINTING

MUSIC

CRAFTS

RELAYS

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE SMILE PLAYGROUND!

REGISTER ONLINE: [www.SudburyRec.com](http://www.SudburyRec.com)