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Town of Sudbury Town Manager Newsletter

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A New Tree in Town Center

An anonymous donor provided the town with a 20-foot tall Norway Spruce to enhance the Town Hall lawn. The tree was planted on Thursday, October 24 and festively decorated for the winter season. Thank you to the generous donor, Mayer Tree Service and the Department of Public Works for bringing this beautiful tree to Town Center!

To view a slideshow of the installation, please visit:
<https://sudbury.ma.us/town-manager/?p=1356>



Olaf and Mr. Vic entertained Winter Festival attendees on December 7. More photos on page 14.

Message from the Interim Town Manager

Season's Greetings, Sudbury!

Though winter only began a few days ago, we've already seen quite a bit of winter wonder, with several snow storms in early December. It was a nail-biter relocating the Tree Lighting to the Fairbank Community Center, but it was wonderful to see families and friends greeting each other and gathering for delicious food and winter cheer.

In December, we recognize our Employee of the Year, and I'm delighted to share that this year's honoree is Shawna Risotti from the Department of Planning & Community Development. Please join me in congratulating her next time you're in the Flynn Building.

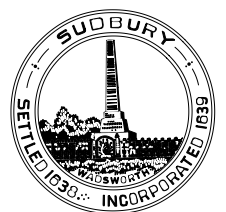
In other staffing news, I'm pleased to welcome back Dennis Mannone as our new Director of Park, Recreation and Aquatics. Dennis was Sudbury's Recreation Director a number of years

ago and has hit the ground running upon his return. We're happy to have his expertise!

A Special Town Meeting has been called for Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 7PM in L-SRHS. The meeting was initiated by a Citizen Petition to create a Historic District at Stone Farm. There are also two other articles that appear on the warrant. While the timing of the meeting comes during a busy time of year, the scheduling was constrained due to time limit requirement once a petition has been submitted to the Town. Please see page 12 to learn more about Town Meeting. I hope to see you there!

Wishing you and yours a Happy & Healthy New Year!

Sincerely,
Maryanne Bilodeau
Interim Town Manager





School Nurses Carol Bradford and Ann Chabot vaccinating students at Curtis Middle School.

Board of Health

- Flu Facts
- Stop the Bleed
- Vape Out Day

Flu Facts: *What you need to know*

Flu season is upon us! This year, we had the highest turnout for Town Wide Flu Clinics to date, vaccinating over 800 people. We also had our first Flu Clinic at our Emergency Dispensing Site (EDS) at Curtis Middle School. The EDS practice for mass vaccination is a key aspect for preparedness for a possible scenario of a pandemic influenza outbreak. Special thanks to the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) and the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) for their volunteerism to help vaccinate our residents.

It's never too late to be vaccinated. Remember your best protection is an annual flu vaccination. Protect yourself by:

- Getting Vaccinated
- Cover your mouth when you sneeze or cough
- Wash your hands often with soap and water or hand gel
- Stay home if you are sick to prevent spreading to others

The Sudbury Board of Health still has flu shots available. Please call the Health Department at 978-440-5477 for an appointment to get vaccinated today. For more information about the Flu, please refer to <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/flu-information-for-the-general-public>

“Stop the Bleed” *Kits and Training*

Earlier this year, the Health Department had applied for a grant for “Stop the Bleed” kits at key Town sites. “Stop the Bleed” is a national campaign to train the general public to help someone who is severely bleeding. In discussions with the Emergency Manager, Fire Chief John Whalen and Facilities Director, William Barletta, kits were installed at the Goodnow Library, Town Hall, Fairbank Building and Curtis Middle School. To ensure that staff in these buildings have adequate training on the “Stop the Bleed” initiative, Lt. William Francis and Mat Boutilier Firefight/Paramedic, Sudbury Fire Department held “Stop the Bleed” trainings for town employees. Thanks to all who helped this important initiative happen. These are unfortunate but necessary steps in today’s climate of Emergency Preparedness.

For more information on “Stop the Bleed,” here are some great resources you can download to your phone and check out on line.

“Stop the Bleed” App

For Android:

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=edu.usuhs.stb>

For iPhone:

<https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/stb/id1336173602?mt=8>

About “Stop the Bleed”

Stop the Bleed Resources is a National public awareness and training campaign started by the White House in 2015 to encourage the general public to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency. Learn more at <https://www.bleedingcontrol.org/>

New “Stop the Bleed” kit at the Goodnow Library.



Vape Out Day at Lincoln Sudbury High School

The Sudbury Health Department, along with Worcester State Nursing Interns, sponsored a vape education table at Vape Out Day on November 21, 2019 at Lincoln Sudbury Regional High School. The Health Department handed out Quit Resources and displayed a Harmful Effects of Vaping informational board for students to view. The Health Department also tested the student's knowledge on vaping with an interactive trivia game. We saw over 100 students during Vape Out. Students were very engaged and receptive to educational information regarding the adverse effects that vaping has on their health. For more information about vaping hazards and quit resources, go to:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/vapes-and-cigarettes>

Submitted by: Phyllis Schilp BSN,
RN Board of Health Nurse



Phyllis Schilp Town Nurse and Katherine Shreve, Worcester State Nursing Intern, educating Students on vaping at LSRHS.



A Vape Out Day display showing students the harmful effects of vaping.

Be Prepared for Winter Storms and Cold Temperatures

Winter storms and cold temperatures can be dangerous. Stay safe and healthy by planning ahead.

- Prepare your home and cars.
- Prepare for power outages and outdoor activity.
- Check on older adults.

Learn more at: <https://sudbury.ma.us/nurse/?p=602>



Department of Conservation



Non-migratory birds face tough winter conditions.

As winter quickly approaches, the Conservation Commission has been busy reviewing permit applications for those last minute fall projects, such as pool installations, septic system replacements, addition constructions, and tree removal projects. The Commission has filed for and presented their proposal to the Community Preservation Committee for funds to conduct invasive species removal and historical preservation and education at King Philip Woods. They also submitted a Proposal to the Sudbury Valley Trustees Terracorps program for assistance with determining and quantifying the best habitat management for the meadows at Landham Brook Marsh. Both these projects will provide an improved visitor's experience to Sudbury's conservation lands. The

Commission is also seeking to develop a Land Stewardship program to improve the Town's management of its open spaces and will be seeking public participation, support, and input in the near future.

Birds in Winter

While we think winter is tough on us, please keep in mind the critters around you. You can bring color into every bleak winter day by providing suet feeders to bring birds like cardinals, woodpeckers, and bluebirds into your property.

You can also incorporate native berry producing plants into your landscape that provide food sources through the winter, such as winterberry, American holly, and inkberry. Even the poison ivy you dreaded during the summer,

provides a great food source throughout the winter. Black oil sunflower seeds, millet seed and peanuts are all excellent choices for filling bird feeders in the winter. As spring approaches, please keep in mind that other animals, such as black bear, will seek feeders out, so they should be removed in the spring.

Having a source of fresh water is also very important during winter months, so filling birdbaths or setting out small pans of water during daylight hours can go a long in helping birds maintain their health.

The Conservation Commission thanks you for helping out Sudbury's wildlife make through another New England winter.

Submitted by: Lori Capone, Conservation Agent

Outdoor Ice Rinks

The Ice Rink at Featherland Park (491 Concord Rd) is now open to the public for the winter season.

Visitors are reminded:

- Please bring your own ice skates
- Weather permitting – if the ice isn't frozen solid, please do not use the rink
- Please leave nothing behind

Stay tuned for details - the Fairbank Community Center Ice Rink will be opening soon.



Visitors enjoy some outdoor winter fun at the Featherland Park Ice Rink.

Department of Public Works

- Road Weather Information System Pilot
- Road Pretreatment Program



Salt brine application helps to keep roads safe after winter weather activity.

Road Weather Information System (RWIS) Pilot Program

The Public Works Department is currently piloting a Road Weather Information System (RWIS) that collects ambient temperature, roadway temperature, relative humidity and dew point at six (6) strategic locations throughout Town. This allows for pavement condition forecasting to improve efficiencies in our approach to winter roadway treatments. The system enables the Town to project whether we should treat the roadways or not treat the roadways given the forecasted pavement temperatures. This RWIS is

expected to provide the Town significant savings on employee overtime, fuel and material costs as well as less wear and tear on vehicles and equipment. Environmental benefits are also realized by applying less rock salt when not warranted.

Road Treatment Brine Provides Cost Savings and Environmental Benefits

Last year's successful pretreatment program using salt brine warranted retrofitting a second truck for this year's winter operations program. The brine solution is manufactured in-house

by our staff and includes rock salt mixed with water. Each brine pretreatment application allows a 76-percent salt reduction when compared to a standard roadway treatment. Unlike treatment with standard rock, the brine does not scatter and bounce upon application and remains directly on the roadway surface. The advantages of brine pretreatment include environmental benefits since it is a much lower salt concentration being applied (nothing bounces off the roadway) and substantial material cost savings.

Submitted by: Dan Nason, DPW Director



RWIS monitors provide the DPW with information on pavement conditions that helps make winter roadway treatment more efficient.

Fire Department

Firefighter of the Year Awards

On Tuesday, November 26, 2019,

Firefighter/EMT
Russel Place

Firefighter/Paramedic
Michael Donoghue Jr.

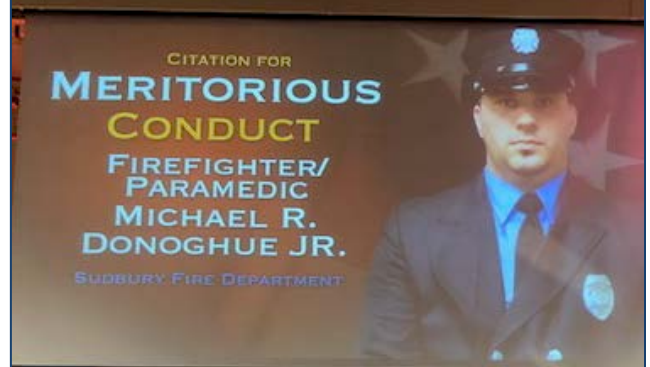
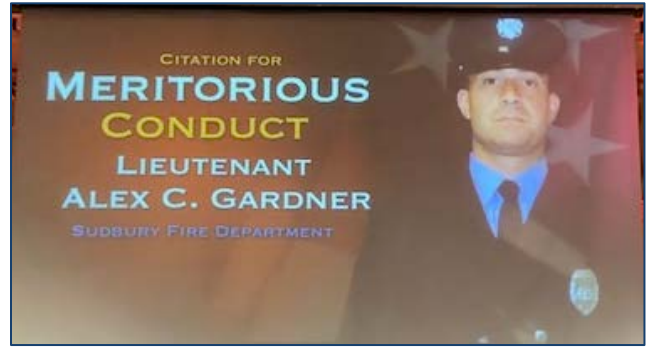
Lieutenant/Paramedic
Alex Gardner

attended the 30th Annual Firefighter of the Year awards. Each received a citation for Meritorious Conduct from Governor Charlie Baker for saving the life of a cross-country skier who fell through the ice on Willis Lake in February of 2019. The Ceremony was held at Mechanics Hall in Worcester MA, for details see the link below.

<https://www.mass.gov/news/governor-baker-presents-the-30th-annual-firefighter-of-the-year-awards>

As Chief of Department, I am very proud of the actions these three personnel had taken to save the life of one of our town residents while working in hazardous conditions.

Submitted by: John Whalen, Fire Chief



Firefighters Garder, Place and Donoghue receiving the Group Award for Meritorious Conduct from the Governor.

Goodnow Library

- Gingerbread House Workshops
- NOW Lab
- Teen Programming



Deliciously festive gingerbread houses made at the Goodnow Library.

Gingerbread House-Making Workshops a Hit

We held eleven full capacity Gingerbread House making workshops from December 4 – December 10. Over 275 children came, frosted, decorated, and licked their fingers clean during our holiday gingerbread workshops.

Spotlight on the NOW Lab

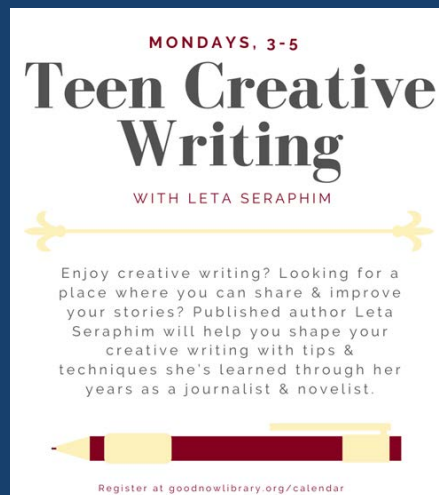
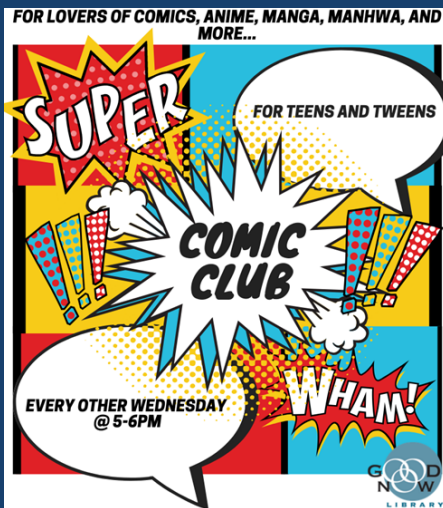
We have programs for all ages, and opportunities for [volunteers](#) to share their expertise with the community. Contact NOWLab Coordinator, Ferrell Mackey for more information at fmackey@minlib.net.

Submitted by: Esmé Green, Library Director



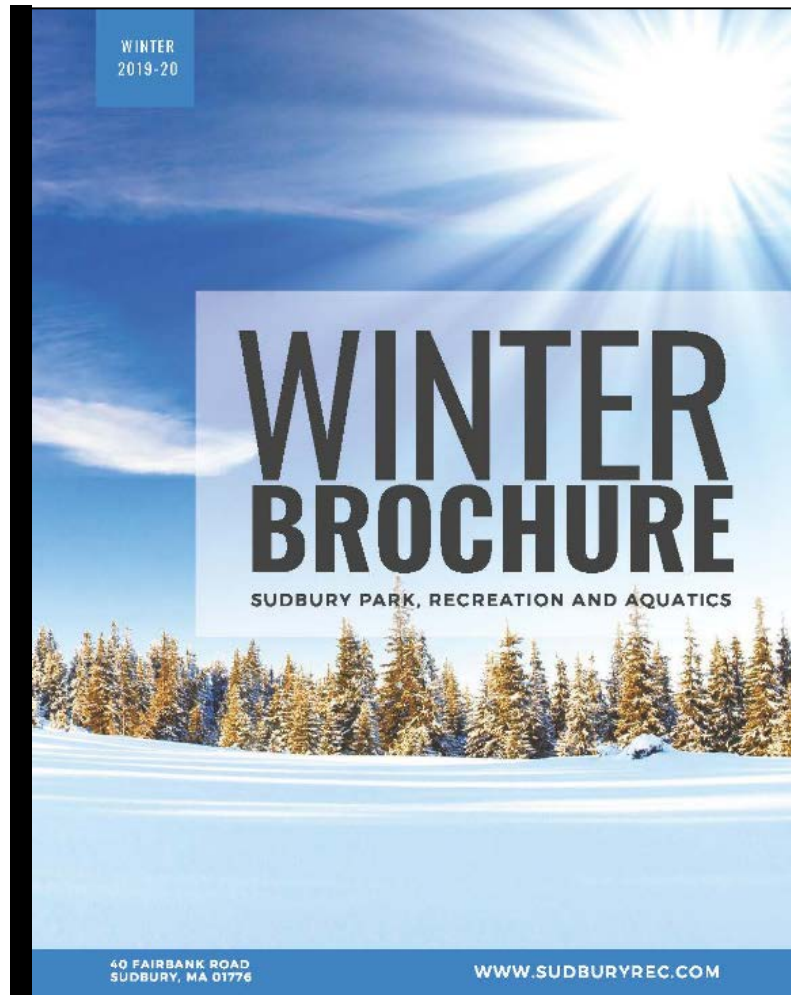
Projects and activities taking place at the Sarah Sherman NOW Lab.

Goodnow's Teen Programming Taking Off



For more information about teen programs, visit our website at goodnowlibrary.org.

Park Recreation and Aquatics



Winter Brochure

The Winter Brochure is now available, and registration has opened for the Atkinson Pool as well as all recreation classes and programs. Register today at www.sudburyrec.com.

Planning & Community Development

- Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Update
- BFRT North of Sudbury
- Hazard Mitigation Plan Update – Public Meeting



Hop Brook, where a new bridge is proposed in the 25% BFRT Design plan.

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Design Update

A significant milestone in the design of the Sudbury portion of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) was accomplished in late November with the submission of the structural design component of the 25% design to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT). The submission includes preliminary plans for two bridges and a boardwalk along the proposed multiuse path. The proposed bridges will cross Pantry Brook and Hop Brook, while the boardwalk will be an approximately 750-foot section located south of Hudson Road. The 25% design for the path component had previously been submitted to MassDOT and proposed a fully accessible multiuse path with a 10-foot wide paved path with 2-foot shoulders on each side. As a project with federal and state construction funding, the design must be reviewed and approved by MassDOT. The

updated project schedule indicates MassDOT review and the Design Public Hearing should be completed in spring 2020, at which time the Town will contract a design consultant team to complete the project design to 100%. Anticipated design costs will be covered by past Sudbury Town Meeting appropriations. The project is on the 2020-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) of the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) committing state and federal construction funding during federal fiscal year 2022. As such, construction is anticipated to begin in 2023.

The Sudbury section of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) currently in design extends south-north through the center of Town, approximately 4.6 miles, from South Sudbury near Station Road off Union Avenue, north to the Sudbury / Concord Town line. This portion of rail corridor is owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Additional details

on the project design and the 25% submission to MassDOT are found here:

<https://sudbury.ma.us/pcd/2017/10/01/bruce-freeman-rail-trail-update-info/>

Progress on the BFRT North of Sudbury

A new Concord section of the BFRT is now open from Commonwealth Avenue through West Concord to Powder Mill Road. This section in south Concord will connect to the Sudbury section when it proceeds to construction. A ribbon cutting event to celebrate the opening of the new Concord section was held on September 28. Construction of the BFRT bridge over Route 2, which will connect this newly completed Concord section to the northern sections of the BFRT in Concord, Acton, Westford, Carlisle, Chelmsford, and Lowell, is expected to begin next year. Information on the open sections of the BFRT may be found here:

<https://brucefreemanrailtrail.org/>

Planning & Community Development *cont.*

Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Public Meeting

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 6:30pm at Town Hall.

Come hear the progress on the Hazard Mitigation Plan update and learn about the mitigations actions for inclusion in the plan's update.

Submitted by: Adam Duchesneau, PCD Director



**WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 29, 2020
6:30 – 8:30 PM**

Sudbury Town Hall
322 Concord Road
Sudbury, MA

JANUARY 29, 2020 PUBLIC WORKSHOP

Public Workshop – Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The Town is currently updating the 2010 Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan is important because it helps the Town remain eligible to receive funding for projects that reduce the risk of injury or damage to property from future natural hazard events such as flooding and hurricanes. Please join us to hear about the progress on the plan's update, learn about the mitigation actions for inclusion in the plan's update and contribute to the process.

For more information on the hazard mitigation plan update, please visit: <https://sudbury.ma.us/fire/hazard-mitigation-plan/>.



Town Clerk

- Poll Pads
- Census
- Dog Licensing
- 2020 Election Schedule
- Annual Town Election



Poll Pads will be used to check in voters at Town Meetings and Elections.

Poll Pads to be Used to Check In Voters

Starting with the Special Town Meeting on Thursday, January 2, electronic Poll Pads will now be used to check in voters at Town Meetings and Elections. The Poll Pads will accelerate the Check-In process by eliminating the need for voters to line up by precinct and for election workers to flip through a paper list to check off addresses and names.

The use of these computer tablets will allow our election officers to check a voter in by either:

- Manually entering the first few letters of the voter's first and last name OR
- Scanning the bar code on the back of the voter's driver's license. No information from the scanned license is retained by the Poll Pad. Please note, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts does *not* require that a voter present a license to check in at Town Meeting.

Please note that voters will now check in by name rather than by precinct as has been done in the past. Therefore, a voter may proceed to any available election officer in order to check in.

The Poll Pads are not connected to Wi-Fi. They communicate via Bluetooth, syncing automatically and eliminating the possibility of a voter checking in more than once.

Town Census

The Annual Town Census will be mailed to all households by January 1. Residents should verify or correct all information, sign, date and return the census for processing by the Town Clerk's Office. The data is used to compile the Sudbury voter list, Sudbury school planning, and other reports required by Massachusetts General Law, therefore all members of the household, aged three years and older, should be included. If a resident needs a replacement census form, or has any questions, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 978-639-3351 or clerk@sudbury.ma.us.

The 2020 Federal Census will be mailed to all households in April. This is different from the Town census. It should be filled out and mailed to the Federal government.

Dog Licensing

Dogs aged six months or older must be licensed each year. Licensing applications can be found on our website, inside the census packet and at the Town Clerk's Office. The licensing period extends from January 1 through March 31 each year. Beginning April 1, the late fee of \$25 will apply for each unlicensed dog in addition to the regular licensing fee (Town Bylaw Article V, Section 3A.) Starting in January, on-line dog registration will be available at <https://Sudbury.ma.us/dog>.

2020 Election Schedule

The 2020 Presidential Primary will be held Tuesday, March 3. The voter registration deadline for this election is Wednesday, February 12. Early Voting will be held Monday, February 24 through Friday February 28, at 12:30.

The State Primary is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 1 and the State/Presidential Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.

For Voter Registration and Absentee Ballot Deadline information, please visit <https://Sudbury.ma.us/clerk>.

Annual Town Election

The 2019 Annual Town Election (ATE) will be held Monday, March 30, 2020. The voter registration deadline for this election is Tuesday, March 10. The Absentee Ballot application deadline is Friday, March 27, at 5:00 PM. There is no Early Voting for ATE.

Positions on the ballot include:
Board of Selectmen
Board of Assessors
Goodnow Library Trustees
Board of Health
Park and Recreation Commission
Planning Board
Sudbury School Committee
Planning Board
Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School Committee

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

Special Town Meeting

Town of Sudbury
Massachusetts



OFFICIAL WARRANT

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2020
7:00 P.M.

Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Auditorium
390 Lincoln Road, Sudbury MA

The Special Town Meeting warrant has been mailed to all Sudbury addresses.

Citizen Petition-Initiated Special Town Meeting

DATE: Thursday, January 2, 2020

TIME: 7:00PM

Please note the start time is earlier than other recent Town Meetings.

LOCATION: Lincoln-Sudbury Regional High School Auditorium

Warrant

The [Warrant](#) is posted on the website and has been mailed to all households.

Learn More About The Articles - Article Of The Day

Article of the Day is featured on the [Town of Sudbury Facebook page](#). These are user-friendly explanations of the matters that will be discussed at Town Meeting. Don't use Facebook? Please see below:

ARTICLE 1: CITIZEN PETITION – CREATE NEW STONE TAVERN FARM HISTORIC DISTRICT -

This citizen petition article requests to designate 554 Boston Post Road as a single-property local historic district. If approved, the district would be subject to restrictions and controls administered by the Historic Districts Commission. More information on Stone Farm is here: <https://sudbury.ma.us/stonefarm>

ARTICLE 2: CHANGE NAME OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SELECT BOARD - This article requests to change the gender specific title "Board of Selectmen" to the gender neutral "Select Board."

ARTICLE 3: CITIZEN PETITION – NEW SUDBURY COMMUNITY CENTER - This citizen petition article requests \$27.7 million for a new Sudbury Community Center. The Board of Selectmen voted to add a Town-sponsored article for renovations to the Fairbank Community Center to the May 2020 Annual Town Meeting warrant.

Voter Check-in

New in 2020 – voters will be checked in via **electronic Poll Pad** rather than paper list. This will expedite the check-in process as voters are no longer required to line up by precinct number in order to obtain their voting card for the meeting. For more details, please see page 11.

Voter Registration

A resident must have registered to vote by Monday, December 23 at 8PM in order to vote at this Special Town Meeting. Check your voter registration status here.

Absentee Voting

Please note, there is no remote or

absentee voting at Town Meeting. Absentee voting is possible during elections, which use ballots as the voting mechanism. There are no ballots at a Town Meeting. Motions to be voted are made on the floor of town meeting and may differ from the article presented in the warrant. Votes are taken in person.

Transportation

The Senior Center will have a van available for those who need transportation to Town Meeting. The handicapped-accessible van can accommodate up to 9 people, including wheel chairs. Sign-up takes two steps (one step for those who are already registered):

1. Register as a van rider. Call MetroWest Regional Transit Authority: 508-820-4650 OR Call Ana Cristina Oliveira, Outreach Specialist at the Senior Center: 978-443-3055
2. Request a ride. Once registered, request a ride by Monday, December 30 at 4:00 PM by calling MWRTA at 508-820-4650.

Live Broadcast

Town Meeting will be broadcast by SudburyTV.

Learn more about the Special Town Meeting at:

<https://sudbury.ma.us/townmeeting/?p=660>

Senior Center

Salt Potato Day

On December 19, the Sudbury Senior Center served up some hot salted potatoes (generously donated by Niel Maurer) and held an old fashioned sing-a-long with the Senior Notes. A great time was had by all!

Learn more about Senior Center programs at <https://sudburyseniorcenter.org/>



Attendees at this year's Salt Potato Day in the Senior Center.

TOWN OF SUDBURY

WINTER FESTIVAL



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