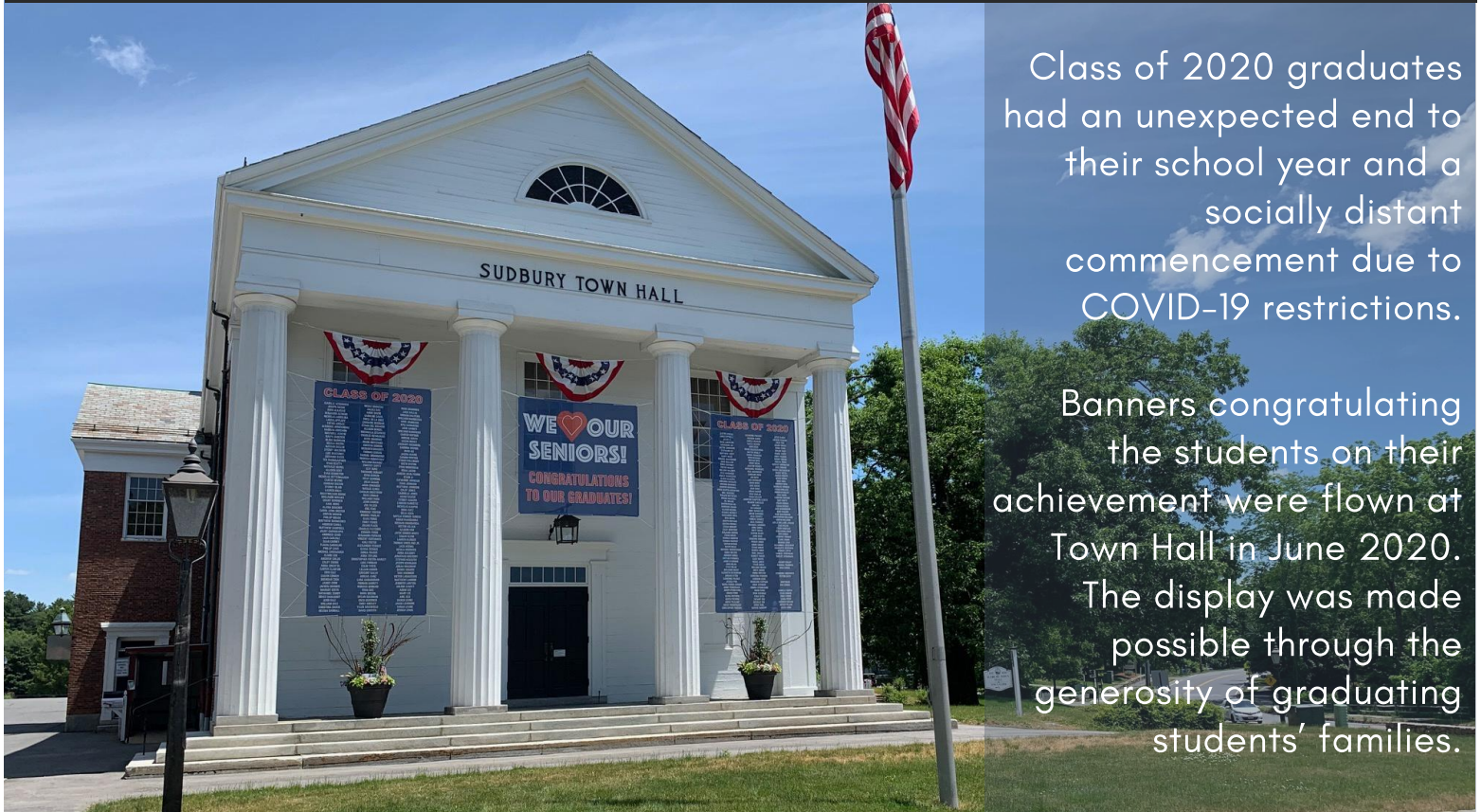


# TOWN OF SUDBURY

## Town Manager Newsletter



Class of 2020 graduates had an unexpected end to their school year and a socially distant commencement due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Banners congratulating the students on their achievement were flown at Town Hall in June 2020. The display was made possible through the generosity of graduating students' families.

## Message from the Town Manager

Why do people say the beginning and the end, as opposed to the end and the beginning?

As I reflect on the things that have transpired from the beginning of 2020 until this current day, I observe that I have ended an old year, ended a previous career, I have ended another development program, and many other endings.

Not only have I ended some things, I have begun quite a few things and so have you. What I would like for us to focus on is not necessarily the things that have ended, but the things that begin as a result of the end of something else. At the end of a season, yet and still another season begins, at the end of an era another era begins. At the dawn of a new day, the night has ended. Every day that we enter is a brand new beginning to something that could be very special.

### *In this Issue:*

SWIMMING POOL PERMITS

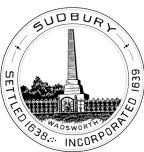
STATEWIDE DROUGHT

CONCORD RD CULVERT REPAIR

CONTACT-LESS LIBRARY PICKUP

TICK DISEASE

BFRT HEARING



At the time of this newsletter, our graduates have transitioned from their educational programs, some businesses have gone into another phase of re-opening in Massachusetts, some people have begun a new relationship, and maybe we're beginning a new normal. I wonder what we will do in this new beginning?

Whenever we experience times of challenges and changes, we have the opportunities for innovation and accelerated growth where something special could manifest. My question to you is... can we find those opportunities and then capitalize on them in such a way that our professionalism, functional areas and personal lives go to another level?

The staff is postured to sustain a safe, secure, serviced and strong Sudbury! In these times we have done our level best to continue to hold that line. As we go forward into the new normal, I ask that you remain confident in our competence. Furthermore, consider how you can encourage others to step boldly into the unknown, or face their fears in such a way that produces a new destiny, not just a new normal. This is the end and the beginning!

I can't wait to see what our future holds!

*-Henry L. Hayes, Jr. , Town Manager*

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## Building Department

ANDREW LEWIS,  
BUILDING INSPECTOR

The Building Department continues to very busy with plan review, permits, camp inspections and new Covid-19 regulations for outdoor dining.

### Construction Projects

The storage facility at 560 Boston Post Road is underway and should keep us busy for the next 12 months or so.

Coolidge Phase 2, the senior apartments at 187 Boston Post Road, is moving along quickly and is expected to done sometime this fall.

Cold Brook Crossing is in its final planning stages and should be applying for permits this summer.

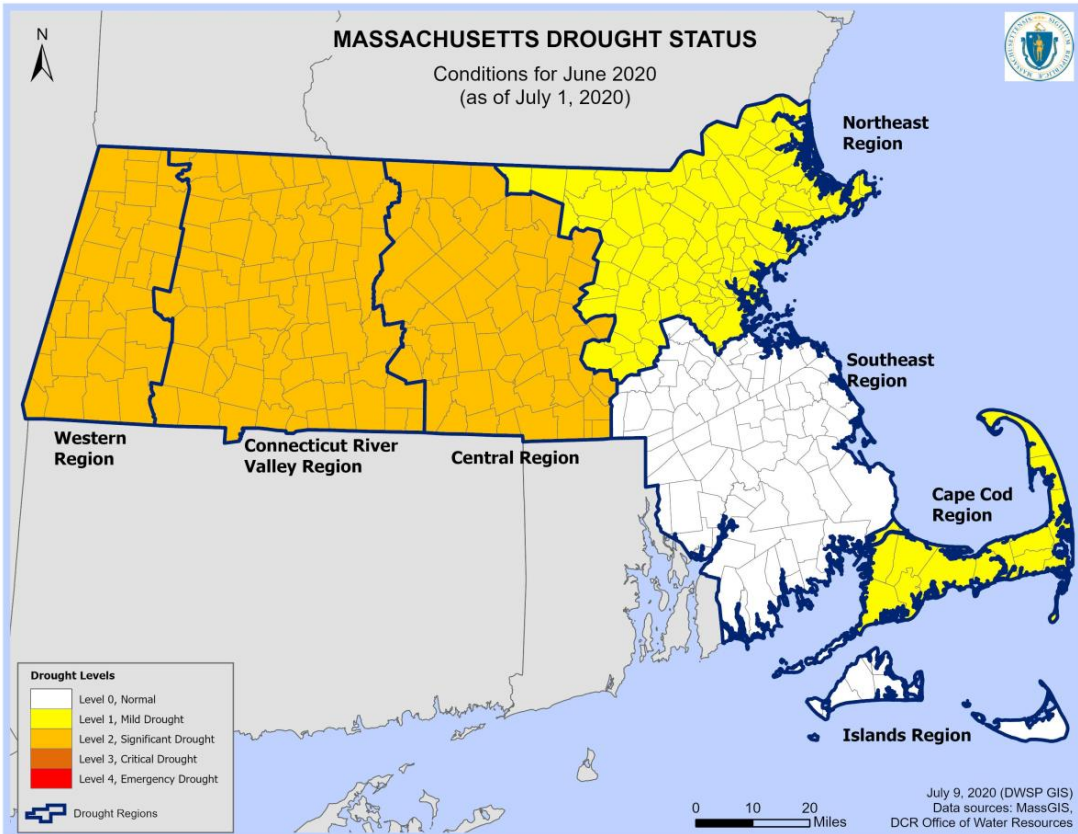
### Swimming Pools

Swimming pool permits have been very popular this summer. Homeowners need to be aware of the Building Code requirements for barriers

around their pool to help prevent accidental drowning. Any pool or spa with a water depth of 24" or greater requires a Building Permit and must meet code requirements. The Building Department website has a link to the swimming pool and spa code requirements.

## Construction of the new storage facility at 560 Boston Post Road.





"Limiting nonessential outdoor watering is one of the most effective ways to minimize the impacts of drought on the water supply and the environment..."

# Conservation Department

LORI CAPONE,  
CONSERVATION COORDINATOR

For the Conservation Commission and Department, the summer months have been as active as ever before, if not more! Social isolation has resulted in Sudbury residents improving their personal recreational space, which have kept the office busy with numerous tree removal requests, landscaping, and pool permits being sought. The Commission continues to meet on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail initiative as well as review a joint application from Eversource and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to construct and operate a high voltage transmission line on the MBTA corridor, where DCR plans to create the Mass Central Rail Trail.

## Conservation Lands

Our Conservation Lands have seen a great deal of traffic this spring and summer. We encourage all those interested in taking advantage of these lands to visit the Conservation Lands web page and look under Conservation Lands that have maps, and information about the sites, with video tours available to view.

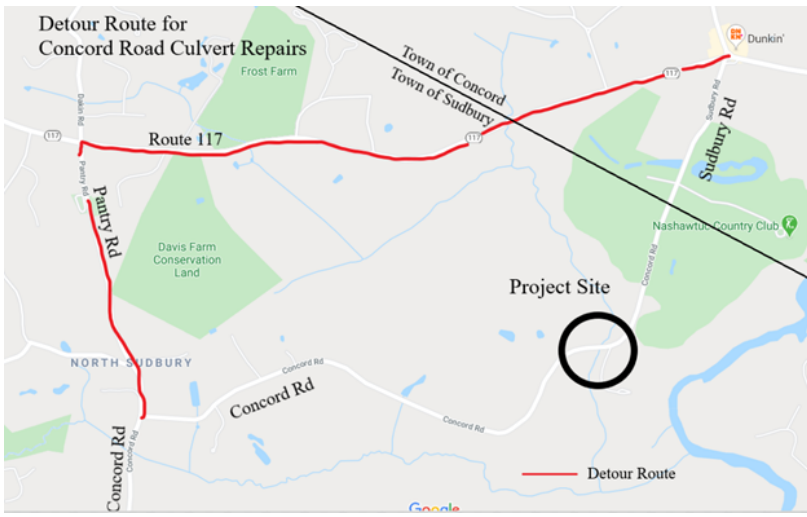
The Commission also recommends adherence to our COVID Etiquette, including social distancing and keeping dogs on leash, to continue to keep Sudbury safe.

## Statewide Drought

The Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Kathleen Theoharides, declared a Level 2-Significant Drought in the Western, Connecticut River Valley, Central and Northeast Regions.

The state asks residents to be mindful of the amount of water they are using, and to be proactive in reducing or eliminating outdoor water use, reduce indoor water use, and address plumbing leaks as soon as possible. Limiting nonessential outdoor watering is one of the most effective ways to minimize the impacts of drought on the water supply and the environment, and ensure there is enough water to meet essential needs, such as drinking water and fire protection, and so habitats have enough water to recover. Also please be aware of Sudbury Water District use restrictions.

Please be mindful of your water use, especially during this COVID crisis, and have a safe, healthy, and happy summer!



Clockwise from top left:  
The project detour route, the DWP  
team securing the site and the Concord  
Road Culvert Crossing.

## Department of Public Works

DAN NASON,  
DPW DIRECTOR

### Northern Section of Concord Road to Close for Culvert Repairs

Repairs to the Concord Road culvert in North Sudbury will commence on July 9. A roadway closure and detour will be necessary through early September due to the narrow right-of-way with limited space for staging and construction activities. Message boards are in place to notify residents of the impending construction. Local traffic on both sides of Concord Road will be allowed during the closure but travel through the construction zone will be prohibited.

Subsequent to a hit-and-run motor vehicle accident which dislodged the guardrail and headwall, the headwall collapsed into Cold Brook partially occluding the upstream portion of the culvert. The Public Works Department team removed the occlusion and secured the site by installing concrete barriers and reflective construction barrels.

This culvert crossing is completely submerged and not visible under the water's surface. In order to properly assess the condition of the culvert under the roadway a team of commercial underwater divers were contracted to investigate the culvert barrel. It was determined that the culvert is in good condition but it is partially clogged with debris.

Further structural assessment revealed the footings at both ends of the culvert need replacing. For compliance with MassDOT crash barrier standards the stone parapet wall on the culvert's southern side also needs to be replaced.

The Town's engineer, BETA Group Inc., developed a low-cost solution involving new guardrail bolted to cast-in-place concrete moment slabs with underlying footings surrounding the existing culvert. Debris blocking the culvert's cross sectional area will also be removed during construction. The most challenging portion of this project will be successful dewatering of the work area in order to properly construct the footings.

The project received six competitive bids with the lowest being accepted for a cost of \$242,050. R. Bates and Sons, Inc. of Sterling is the general contractor and BETA Group, Inc. of Norwood will be assisting with construction administration and inspection.



## To Borrow Library Materials PLACE A HOLD

Place your holds in the Minuteman Catalog or by phone at 978-440-5520 (M-W, 9 am-5 pm; Th 12 pm-8 pm). We are ONLY filling holds for Sudbury pick-up of Sudbury materials at this time.

## RESERVE A PICK UP TIME

When you receive the email telling you your item is ready for pickup, or see it on your account, you can Book your Pick-Up timeslot. Pick-up times are M-W 10 am-4 pm and Th 1 pm-7 pm. You can also call 978-440-5530 to book.

## GET YOUR BOOKS

Please park in the main parking lot, use the ramp and follow all directional signs. Time slots are 1 hour long (arrive 10am-11am for a 10am reservation). Numerous labelled bags will be out - please be sure you take the correct one. If you miss your pick-up time, please call us at 978-440-5530 to reschedule.

# Goodnow Library

ESMÉ GREEN,  
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Hello Goodnow Library Users! Happy Summer! As we navigate the new normal during the COVID-19 pandemic, we want you to know that we are here for you. In addition to weekly children's and teen virtual programming and additional online resources for e-books and streaming video content, we have now added Contactless Pick up.

There are many ways to keep up with all the happenings at the library. Visit our [website](#) to sign up for our weekly newsletters, or find us on your favorite social media!

## Imagine a New Kind of Summer @ Goodnow June 22- August 14

Due to COVID-19 and the need for social distancing, our Summer Reading Program has been re-imagined for Summer 2020. Registration and participation is now on Beanstack, our new online reading platform! Track your reading, earn badges and prizes, and read for a good cause this Summer @ Goodnow! For every registered reader, the [Friends of the Goodnow Library](#) will donate \$1 to the [Sudbury Food Pantry](#). We hope to reach 2,000 readers! Register and help us help the Food Pantry this summer. Track reading, earn badges & win prizes—for all ages!

### Fun for Children

Log reading minutes at least once each week to be entered into weekly and grand drawings for some exciting prizes! Each week, three lucky winners could win a \$5 eGift Card to Erikson's Ice Cream; and at the end of Summer Reading, our grand prize winners could win a \$100 Amazon gift card, a \$50 Learning Express gift card, or a LEGO City Ice Cream Truck Building Set!

### Virtual and Take-Home Activities

This summer, instead of traditional in-person programming, the Goodnow Library will offer virtual and take-home activities to get children excited about reading!

Check out our [Children's Calendar](#) for details about virtual programs on both Facebook and Zoom. We'll have our weekly Music Makers and Storytimes, plus virtual Escape Rooms, online Book Clubs, virtual Family Trivia Nights and more!



### **Imagine Your Story Activity Kits**

Starting the week of June 29th, Imagine Your Story Take-Home Activity Kits will be available for contactless pickup. A new kit will be available each week and will contain activities for kids to explore at home:

- For ages 4 and up: Kits will include materials and instructions to complete a variety of STEAM and craft activities. Each week kids will explore a different Fairy Tale through hands-on projects.
- For under age 4: Need a simple craft project for your toddler? There will be kits available for ages 18 months – 3 years.

### **Especially for Teens**

Track reading and earn virtual reading badges for minute milestones (15 minutes, 30 minutes, 1 hour, etc). Participate in at-home activities to complete online activity badges. Log reading minutes at least once each week to be entered into weekly drawing of a \$10 gift card to local businesses and a grand prize drawing of a \$50 gift card!

Virtual and take-home activities: This summer, instead of traditional in-person programming, the Goodnow Library will offer virtual and take-home activities!

Check out our [Teen Calendar](#) for details about virtual programs on Zoom. We'll have a variety of weekly programs such as Maker Monday crafts, at-home baking tutorials, virtual Escape Rooms, online Book Clubs, cardio classes and more! All virtual programs will require registration and have limited spaces, so keep an eye out!

### **Adults Included**

Track reading and earn virtual reading badges for reading or book review milestones. Log books or write a review at least once each week to be entered into weekly drawing of a \$10 gift card to local businesses and a grand prize drawing of an "Imagine Your Story" themed basket! These are just some of the many questions you need to answer.

## **Download/Stream Books, Audio, Music, Video**

Start exploring the world of digital media today! We have an array of free choices for downloading e-books, e-audiobooks and music.

### **Minuteman's Digital Catalog**

Powered by Overdrive, provides access to a large collection of eBooks, eAudio and streaming video. Available to all Minuteman cardholders.

### **Kanopy\***

On-demand streaming video service offering thousands of award-winning documentaries, training films and theatrical releases across diverse subjects and disciplines. Access films and documentaries from a variety of independent filmmakers and distributors, including the BBC, PBS and the Criterion Collection.

### **HOOPLA\***

Online service that allows you to check out an awesome selection of digital music, movies, and audio books FREE. No Waiting, no holds or overdue fines. Just instant access. Once you [create an account](#), you can stream or download titles to any internet-enabled device. You'll need your library card number to register and you'll soon be on your way to digital downloading heaven!

\*These services are for Sudbury residents only.



FOR HELP WITH ANY OF THESE PRODUCTS, PLEASE CONTACT THE REFERENCE DESK AT 978-440-5520 OR [REFERENCE@SUDBURY.MA.US](mailto:REFERENCE@SUDBURY.MA.US)

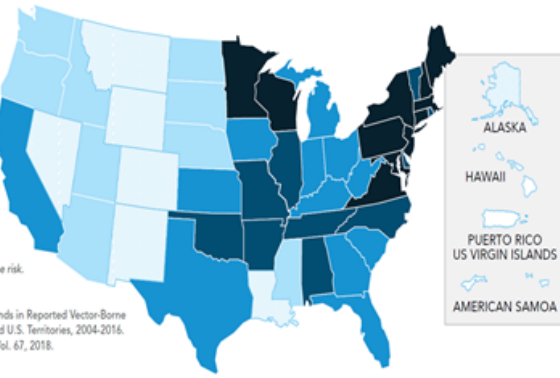


## DISEASE CASES FROM TICKS (2004-2016, REPORTED)

- Top 20% (more than 12,856)
- 2nd 20% (2,141-12,856)
- 3rd 20% (1,099-2,141)
- 4th 20% (183-1,099)
- Bottom 20% of states (117-182)
- None: 0

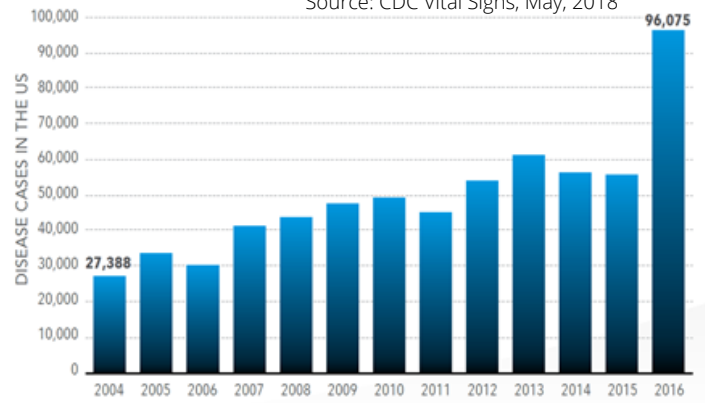
Maps show case counts, not disease risk.

SOURCE: Rosenberg R, et al. Trends in Reported Vector-Borne Disease Cases—United States and U.S. Territories, 2004-2016. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep. Vol. 67, 2018.



## Disease cases from infected mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas have tripled in 13 years.

Source: CDC Vital Signs, May, 2018



# Tick-borne disease by the numbers.

## Health Department

BILL MURPHY,  
HEALTH DIRECTOR

### Increase in Tick Disease Reported

#### Prevention is the Key

Over the past two weeks, Sudbury Health Department has seen an increase in tick-borne illness including Anaplasmosis, Lyme and Babesiosis. The majority of cases of tick-borne disease occur in June through August. Although not every tick is carrying a disease, it is important to take steps to avoid all tick bites. The Sudbury Health Department wants to remind all Sudbury residents of some important precautions to help guard against tick-borne disease.

- Be aware of wooded areas with high grasses or leaf piling (where ticks hide)
- Walk in the center of trails
- Wear tick repellent containing DEET of at least 30% or clothes treated with permethrin
- When returning home after having been outdoors, bathe or shower as soon as possible to wash off or find ticks crawling on you
- Do a tick check after spending time outdoors (don't forget your pets)
- Call your Health Care Provider immediately after a tick bite to discuss exposure and treatment.
- Test your Tick at [UMASS](http://UMASS)

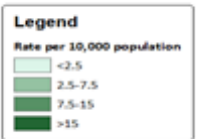
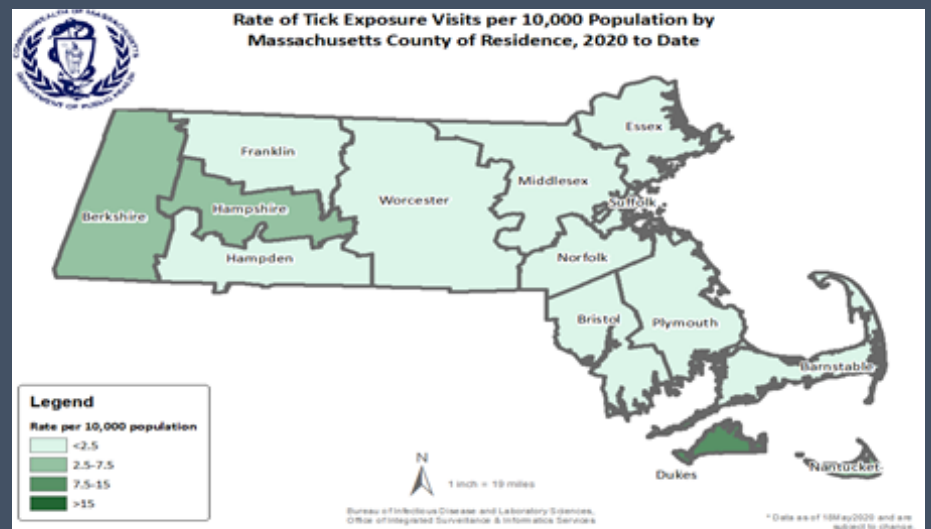
Please contact the Sudbury Health Department with any questions (978)-440-5479. For more information about specific tick-borne illness and prevention steps go to:  
<https://www.mass.gov/tick-borne-diseases>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/index.html>

### Know the signs of Tick-Borne Illness:

- Fever/chills
- Aches and pains
- Rash
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Joint pain



This map shows the rate, per 10,000 total population, of ED visits by patients who had a visit related to a tick exposure, by Massachusetts county of residence, 2020 to date. Although there are differences in the rate of patient visits, this shows that people are exposed to ticks throughout all of Massachusetts and should take recommended steps to reduce the chance of being bitten.



Bureau of Infectious Disease and Laboratory Sciences, Office of Integrated Surveillance & Informatics Services  
 \* Data as of 10/15/2020 and are subject to change.

# SUDBURY EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP)

**APPLICATIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING ACCEPTED**

**WHAT IS ERAP?** *See Guidelines and Application FAQ for more detail.*

ERAP provides temporary monthly rental assistance in the form of a grant to eligible households who have a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ERAP will pay between \$350 - \$800/mo. in rental assistance, depending on unit size for four months. Payments are made directly to the landlord. Grant renewals may be possible depending on need and available funding. ERAP is funded through the Sudbury Housing Trust.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Current residents of Sudbury not currently receiving rental assistance or in a unit where rent is based on income. Also, households that own other real estate do not qualify.
- Households who have had their income reduced due to circumstances related to the COVID-19
- Households who spend over 30% of their income on rent
- Households whose current monthly rent is below the following:
 

1 bedroom - \$1,925	2 bedroom - \$2,311
3 bedroom - \$2,880	4 bedroom - \$3,131
- Households whose income is below the following limits:

Effective: 4/1/2020							
Household size	1 person	2 person	3 person	4 person	5 person	6 person	7 person
Income Limit	\$83,300	\$95,200	\$107,100	\$119,000	\$128,520	\$138,040	\$140,492

Applications available online: [www.RHSOhousing.org](http://www.RHSOhousing.org)

For questions or to submit application contact: [info@RHSOhousing.org](mailto:info@RHSOhousing.org) or call 978-287-1093

Applications also accepted by mail:

Flynn Building  
278 Old Sudbury Road  
Sudbury MA, 01776  
Attn: ERAP

OR

In person, drop-off at: of:

Town Clerk's Office (at the rear of Town Hall)  
322 Concord Road  
Sudbury, MA  
Attn: ERAP

*Place in the drop box in the vestibule  
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week*



July 8, 2020





# Welcome!

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail  
Sudbury & Concord | Project File No. 608164

## 25% DESIGN PUBLIC HEARING

July 16, 2020

0:01 / 41:30



## Planning and Community Development

ADAM DUCHESNEAU,  
PCD DIRECTOR

### **Bruce Freeman Rail Trail: MassDOT Design Public Hearing**

#### Watch Online

The design of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) in Sudbury (Section 2D, Project # 608164) has reached an important milestone with MassDOT approval of the preliminary, 25% design and scheduling of the Design Public Hearing.

MassDOT's virtual Design Public Hearing for the BFRT in Sudbury was presented as a webinar video online on July 16th.

Public comments to be captured as part of the Design Public Hearing proceedings are due to MassDOT by July 30. The video is now available and additional comments may be submitted on an ongoing basis following compilation of the Public Hearing proceedings.

#### **Watch the Hearing**

The webinar is now available. Click to watch: [MassDOT Design Public Hearing Webinar](#) on SudburyTV.

#### **Submit Comments**

The public comment period is July 16 – July 30, 2020. There are three ways to provide comments:

1. Online: [Project Comment Form](#)
2. Email: [dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us](mailto:dot.feedback.highway@state.ma.us)
3. Mail: Patricia A. Leavenworth, P.E., Chief Engineer, MassDOT, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116, Attention Project Management Project File No. 608164.

#### **About Bruce Freeman Rail Trail 25% Design**

The Town of Sudbury is the project proponent, coordinating and funding the project design, and has advanced the project to this preliminary design stage in coordination with MassDOT. The construction is estimated at \$13.4 million dollars and will be funded through the Boston Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) in federal fiscal year 2022. TIP projects are subject to a specific set of guidelines, including the 25% Design Public Hearing. Following the Design Public Hearing, the Town will continue to advance the project design in close coordination with and meeting the requirements of MassDOT.

#### **Learn More**

For more information, please see the BFRT Project webpage at <https://sudbury.ma.us/pcd/?p=354>.

# TOWN MANAGER OFFICE HOURS

Thursday, July 30, 2020

8:30AM-9:30AM

Zoom Meeting

*JOIN ONLINE*

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/814>

[43386131](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/814)

*CALL IN*

978-639-3366 or 470-250-9358

Meeting ID: 814 4338 6131



**Town Manager Henry L. Hayes, Jr.** will be holding virtual open office hours for residents to talk about issues of interest and concern. Please join the Zoom meeting at any time from 8:30AM-9:30AM on Thursday, July 30 to say hello, ask questions or discuss town matters.



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