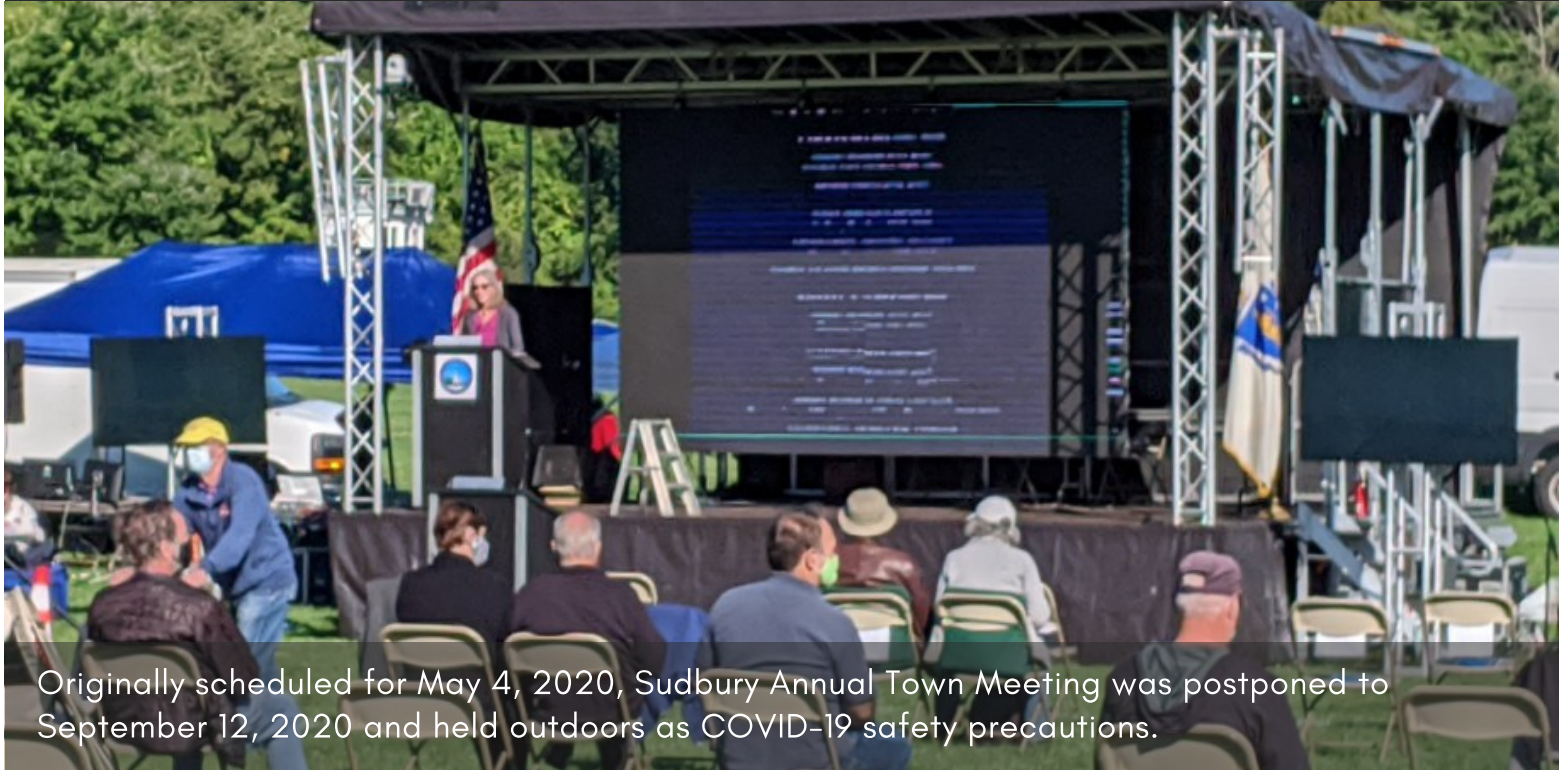


TOWN OF SUDBURY

Town Manager Newsletter



Originally scheduled for May 4, 2020, Sudbury Annual Town Meeting was postponed to September 12, 2020 and held outdoors as COVID-19 safety precautions.

Message from the Town Manager

The professional staff members of the Town of Sudbury have a mission to sustain a safe, secure, serviced and strong Sudbury. Our efforts to keep things going as best as able during the current pandemic has been a challenge, but the team as a whole has risen to the occasion. Consider the innovative ways our Senior Center has delivered enrichment, entertainment and electronic socializing. The Library has implemented curbside and online platforms. Our Department of Public Works has been almost full service across the board the entire time, and they are working towards more electronic fee payments as this newsletter goes out, with some focus specifically on the Transfer Station. I am very impressed by their adaptive posture, especially regarding cemetery operations. Planning and Community Development has overcome a great deal of external challenges and has us on progressive tracks. I won't name all departments, but have you seen news about police and fire? What an amazing set of game-changers we have! Our goal is to keep some semblance of typical service in as many areas as reasonable, while keeping our teams, citizens and visitors in a good position.

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Speaking of good position, I am grateful to all involved with the planning, preparation, and completion of Sudbury's Annual Town Meeting! What a fine day and smooth operation that turned out to be! A heartfelt thank you to all. The pressure was on, and we delivered as a unified team!!!

Lastly, I want to celebrate the Town for the great and courteous actions that far outweigh the temporary discomforts and missteps that have been widely reported in the media. This season of pressures and pain can be mitigated by each of us committing to respecting each other in ways we desire to be respected. My soul aches when discord and challenges put our population in harm's way or when fear creeps in. I cringe when gatherings occur in unsafe or unwise ways. Regardless of how individuals feel about their level of health and comfort, we must continue to

be mindful of those that we may cause an unintended consequence for. Unfortunately, the strength of a host, or carrier, is not transferred with the transmission of the virus to another person. As a result, I ask that we all continue to do our best to reduce risks. We have been in this long enough to state that this is the new normal, until a vaccine is widely distributed.

While we forge our way forward, as a unified community, let's do our best to reduce the varying points of pain and pressures. Extend grace and kindness, answer each other softly, try to see the other's perspective. Thank you for the projection of excellence in all that we do... as Staff, Citizens, Elected Officials, Business Owners and Operators, Service Providers and Visitors.

-Henry L. Hayes, Jr. , Town Manager

TOWN MANAGER OFFICE HOURS

Thursday, Oct 29, 2020

8:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Zoom Meeting

JOIN ONLINE

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/814](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81443386131)

[43386131](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81443386131)

CALL IN

978-639-3366 or 470-250-9358

Meeting ID: 814 4338 6131



JOIN US IF YOU DARE



THE GREAT PUMPKIN

Carving Drive-Thru

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

HASKELL FIELD

Sudbury Park & Recreation is hosting the Great Pumpkin Carving Drive-Thru! To participate, register through the Park & Recreation website (\$5 per household), carve a medium or large-sized pumpkin and then drop it off on Friday October 30th between 12:00 - 5:00pm

Pumpkins will be on display that evening.

If your pumpkin carving days are over, join us for the drive-thru to view the submitted entries!

www.sudburyrec.com



BEFORE: Morse Road and Marlboro Road Intersection. Walkway shows area where Stormwater ponds.



WORK IN PROGRESS: New drainage, asphalt berm and preparations for paving walkway.

Walkway and Drainage improvements underway at Morse Road / Marlboro Road intersection.

Department of Public Works

DAN NASON,
DPW DIRECTOR

Drainage and Walkway Improvements along Morse Road at Marlboro Road Intersection

In September, the Public Works Department added drainage structures and a new outfall to improve stormwater runoff at the intersection. Work included tree removal to expose the outfall pipe, limited grading, installation of new catch basins and associated piping, new asphalt berm, new walkway and a reconstructed stone headwall.



WORK IN PROGRESS: Grading preparation for walkway, soil stabilization and new stone headwall.



WORK IN PROGRESS: Morse Road walkway complete.

Fire Station 1 Receives a New Parking Lot

The Public Works Department recently managed the reconstruction of the parking lot and associated driveway at the Sudbury Fire Department Headquarters located at 77 Hudson Road. Work included pulverizing the existing pavement, installing a subdrain to lower the ground water under the pavement surface, installing a new concrete walkway and garage apron, installing new asphalt berm, remodeling a drainage basin and resetting granite edging.

Newly paved parking lot in back of Fire Station. (Police Station is on right.)



Front of Fire Station including new concrete apron and walkway.



BEFORE:
Ponding of storm water in low area of existing roadway.

Drainage Improvements Come to Wolbach Road

In August, the Public Works Department performed a full-depth reconstruction of a portion of Wolbach Road to fix a low area that continually ponded with water causing large potholes. The in-house design included 200 linear feet of pavement from the intersection at Old Sudbury Road. The Public Works Department excavated and regraded the road's subbase material in order to shed runoff to the naturally occurring low side of the road along the easterly side. Drainage improvements included two new catch basins and their connection to an old abandoned outfall along Old Sudbury Road.



AFTER:
Newly reconstructed roadway.



Phase 1 and 2 of the new fire engine's construction process.

Fire Department

JOHN WHALEN,
FIRE CHIEF

Fire Engine Construction

The construction of the Department's new Fire Engine has started at the manufacturer located in Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania. Above are photos of the first and second phase of the cab being constructed. We will provide updates as the project moves forward.

Fire Station 1 Paving

The long awaited paving project for Fire Station 1, located at 77 Hudson, Road was completed. This project was coordinated by the Facilities, Engineering and Public Works Departments. I would like to thank all the people that made this project possible.

New Hires

The Fire Department would like to welcome three new employees, they are Firefighter/Paramedic's Greg Richardson, Kristina Harris and Daniel Sweeney. All three will be attending the Massachusetts Fire Academy in Stow in the coming months.

Gear Wash System

The Fire Department was the recipient of a grant from the Department of Fire Services (DFS) for the purchase of a firefighting protective gear wash. This new system will increase the Department's gear wash capabilities. A special thanks to the Facilities Department for installing the needed hot water heater and the required electrical connections at Fire Station #1.

New gear wash system obtained through a DFS grant.



READ WOKE

@ Goodnow



The Goodnow's new READ WOKE online reading challenge highlights a wealth of diverse voices, with reading lists tailored for children, teens and adults.

Goodnow Library

ESMÉ GREEN,
LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Hello Goodnow Library Users! 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](#) and Weekly [Pop-Up Library](#) events!

Read Woke: All Ages Reading Challenge

Introducing [Read Woke @ Goodnow](#)

– our NEW online reading challenge!

We invite all ages to read 10 books that give a voice to the voiceless, provide information about disenfranchised groups, or challenge social norms.

Choose one book from each of our 10 categories and discover a wealth of diverse books, arm yourself with knowledge, and learn more about others! Sign up today at goodnowlibrary.beanstack.org and join the movement!

The Read Woke Challenge asks you to read a total of 10 books, one from each of 10 categories. The categories include African-American voices, Asian-American voices, Hispanic American voices, Female voices, LGBTQ+ voices, Native American voices, Diverse abilities, Immigrant and Refugee Voices, Social Injustice and Racism and Voices of those experiencing poverty and homelessness.

This challenge will run from October 1-May 31. [Sign up today!](#)

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HOOPLA: Online service that allows you to check out an awesome selection of digital music, movies, and audio books FREE.

For help with any of these products, call 978-440-5520 or email REFERENCE@SUDBURY.MA.US.



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Park, Recreation & Aquatics

DENNIS MANNONE,
PARK, REC & AQUATICS
DIRECTOR

Hello from Sudbury Park, Recreation and Atkinson Pool! The Park and Recreation Department has opened up programming for the fall! A few fun upcoming programming including our Wild Wednesdays, Kids Paint Nights as well as The Great Pumpkin Carving Drive-Thru!

Wild Wednesdays

Registration is now open for our [Elementary School Wild Wednesdays](#) program! This program meets every Wednesday during the fall between 12:30pm – 4:30pm. Filled with theme days, sports, crafting, engineering and special events. There will be a snack block, but make sure that children eat lunch at home first. Space is limited, so please visit the Sudbury Park & Recreation website for more details and to register!

Paint Night

The Sudbury Park, Recreation & Atkinson Pool is also hosting a [Kids Paint Night](#) on Friday, October 23rd from 6:30pm – 8:30pm at the Fairbank Community Center. Kids will be guided through painting their own “Spooky the Cat” just in time for Halloween! All supplies will be provided! This program is for children ages 10 to 16 years old.



Great Pumpkin Carving

Drive-Thru

Also, just in time for Halloween, the Sudbury Park, Recreation and Atkinson Pool will be hosting The [Great Pumpkin Carving Drive-Thru](#) on Friday, October 30th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at Haskell Field parking lot. We will have pumpkins carved by Sudbury Town Departments, spooky decorations and Glow-in-the-Dark pumpkins decorated by our Wild Wednesday program! If you are interested in participating, register through the Park & Recreation website (\$5 per household), carve a medium or large-sized pumpkin and then drop it off on Friday, October 30th between 12:00pm – 5:00pm. The Park & Recreation Department will supply the lights! All pumpkins will be on display Friday evening starting a 6:00pm. Come down and drive-thru to view all the local talent!

Swim Lessons

[Fall Swim Lesson](#) Programs are designed to get your child ready for fall fun in the water and are dedicated to enhancing swimmer ability. These programs are 2 weekdays long (Tuesdays & Thursdays), to make for a well-paced course schedule and a shorter commitment than traditional 6-week lessons.

Each swim session consists of four swim lessons which are 30 minutes each over a two-week period. Dolphins, Whales, and Sharks will take place twice a week on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Instructors will be socially distanced, teaching from the pool deck.

Swim with Kate

Wednesdays

[Swim with Kate](#) will meet on half-day Wednesdays for 45 Minutes for swimmers between the ages of 6-12. Swimmers will have 25 minutes of instruction and then 20 minutes of guided free swim. Siblings are welcome to sign up for the same time slots.

We have many other programs that are now open. Please check out our website, as we update it regularly. This is the best way to view any Park & Recreation programs, Atkinson Pool Swim Lessons and Lap Lane Rentals as well as other vendor programs. To receive updates via email regarding upcoming events, open registrations and information regarding the Atkinson Pool, just create an account through our website so we can notify you of all the great things happening at the Sudbury Park, Recreation and Atkinson Pool! sudburyrec.com



FAIRBANK COMMUNITY CENTER

Ballot Question #4

November 3, 2020 Election

The Fairbank Community Center is home to the Senior Center, Park and Recreation, and Sudbury Public Schools administration. It also serves as an Emergency Shelter and a Town Voting site. Through the Center, residents of all ages have access to affordable programming for fitness, science, arts, summer and vacation camps as well as other services to enhance overall quality of life. The main building was built in 1958 as an elementary school. The Atkinson Pool was built in 1987, and the Senior Center addition was built in 1989.

Currently, much of the aging building is failing, requiring ongoing expensive maintenance and repairs. Inefficient energy management system, leaky roof, deteriorating locker rooms, worn interior, undersized generator, old plumbing system. The current building is not American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant nor is it Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (AAB) compliant.

The space is deficient, impacting the user groups' abilities to carry out their respective missions. The Senior Center has inadequate space to meet needs and interests of Sudbury's growing senior population. Park and Recreation has an inefficient layout for programming, with little room for pool viewing as well as failing locker rooms without appropriate changing rooms for families. The Sudbury Public School area is outdated, compartmentalized, and an overall subpar work environment to retain and attract employees.

For over 8 years, the Town has sought various solutions to meet the growing needs and address the deteriorating structure. In 2019, a new Fairbank Working Group was tasked with finding a new reasonably-scoped solution to meet current and future needs.

The Total Project Cost is \$28,832,000 with an annual tax impact per average household of \$231 over the course of 30 years (majority of tax impact to start in mid-2023). If the Fairbank Community Center passes at the ballot, the design and construction timeline is approximately 3 years for completion.

Annual Town Meeting – Fairbank Community Center Design & Construction Funds (Article 18) passed by more than 2/3 vote on September 12, 2020.

Presidential/State Election – The Fairbank Community Center is Question #4 on the November 3, 2020 Ballot.

Ballot Question 4

Shall the town of Sudbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to design, permit, construct, and renovate the property located at 40 Fairbank Road, also known as the Fairbank Community Center and Atkinson Pool, and any and all incidental and related costs associated therewith, including without limitation the professional, design, engineering, and project management services, preparation of plans, specification and bidding documents, borrowing costs, purchase of equipment, technology, and furniture, as well as site preparation, demolition, landscaping, and relocation services and costs?



<https://sudbury.ma.us/FairbankProject>

Planning and Community Development

ADAM DUCHESNEAU,
PCD DIRECTOR

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) Design Consultant Selection Underway

At the appointment of Henry L. Hayes, Jr., Town Manager, Planning and Community Development staff Adam Duchesneau and Beth Suedmeyer are participating in the BFRT Design Consultant Selection process along with Maryanne Bilodeau, Assistant Town Manager; Bill O'Rourke, Deputy DPW Director/Town Engineer; and Lori Capone, Conservation Coordinator. The RFP for the final design of the BFRT, Phase 2D, from Powder Mill Road in Concord to Station Road off Union Avenue, was released on August 31st and responses were due on September 25th. The Town received five responses from qualified engineering firms. Final selection and contracting is anticipated to be completed later in October. The selected consultant team will work with the Town and MassDOT to complete the trail design and permitting process which will conclude with a MassDOT construction contract in 2022.

For more information, please see the Town's BFRT Project Webpage <https://sudbury.ma.us/pcd/?p=354>.

Go Sudbury! Taxi Rides Program

A temporary fully subsidized taxi service for eligible Sudbury residents!

At the end of August 2020, the Town of Sudbury, through its Transportation Committee, was awarded a grant from the Urgent Taxicab, Livery, and Hackney Transportation Partnership Grant Program sponsored by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) and MassDevelopment. The Town is thrilled to have this Taxi Rides Program funded as it will fully subsidize taxi transportation for approximately six (6) months for vulnerable populations (such as older residents, veterans, persons with disabilities, medical staff, first responders, etc.) for trips to work, medical appointments, grocery shopping, or other trips at no cost to qualified participants. The Town has engaged two taxi businesses to provide this service: Tommy's Taxi in Framingham for sedan transportation, and JFK Transportation in Natick for sedan

transportation and wheelchair accessible van (WAV) service.

The Town is now conducting registration for the Taxi Rides Program through the Senior Center. Dispatching services will be handled through the Planning & Community Development Department.

Taxi rides started on Monday, September 21, 2020 and are now being scheduled.

This program will run through approximately February of 2021. Once you register for the program and are confirmed to be an eligible participant, you will be provided information on how to schedule a ride.

To register for this program, visit <https://forms.gle/pKbsFrSEEEVx51rEA>.

Alternatively, you can also contact Ana Cristina Oliveira at the Senior Center at 978-443-3055 or OliveiraA@sudbury.ma.us to register for the program.

GO SADBURY!
Subsidized
Taxi Service
for eligible
residents.



CSX Rail Corridor Acquisition

STATE/PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION – NOVEMBER 3, 2020

BALLOT QUESTION 3

Shall the Town of Sudbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to acquire the parcel of land shown as Mile Post QBS 3.40 to QBS 4.80 on a Railroad Map dated July 22, 2020, prepared by CSX Transportation, Inc., and a Plan dated July 20, 2020, copies of which are on file with the Town Clerk, consisting of 11.26 acres of land, more or less and any and all incidental and related costs associated therewith?

The CSX Corridor is a former railroad corridor which is 1.4 miles in length and runs north-south in south Sudbury. It is a linear corridor of approximately 60 feet wide that crosses Route 20, Boston Post Road and then extends through conservation and Sudbury Water District lands to the Framingham City line. The property is adjacent to abundant natural resources, is connected to other Town-owned properties, and offers a potential southward extension to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT). It is a priority for conservation and recreation identified in the Town's Master Plan and Open Space and Recreation Plan.

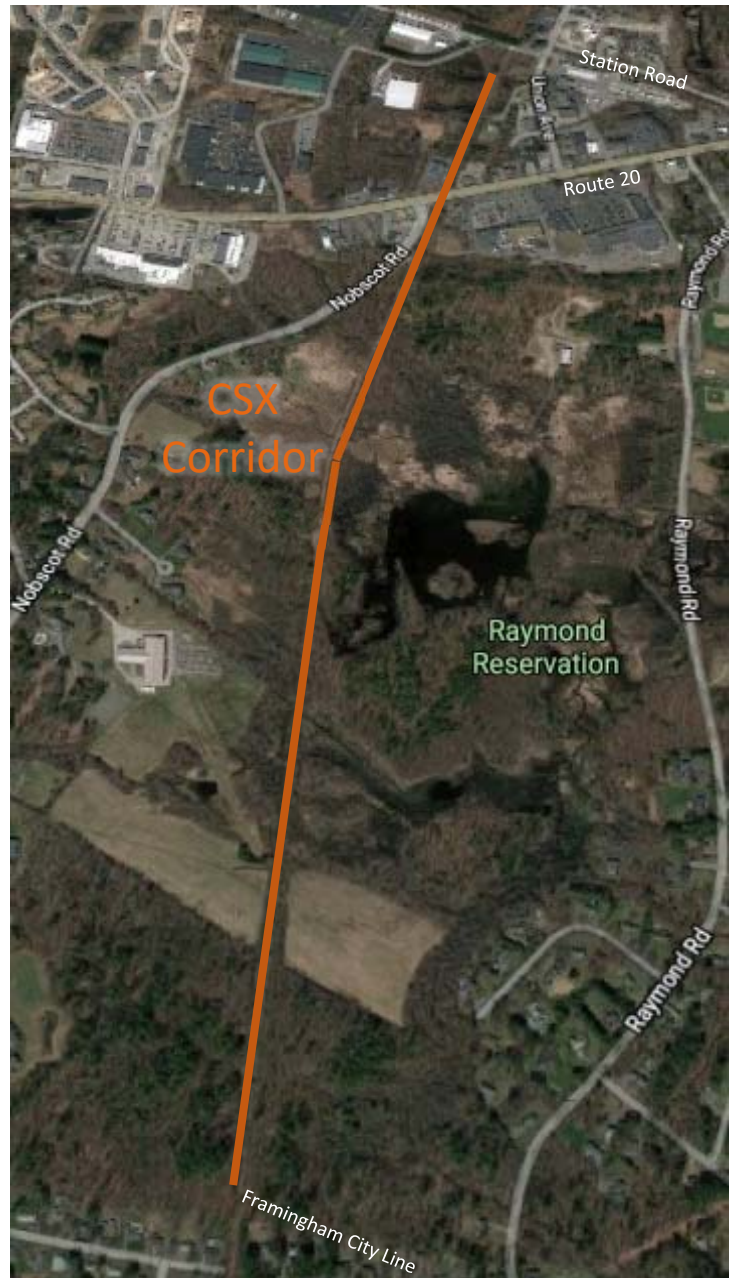
8/25/20: Purchase & Sale Agreement negotiated.

9/12/20: 2020 Annual Town Meeting voted to approve Article 17, authorizing a borrowing of \$1,220,500 for the acquisition.

11/3/20: 2020 State Election Ballot Question 3 seeks to authorize spending for the land purchase. Bonds issued to pay for this land purchase would be a Prop 2 1/2 debt exclusion.

COST

The anticipated bond will be for \$820,500 (\$1,220,500 reduced by \$400,000 in expected state grant funds). The tax impact on the 2020 average home value of \$746,260 is estimated to average approximately \$14/year during a 10-year bonding period.



A **“yes” vote** on this question will authorize the Town to purchase the land and to exclude from the levy limit the debt service required to repay the loan for the land purchase.

A **“no” vote** will mean that the September 12, 2020 appropriation for the purchase will be null and void, and the Town cannot purchase the property at this time.

LEARN MORE: <https://sudbury.ma.us/csx>

Presidential/ State Election

Tuesday, November 3

Polls are open from 7 AM to 8 PM.

Voting Locations

Fairbank Center – Pct 1, 1A, 2 and 5

Town Hall – Pct 3 & 4

Click here to [find your precinct](#).

Candidates & Ballot

Questions

There are nine offices and four questions on the ballot. See [Election Warrant](#) for details.

Vote-by-Mail

Vote-By-Mail is available to all registered voters. To Vote-by-Mail:

- 1) Fill out the [Application Form](#)
- 2) Fill out the ballot and
- 3) Return the ballot via mail or [Ballot Drop Box](#)

The Town Clerk's office is working diligently to mail out the thousands of requested ballots as efficiently as possible. Please use the convenient [Track My Ballot](#) feature to check the status of your Vote-by-Mail Ballot.

The deadline to apply to Vote-by-Mail is 5 PM on Wednesday, October 28.

Early Voting

Early Voting is available Saturday, October 17, through Friday, October 30, 2020 during the following times:

M, W, Th) 9 AM - 4 PM

Tu) 9 AM - 6:30 PM

F) 9 AM -12 PM

Sat & Sun) 10 AM - 2 PM

Voting Location

Lower Town Hall meeting room, 322 Concord Rd

Learn More

Please visit Sudbury's [Election Information](#) page for details about what's on the ballot, Early Voting, Vote-by-Mail and more.

**To avoid lines on election day and stay safe, voters are advised to
Vote-by-Mail or Early Vote in person.**



Ballot Info

SPECIMEN BALLOTS BY
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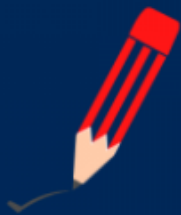
Early Voting

IN PERSON: 10/17-10/30



Election Day

TUESDAY, NOV 3, 2020



Register to Vote

BY OCT. 24, 2020



Vote by Mail

APPLY, RETURN & TRACK

[sudbury.ma.us](https://sudbury.ma.us/election2020)
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Town of Sudbury

Board of Health

DPW Office Building
275 Old Lancaster Road
Sudbury, MA 01776
978 440-5479

HALLOWEEN ADVISORY FOR SUDBURY

The town has received many inquiries regarding Halloween. In an effort to:

1. acknowledge and respond to the recent increase in COVID activity within Sudbury and surrounding towns;
2. reduce the risk to all Sudbury residents;
3. support efforts to keep our schools open;
4. discourage gatherings in neighborhoods and out-of-town participation; and
5. adhere to Center for Disease Control's (CDC) guidelines;

the Board of Health, in conjunction with town departments, is advising residents to avoid **higher risk and moderate risk activities** including traditional door-to-door trick-or-treating. **Lower risk** activities are preferred ways to celebrate while minimizing risk.

There are two well planned **lower risk** Halloween events to participate in. For more information:

Sewataro Scarecrow Spectacular, Thursday, October 22nd: Sign up:
<https://Sudbury.ma.us/sewataro>

The Great Pumpkin Carving Drive, -Friday, October 30th
https://www.sudburyrec.com/info/activities/program_details.aspx?ProgramID=30494

CDC Halloween Guidelines

Many traditional Halloween activities can be high-risk for spreading viruses. There are several safer, alternative ways to participate in Halloween. If you may have COVID-19 or you may have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in in-person Halloween festivities and should not give out candy to trick-or-treaters.

LOWER RISK ACTIVITIES

These lower risk activities can be safe alternatives:

- Carving or decorating pumpkins with members of your household and displaying them
- Carving or decorating pumpkins outside, at a safe distance, with neighbors or friends
- Decorating your house, apartment, or living space
- Doing a Halloween scavenger hunt where children are given lists of Halloween-themed things to look for while they walk outdoors from house to house admiring Halloween decorations at a distance

- Having a virtual Halloween costume contest
- Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with
- Having a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home rather than going house to house

MODERATE RISK ACTIVITIES

- Participating in one-way trick-or-treating where individually wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab and go while continuing to social distance (such as at the end of a driveway or at the edge of a yard)
 - If you are preparing goodie bags, wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 second before and after preparing the bags.
- Having a small group, outdoor, open-air costume parade where people are distanced more than 6 feet apart
- Attending a costume party held outdoors where protective masks are used and people can remain more than 6 feet apart
 - A costume mask (such as for Halloween) is not a substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.
 - Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it can be dangerous if the costume mask makes it hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
- Going to an open-air, one-way, walk-through haunted forest where appropriate mask use is enforced, and people can remain more than 6 feet apart
 - If screaming will likely occur, greater distancing is advised. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.
- Visiting pumpkin patches or orchards where people use hand sanitizer before touching pumpkins or picking apples, wearing masks is encouraged or enforced, and people are able to maintain social distancing
- Having an outdoor Halloween movie night with local family friends with people spaced at least 6 feet apart
 - If screaming will likely occur, greater distancing is advised. The greater the distance, the lower the risk of spreading a respiratory virus.
 - Lower your risk by following CDC's recommendations on hosting gatherings or cook-outs.

HIGHER RISK ACTIVITIES

Avoid these higher risk activities to help prevent the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19:

- **Participating in traditional trick-or-treating where treats are handed to children who go door to door**
- **Having trunk-or-treat where treats are handed out from trunks of cars lined up in large parking lots**

- **Attending crowded costume parties held indoors**
- **Going to an indoor haunted house where people may be crowded together and screaming**
- **Going on hayrides or tractor rides with people who are not in your household**
- **Using alcohol or drugs, which can cloud judgement and increase risky behaviors**
- **Traveling to a rural fall festival that is not in your community if you live in an area with community spread of COVID-19**