
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

May 21, 2019



ADMINISTRATION:

- Congratulations to Town Clerk Michelle Sokolowski on her successful management of another election on May 7th. The Town Administrator's Office looks forward to working with the newly elected officials.
- Town Hall hosted a farewell coffee and breakfast in honor of outgoing DPW Director Aaron Miklosko.
- Town Administrator (TA) Greg Johnson has begun developing the interview and hiring process for a DPW Director and will brief the Board of Selectmen when prepared.
- TA Greg Johnson participated as a judge in this year's Maynard High School Senior Project presentations. Congratulations to Maynard's Seniors on their completion of their projects, and good luck with your endeavors!
- TA Greg Johnson and Assistant Town Administrator Megan Zammuto attended the "ZagFest" at Mill & Main on Friday May 17th, hosted by Town Planner Bill Nemser and the team at Mill & Main as well as Zagster bike sharing company. State legislative delegates shared a proclamation of recognition to Mill & Main, and local community stakeholders in the Assabet River Rail Trail and bike sharing program spoke on the importance of the bike sharing program and promoting the rail trail, as well as partnering with Mill & Main and its tenants for the collective prosperity of the community.

Council on Aging:

- Celebrated the beginning of spring (and bird migration!) with two rock painting workshops led by Mass Audubon specialist and rock painting artist Sylvia Guthrie. Participants discovered their inner artist through renderings of cardinals, bluebirds and snowy owls.
- May's luncheon featured Roger Tincknell performing "Swinging From A Star," a program which included swing styles from the 40's and love songs from the 50's. Once again, senior Carol Davies was able to coax a visiting Maynard firefighter to the dance floor for some impressive moves. The Fire Department attends the monthly luncheons to enjoy the seniors' company (and vice versa), foster familiarity, share information and a home (Flo) cooked meal.
- Seniors set off to search for bargains on a Thrift Store trip. Locations included the Cornerstone Thrift Shop in Acton and Options Consignment in Littleton. Lunch followed with a stop at Kimballs in Westford.

Fire

- We have had 50 emergency requests for services since April 30, 2019.
 - We have had 34 documented fire prevention activities since April 30, 2019, including inspections.
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- We have had 27 in-house training events since April 30, 2019. Training remains focused on Firefighter on Probation Training.
- We have had 50 maintenance related activities since April 30, 2019.
- Work remains ongoing with the Fire Station Building Committee as the working group continues meeting with both the architect and owner's project manager.
- This month we've taken Ladder 1 had some warranty repairs done, it is back in service.
- On May 2nd, long-time Maynard Fire Department Chaplain Father "Lou" Bilicky passed away. He was the chaplain here in Maynard from the late 1970's until his retirement in 2000.
- On Friday, May 3rd, the Fire and Police Departments conducted their annual public education drill for Maynard High School Juniors and Seniors. The drill simulated the dangers and consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol. This year's drill was very well coordinated thanks to the efforts of Captain Michael Parr and Police Officer Mancuso.
- We are working with the owners of 247 Main Street to correct some deficiencies at that location, and the builder of the Maynard Vue on an oversight regarding fire protection in the apartment buildings.
- We have ordered the last pieces of equipment from the state-funded grant for fire station upgrades. I would like to thank Senator Jamie Eldridge for securing this grant for us. The equipment we have purchased is long overdue and will be brought to the new fire station once completed.
- Captain Lawless has ordered the last of the fitness equipment under our Safety/Wellness Grant from FEMA. We are continuing to move forward on the fire suppression system grant through FEMA.
- We continue having ongoing radio issues with some of communications equipment. This should be resolved when our new equipment is purchased after Town Meeting.

Office of Municipal Services

- Master Plan Steering Committee public meeting scheduled 05.23.19, 6:30 PM, Town Hall. Session devoted to Public Works.
- The Conservation Commission has been receiving various requests for Wetland permitting information. Most of the inquiries are in regards to residential properties located within the 200 foot Riverfront Area or within the 100 foot Wetland buffer.
- Megan Zammuto attended the Minuteman Advisory Group on Interlocal Coordination (MAGIC) Legislative Breakfast on May 3rd in Lexington. Attendees discussed the legislative and policy priorities for the region.

Police

- On April 5th, the National Honor Society students kindly volunteered their time to clean up the front of the Maynard Town Hall and Maynard Police Department. Thank you students!
- On April 16th the Maynard Police Department and Maynard Fire Department presented an award to Zander Clark at the Selectman's Meeting. Zander was recognized for his life saving actions in March, he was crucial in getting help to his grandmother as she was choking.
- As of April 30th the Powder Mill Road detour is completed. There is now a traffic detour on Waltham Street.
- Each year the second week of April is dedicated to National Public Safety Telecommunicators. These men and women are a critical link between the public, as well as our Police & Fire personnel. They handle radio communications, E911 calls, E911 text messages, multiple business lines, and speak with the public in our lobby. Here at the Maynard Police Department we have 1 Communications Supervisor, 4 Full Time Dispatchers, 1 Part Time Dispatcher and 2 Per Diem Dispatchers. These men and women are the Public Safety Communications Department for Maynard Police and Maynard Fire. Public Safety Communications is staffed 24/7, 365 days a

year. This means nights, weekends, holidays and brave those New England storms! Whenever you may need them, they will answer your call.

- Officer Ruggiero and Officer Maskalenko attended a two day Introduction to Drug Investigations for Patrol Officers in Wilmington.
- Lieutenant Noble and Detective Bodwell attended the New England National Imposter Conference, which also addresses Identity Theft.
- Officer Sutherland completed a two week course in Franklin, the first of two requirements to become a Drug Recognition Expert. This certification is difficult to obtain, and he moved forward to the second part of this training in Arizona.
- Officer Sutherland attended training to become a Drug Recognition Expert. He spent a week in Arizona at the 4th Street Jail participating in intensive training during the day, and long hours of studying at night. Officer Sutherland will now be able to assist Maynard, and surrounding communities in identification of drugs, recognition of what someone may be under the influence of and testifying. Congratulations Officer Sutherland on obtaining this skillset!
- Officer Sutherland attended a two day Interview and Interrogation course in Sturbridge.
- Detective Manchuso attended the New England School Safety Conference on April 2nd in Norwood.