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A Message From Our Town Manager

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Summer fun in Foxborough!

I hope everyone is enjoying their Summer! It's a time for vacation, Camps, Red Sox Baseball, campers at Normandy Farms and Concerts on the Common. Summer also means concerts at Gillette, Revolution Games and next month it will be the start of what hopes to be another run by the Patriots for their fifth Super Bowl!

This past month we saw the dedication of the new Flagpole on the Common and the lowering of a new time capsule that will be read fifty years from now when the next generation of our residents will have left their own

special impressions on Foxborough. Last week we saw another milestone as the final steel beam was erected on the New Town Hall. This project is progressing along nicely on schedule; in hopes that we will be moving into the new building in the summer of 2017.

There are lots of improvements going on all around Town. New road upgrades are happening every day and improvements to the water system are occurring in the Route 140/Main Street area of Town. Construction on the new Forbes Crossing Project and the new Domain Foxborough Project are now in full swing.

We ask that you travel carefully throughout town whenever you see construction is occurring on the streets.

We also ask that you pay close attention to young children riding bikes or crossing streets as they are out and around all over town. Summer time brings lots of fun and activities; which also means that we have to pay closer attention to our surroundings because pedestrians are everywhere.

We hope everyone has a healthy, safe and enjoyable summer and we hope you take time to enjoy all that Foxborough has to offer!

Special points of interest:

- Concerts on the Common
Every Thursday 7-9pm
- Kids Theater 7/29/16 4-7pm Town Common
- Teddy Bear Picnic
7/14/16 9-12 Town Common

Recreation Department—Fishing Derby

The Fishing Derby on June 13th was a huge success with over 200 kids fishing with their families!

The weather was terrific. The fish were biting and everyone loved the new t-shirts designed by our own camp counselor Dani DeVellis!

Thanks to Mayfair Reality, these new shirts were sponsored and will be worn all year.

Thanks to the Foxboro Fish & Game, Bass Pro Shops and Northeast Trading for all their generous donations and help that day. They donate bait, lunch for the kids, hats, giveaways, prizes, volunteers and make the day run so smooth.

Our winners in each age group were glowing when they won prizes donated by our own Jack Whitney!



Town of Foxborough Receives AAA Rating



As stated in Bill Keegan's "A Message From Our Town Manager" report in last month's newsletter Randy Scollins learned at the beginning of June, after all of the Finance Department's hard work, that the Town was upgraded to the highest credit rating available in the financial markets: AAA!

What does this mean for the Town of Foxborough....less money being spent on major projects!!! So on June 13th the

Town sold \$23.36 million in bonds for the Town Hall & Pumping Station Road Water Treatment projects. A blended interest rate of 2.518% was the low bid! The Town Hall portion of the bond offering was \$6.86 million over 20 years and fetched an interest rate of 2.18%. The Pumping Station Road Water Treatment Plant portion of the bond offering was \$16.5 million over 30 years and received an interest rate of 2.62%.

The Town saved at least \$400,000 in interest costs due to the higher rating. The new formally adopted financial policies by all the major Town policy boards was the final missing ingredient that resulted in the AAA rating. Randy announced on June 7th the AAA rating to everyone here at Town Hall by bringing in this cake (*two great things....saving money and cake*)!!!



Founder's Day Committee

Founder's Day

The Foxborough Founder's Committee has done it again...another fantastic event.

Founder's Day was held on June 11, 2016 and the theme this year was Farms and Flowers of Foxborough.

As usual a record number of people showed up for all the festivities.

One of the most exciting things was that our own Diana Gray from the Planning/Conservation Department won the Cow Paddy Contest this year (*\$500 Prize....a very nice way to start vacation this year Diana*).

This year they even had a Black Hawk Helicopter enter the festivities.

Whether your favorite thing is the parade, fireworks, strawberry shortcake or everything, the Foxborough Founder's Day Committee never seems to disappoint us from year to year. Everything just keeps getting better.

Thank you Committee Members we know a lot of work goes into this each year.



Diana Gray—Cow Paddy Winner

Ice-Cream Social

Summer has arrived and what does that mean....lots and lots of ice-cream.

Diana Gray—Planning/Conservation Dept. (yes the same Diana Gray that won the Cow Paddy contest on Founder's Day) organized an Ice-Cream Social on June 21, 2016 for all town hall employees.

Diana outdid herself with all

the ice-cream and many toppings (hot fudge, M&M's, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, nuts, strawberries, etc.). You Name It She Had It!!!

I never saw a room fill up so quickly as 12:30 finally came (actually I think we started before that) and we ran for our bowls and spoons.

What a nice way to ring in summer especially on a Tues-

day as this is the day we close at 8:00pm so we not only got to have one helping for lunch but another for supper break.

Thank you Diana for all the effort and time you put into this.



Maureen Perry—Inspections Intern

Maureen Perry is an intern who was hired for three weeks to set up the on-line permitting program.

Maureen added an important service in terms of data entry for the on-line permitting program.

Her services included data entry for both the Inspections Department and Fire Depart-

ments which will help with the transition from paper to electronic permitting.

Bill Casbarra and Tom Wrynn were part of the conference calls in getting the creation of this program started.

Maureen was a great asset getting her work done at record breaking speed. Her assignment was to have this

completed within three weeks and she met that goal.

Thank you for everything Maureen and best of luck to you in the future.



Maureen Perry

Ryan Clapp—Conservation Intern

Since June, there's been a new face over at the Conservation Department. Ryan Clapp, an environmental science student at Boston University, has been hired as an intern to assist the Conservation Commission with various projects. Ryan has already proven to be a major asset to the Conservation Department, when he covered the Conservation Office after only three weeks on the job during the week when both the conservation manager and the land use secretary were on vacation.

Ryan has been busy writing form letters to residents who abut town conservation areas that are having ongoing issues with illegal ATV activities, informing them about ATV/OHV laws and asking for their help in stopping illegal ATV activities on town conservation land. He also drafted an educational letter for residents who abut wetlands areas, as well as working on conservation land management tasks, plant and animal species research, and created QR codes for Foxborough conservation area trail maps.

When he's not working at Town Hall, Ryan can be found doing field work in town conservation areas. He has been monitoring conservation areas, noting human interference or other issues, picking up trash, clearing out invasive plants, installing signs, or just seeking out the local wildlife. So far, he has visited several vernal pools and found salamanders, frogs, toads, dragonfly larvae, herons, muskrats, and a variety of turtle species. In fact, after discovering a depredated turtle nest (i.e. dug up/disturbed by a predator, who damaged all but 3 of the 14 eggs), the intact eggs were brought back to the office for identification. After identifying the eggs as wood turtle eggs (a "species of special concern" protected under the Mass Endangered Species Act), he returned to the nesting site, carefully reburied the eggs, and built a predator excluder to protect the eggs.

Ryan has also agreed to assist the Town Manager and Planning Director with a traffic study project that is being performed by SRPEDD. He

will be reviewing police crash report records for all car accidents during a three year period (2013-2015) that occurred along Rt. 140 between the Foxborough town line in Mansfield and the Regional Charter School, and within 200 feet on cross streets at major intersections. This project will give him the opportunity to work face-to-face with the Foxborough Police Department, giving him valuable experience in the field of enforcement and policy, both vital skills for an environmental scientist with the goal of working as a conservationist in a national park after graduation.

In the fall, Ryan will be returning to Boston University for his senior year. He will be taking courses in conservation biology and sustainable development, as well as an economics course to fulfill an environmental analysis and policy minor. Ryan hopes that his experience here at the Conservation Commission will give him insight into his education, as well as direction to further his career goals.



Ryan Clapp

JULY 2016



Schedule of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4 Holiday	5	6	7	8	9
10 Relay for Life	11	12	13	14 Teddy Bear Picnic Concerts on Common	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Concerts on the Common	22	23
24 31	25	26	27	28 Concerts on the Common	29 Kids Theater	30

- July 10, 2016 Relay for Life Town Common 11am-3pm
- July 14, 2016 Boyden Library–Teddy Bear Picnic on the Common 9am-12pm
- July 14, 2016 Concerts on the Common 7-9pm
- July 21, 2016 Concerts on the Common 7-9pm
- July 28, 2016 Concerts on the Common 7-9pm
- July 29, 2016 Rec. Dept. Kids Theater Program Town Common 4pm-7pm

Town of Foxborough Water Department Notice of Seasonal Water Use Restrictions

In accordance with the conditions of the Water Management Act Permits issued to the Town of Foxborough by the Massachusetts DEP (Permit #9P2427099 01), Foxborough shall implement the following mandatory water restrictions on outdoor water use:

No non-essential outdoor water use is allowed between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

That is, watering of lawns via sprinklers or automated irrigation systems, washing of cars (other than at commercial car washes), washing of walkways, building surfaces, etc. is **not allowed** between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily.

You are referred to the Water Department's web site at <http://www.foxboroughma.gov> (see Watering Restriction Notice) for information regarding non-essential outdoor water use, acceptable outdoor water uses, conservation tips, and fines and penalties for noncompliance. You may also call the Water Department at (508) 543-1228.

In addition, the Foxborough Water Department has imposed the following restrictions:

Effective May 1, 2016

WATERING WITH **SPRINKLERS** WILL BE PERMITTED AS FOLLOWS:

Odd-Numbered Homes – MONDAY ONLY
Even-Numbered Homes –FRIDAY ONLY

Before 9:00 a.m. and After 5:00 p.m. ONLY

****Watering with handheld hoses is allowed every day before 9:00 a.m. and after 5:00 p.m.****

This will ensure an adequate supply of water for fire protection and all consumers. A waiver may be granted for commercial nurseries for nursery stock only, and for up to 14 days for newly installed lawns during the months of May and September only. Thank you in advance for your continued cooperation. If you have any questions concerning these restrictions, please call the Foxborough Water Department at (508) 543-1228.

PLEASE KEEP DOING YOUR PART.
Follow the odd-even system during the designated times only.
THANK YOU!

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The Town of Foxborough was legally incorporated on June 10, 1778 and is known by its residents as “the Gem of Norfolk County”.

Office hours are:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.– 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.– 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.



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