

## **Town Manager's Update**

### **August 19, 2021**

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#### **Announcements**

- The Parks & Recreation Department's next Free Movie Night in the Park will take place on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at Wasserman Park. They will be showing the movie "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" which was rescheduled from an earlier rain out. For questions call Parks & Recreation at 882-1046.
- Merrimack TV will be covering several MHS Varsity Sports home games LIVE. If you're interested in volunteering as a play-by-play announcer please e-mail [merrimacktv@merrimacknh.gov](mailto:merrimacktv@merrimacknh.gov) by August 30 at 4:30PM.
- The next Household Hazardous Waste event will be held on Saturday, August 28, from 8:00 AM to Noon at the Pelham Senior Center, 8 Nashua Road, Pelham NH.
- The Transfer Station facility will be closed to the public on Wednesday, September 22 for employee training.
- The Public Works Department is pleased to welcome Jason Vachon, Highway Maintainer, Brandon Whitney, Wastewater Mechanic II, and Henry Boucher, Highway Equipment Operator I to our team.
- Community Development is pleased to announce the hiring of Stefanie Brinn as the new part-time CD Secretary, starting on September 7. Stefanie replaces Sharon Haynes, who transferred to General Government in July, and brings experience in medical and higher education administrative experience to the position.

#### **Town Manager's Report**

- The Planning Board heard an initial presentation on the development of 50 Robert Milligan Parkway at their August 17 meeting. A nearly 325,000 square foot warehouse distribution facility is being proposed for the parcel, which has been an economic development priority parcel for many years. No specific tenant/tenants have been identified at this point, but the site is being developed by prominent Boston based real estate development firm Trammell Crowe. The Board will next discuss the project on September 7.
- A new book donation box has been added as an amenity to our Solid Waste Facility and is located near the Swap Shop. Books that have been in the swap shop for an extended period of time will be relocated to donation box where they will be recycled by an outside vendor at no cost to the Town.
- Wastewater Phase III Project Update:
  - Methuen Construction, Wright-Pierce and WWTP Staff are actively working on the first segment of the construction project which involves the review of all the design specifications and procurement of equipment
  - Methuen Construction will begin working on the sludge holding tanks next week. This portion of the project involves lowering the height of the tanks by 4 feet and changing the configuration of the diffusers inside the tanks. A Diffuser is a device which uses air to mix the contents of a tank

- The Highway Division participated in the New England Regional Plow Rally yesterday in Boxborough, MA. Equipment Operators Dean Stearns and Chris Donaldson were invited to represent Merrimack against 14 other teams from all over New England. There was some good competition and although we didn't a place in the National competition, it was a great experience for all