

# **Town Manager's Update**

## **July 9, 2020**

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### **Announcements**

- Keep Reading Merrimack...The Library moved everything for their Summer Reading Challenge online, including author presentations, book groups, watch parties and a murder mystery party for the teens. Each hour you read helps us reach our community goal of 8,000 hours read - if we reach this goal, the Friends of the Library will make a donation to the Humane Society for Greater Nashua, our Summer Reading partners. Thanks to our Friends Group for funding this year's gift card prizes.
- The Library has also expanded curbside services to include checking out a laptop that can be used outside on the library property or in the comfort of your car. We'll be adding curbside Notary, Justice of the Peace and Passport Acceptance services in the coming weeks – check the Library's website at [www.merrimacklibrary.org](http://www.merrimacklibrary.org) for updates.

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- Construction activity has begun at the Merrimack Park Place mixed use project at the corner of Industrial Dr. and Continental Blvd. The first phase includes a restaurant, hotel, and multi-family residential. There is no estimated timeframe for completion at this time.
- Over the last 15 days, Merrimack Police Department Volunteers have helped facilitate the re-opening of the Merrimack Town Hall. The volunteers, Jane Hoover, Lynn Christensen, Rod Buckley, and Brian McCarthy, along with Merrimack Police Traffic Officer Bruce Moreau, have been present at town hall to assist the residents who come for town business. These volunteers have been present for approximately 115 hours over the 15 days to help ensure the residents and staff of the town hall was a top priority.
- Baboosic Lake Road Sewer Update: The project to replace the sewer along Baboosic Lake Road between McQuestion Road and Jessica Drive is progressing well. The dewatering efforts are working to keep the area workable and the contractor is able to install 20 to 40 feet of pipe each day on the 1,000 foot sewer project. To date, one of the three new manholes has been installed and the contractor expects to be at the next manhole sometime next week. The project is on schedule to be completed prior to school opening up for the fall semester.
- Eversource has contracted with three survey companies - Doucet Survey of Newmarket NH, SGC Engineering LLC of Westbrook, ME and Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. of Bedford, NH - to conduct monumentation survey work on various transmission lines across the state. About 10 years ago, Eversource began this effort to more precisely define and document the location of its transmission line easements and rights-of-way. When completed, the Company's New Hampshire power line corridors will conform to the same mapping methodology used in Connecticut and Massachusetts.

To accomplish this, contractor survey crews will be working within and along certain Eversource power line corridors in southern NH this month, utilizing pole locations and boundary information to confirm the location of the Company's easements. This mapping information will then be analyzed using CAD and Survey software to establish a baseline which will then be staked every 600 feet with monuments (rebar, granite, and survey markers).

In Merrimack, the survey work will occur along and within Eversource's rights-of-way in the following locations:

- \* From Eagle Substation in Merrimack to Amherst Substation off of Route 101A
- \* Near Greenfield Parkway in Bedford to Reeds Ferry Substation in Merrimack
- \* From North Merrimack Substation in Merrimack to Greggs Substation in Goffstown

Eversource will be contacting property owners who we expect will have questions or concerns about this activity, but please let us know if you or other town officials have any questions or concerns.