

## **Town Manager's Update**

### **June 10, 2021**

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#### **Announcements**

- Property tax bills were mailed on 5/26/21 and are due by July 1, 2021. Property owners who have not received a bill should contact the Tax Collector's office at 424-3651 for a duplicate bill.
- The Assessing Department and Avitar Associates are conducting a revaluation of all properties in Town pursuant to RSA 75:8-a. Assessments in Merrimack are updated at least once every five years. Merrimack property values were last updated in 2016. The reval will update property values to reflect current market value. Residents will receive a notice of preliminary value by the end of June. They will have an opportunity to discuss their new property value by scheduling a phone hearing. Scheduling will be done online and instructions will be included in the letter. Phone hearings will be held in July.
- Come and join the Merrimack Parks & Recreation Department on Friday June 11<sup>th</sup> at Wasserman Park at 8:30 pm for our first free movie night of the summer. We will be showing the movie "Finding Dory". Movie is open to both residents and non-residents and we will be giving out freeze pops to attendees.
- Starting on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>; the Wasserman Park Tennis Courts will be getting repaired, resurfaced and then repainted. The work is expected to take 5 days to complete (weather depending) and the courts will be closed during this time.
- We are 3 weeks away from the Town of Merrimack's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. On Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>; the Merrimack Concert Association will be holding their annual holiday patriotic concert at Abbie Griffin Park from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Please note that the concert is on Friday July 2<sup>nd</sup> and not on Saturday July 3<sup>rd</sup> due to a conflict that the Merrimack Concert Association has on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- The 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade will take place on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> and will begin at 1:00 pm. 2021 is a special year for the Town of Merrimack since we are celebrating our 275<sup>th</sup> birthday and we are hoping to make this year's parade extra special. Registration is now open to enter a float into the Parade.
- This year; the Rotary Club of Merrimack has decided that due to COVID-19; they will NOT be offering their Annual Pancake Breakfast or their Family Fun Day.
- The Annual Fireworks Display will take place on Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 pm at Merrimack High School. At this time there will not be any music or food at the High School before the Fireworks. For questions contact the Parks & Recreation Dept at 882-1046 or visit them online at [www.merrimackparksandrec.org](http://www.merrimackparksandrec.org) for complete details.

## **Town Manager's Report**

- The annual street sweeping program is complete. The program removes sand and debris from the curb lines and edges of pavements for the Towns 180 miles of road and the municipal and school parking lots.
- The Public Works Department is pleased to announce that our five summer engineering interns have begun work for the Town. Four are working in the Administration Division working on the stormwater program and assisting with engineering related tasks, and one is working in the Wastewater Division to assist with the continued implementation and improvement of the Asset Management Program
- The Public Works Department would like to congratulate George King on his upcoming retirement from the Town; George has been an Equipment Operator I for the Highway Division for the last eight years.
- The Public Works Department would like to welcome Chris McKenna to the Highway Division; Chris is working as an Equipment Operator I
- The Baboosic Lake Road/Turkey Hill Road intersection improvement project is underway. Today, Turkey Hill Road between Balsam and Baboosic Lake Road was closed to allow for the construction. This stretch of Turkey Hill Road will remain closed through most of the project. A detour route onto Joppa Road Extension is in place to guide motorists around the closure. Glenwood Drive will be closed at Baboosic Lake Road. No traffic will be allowed in or out of Glenwood Drive for the project duration.
- The contract to execute the reduced scope Phase III Upgrade was signed and executed on May 19, 2021. The Phase III Construction Project is scheduled to begin on July 5, 2021
- The Town submitted Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Pre-Application for the items removed from the Phase III Upgrade Project. The hope is to receive grant money should the proposed infrastructure bill pass.
- A new Stormwater Multisector Permit was issued to WWTF – The Notice of Intent was certified on May 21, 2021 As part of the permit we will be required quarterly to collect a stormwater sample from four outfalls and evaluate each sample follows:
  - Conduct a visual assessment of each of the samples.
  - Analyze the samples for Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD), Total Suspended Solids (TSS), and pH. This sampling and analysis requirement is a new component of this permit.
- The team from Boston College that has been performing the sediment movement study since the removal of the Pennichuck Dam will be performing some field work in the Souhegan River next week. The Department of Public Works will give access to Professor Snyder and his team to access the river through Watson Park but the gate will remain closed to the public. Their work is expected to take two days.