

Town Manager's Update

May 13, 2021

Announcements

- The Town Council Retreat/Goal Session is tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 4th at Buckley's Great Steaks located at 438 DW Highway.
- The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services announced that they be holding a Town of Merrimack PFAS Public Informational Meeting (as a webinar) on Tuesday, May 25th at 6:30 PM. More information can be found on the Town's website.
- As part of the Town's 275th Anniversary celebration; this Saturday, May 15th there will be a 2.75 mile road race which begins at Merrimack Town Hall. Runners will travel up McElwain Street, down O'Gara Drive, turn onto Baboosic Lake Road. They will then turn on to Currier Road to Souhegan Drive and then back up Baboosic Lake Road to end at Town Hall. Roads will remain open during the race. Advanced registration is required and registration closes at midnight tonight. For questions contact Parks & Recreation at 882-1046.
- The Town Clerk's office reminds dog owners that dog license renewals were due by 4/30/21. Owners who have not yet licensed their dog are urged to do so ASAP. Late charges begin June 1st and fines are expected to be issued around June 10th.

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- The Media Division will be covering 4 school concerts beginning next week. You can watch Merrimack High School's spring concert this Tuesday, May 18 at 7pm, the Middle School on June 1st, and JMUES on June 2nd and 3rd. Watch LIVE on Comcast channel 21, streaming devices, and Merrimack TV.com
- This year's street sweeping program is underway. Every year, the Public Works Department sweeps our 180 miles of paved roads to remove buildup of sand and debris from the public roads, and school and Town parking lots. The program provides aesthetic, safety, and environmental benefits for the Town and is a required program in our MS4 Permit through EPA. This year's program began on April 12th and at this time we are almost 65% complete with the sweeping operations. You can follow the progress or track when your neighborhood may be swept by checking on the Town's website at <https://www.merrimacknh.gov/highway-maintenance> . Questions on the program can be answered by our Highway Division staff at 423-8551.
- The LED lighting upgrade project at the Police Department is substantially complete as of today. The project will save more than 25,000 kWh each year, projecting in annual savings of more than \$4,000 in savings. The project was subsidized by the NH Saves program through Eversource resulting in a \$15,800 investment by the Town and a \$13,400 investment by Eversource. The upgrade is projected to pay for itself in energy and maintenance savings in less than four years.
- The Public Works Department is gearing up to begin construction of the roundabout at the intersection of Turkey Hill Road and Baboosic Lake Road. Following a competitive bidding process, the Town has selected F.L. Merrill of Loudon, NH to perform the work. The preconstruction meeting for the project is scheduled for next week and we anticipate construction starting in June. Details and updates on the project can be found on the Public Works page on the Town website and on the Public Works Facebook page at facebook.com/merrimackdpw.