

# Town Manager's Update

## November 16, 2023

---

### Announcements

- Property tax bills will be issued by November 28<sup>th</sup> and will be due by December 29<sup>th</sup>
- Come and join the Parks & Recreation Department on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> as we officially kick off the holiday season in Merrimack with the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting. The theme of this year's event is **"Rock & Roll Holidays Thru Time"**

The Annual Holiday Parade will kick off at 3:00 p.m. from the Commons Shopping Plaza located at 515 Daniel Webster Highway and will end in the Town Hall parking lot located at 6 Baboosic Lake Road. The Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place immediately after the Parade arrives at Town Hall (at approximately 3:45 pm.) For questions, visit the Parks & Recreation Department website or call 603-882-1046

- The Annual Food Drive is taking place from now through December 31<sup>st</sup>. Non-expired canned food and non-perishable items accepted at the following locations:
  - Highway and Equipment Maintenance Complex – 76 Turkey Hill Rd.
  - Fire Department – 432 Daniel Webster Highway
  - Police Department – 31 Baboosic Lake Road
  - Library – 470 Daniel Webster Highway
  - Public Works Administration – Lower Level @ Town Hall (6 Baboosic Lake Rd.)
  - Town Hall – Upper Level (6 Baboosic Lake Rd.)
  - Transfer Station – Recycle Building (1 Fearon Rd.)

Some suggested donations include toiletries and hygiene products, applesauce, juice boxes, canned soups, macaroni and cheese, pasta, canned tuna, canned fruits and vegetables, crackers, cereal, bottled water, baby formula, diapers & baby wipes.

**\*\*Donations will be brought to the two food pantries in Merrimack;  
St. John Neumann and St. James United Methodist Church\*\***

### Town Manager's Report

- Amherst Road Bridge over the Souhegan River is now open. Due to the weather holding, the project was able to finish ahead of schedule.
- The Souhegan River Trail construction has begun on both sides of the Daniel Webster Highway. The ground breaking ceremony was on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Due to safety concerns, please note that the public is not to enter the construction area. There are OSHA regulations that restrict who can go within the construction zones without proper authorization and PPE. Please stay on the sidewalks. Additionally, the gate down to the river has been temporarily closed due to the construction.

- The Septage Receiving Facility at the Wastewater Facility will be closed on Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> it will reopen on December 1<sup>st</sup>. This closure is to facilitate necessary electrical upgrades related to the ongoing renovation project. Letters and emails have been sent to all the haulers that bring septage to the facility. There will be a temporary traffic pattern change visitors to the facility are encourage to follow the posted signage.
- The Merrimack Police Department will be hosting the first Small Business Safety Training on Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9-10:30 am. Topics include:
  - Reducing the risk of preventable crimes
  - Improve the safety of the small business, employees & customers
  - Talk about current trends in local crime
  - Discuss your concerns and share your thoughts with other merchants in TownRSVP to Detective / CSO Vandersyde 603-424-3774 [wvandersyde@merrimacknh.gov](mailto:wvandersyde@merrimacknh.gov)

With the Holiday season upon us I would like to wish the residents of Merrimack a Happy Thanksgiving and a safe, healthy & happy Holiday season.