

Town Manager's Update

October 27, 2016

Announcements

- The Town of Merrimack invites you to bring the whole family out to Wasserman Park tomorrow night - Friday, October 28th from 5:00 – 8:00 pm. to take part in the 24th Annual Halloween Party. This FREE event features a night of carnival games, face painting, crafts, music, the Pumpkin Carving Challenge and the highlight of the evening our Costume Contest. The Annual Halloween Party event is Co-Sponsored by the Merrimack Parks & Recreation Department and the Merrimack Police Department. For questions contact the Parks & Recreation Department at 882-1046
- Halloween night, Monday, October 31, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm will be the Trick or Treat hours. The Police Department will be very visible in the neighborhoods and are asking the motoring public to use caution when driving on the roadways.
- The Fire Department wants everyone to remember to change the batteries in their smoke and carbon monoxide detectors when they change their clocks back on November 6
- With the approaching heating season, the Fire Department wants everyone to remember to clean their woodstove chimneys and have the chimney inspected by a professional before using them this season to prevent possible fires.

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- The Woodsprings Suites Hotel has begun site work for their new 4 story, 123 room extended stay hotel on Executive Park Drive. The Merrimack Hotel has given permission for the Fire Department to go ahead and start destructive training within the facility. This training has started this week. The information provided to the Fire Department is that the property owners hope to start the demolition of the building in December with a projection of completion by January 1st.
- Due to a NH Probate Court decision recently, it appears that the 57 unit "Melton" Elderly Housing project may be returning to the Planning Board for an amendment to their approvals in order to commence development of the housing portion of the project at some point in the coming months. The Probate Court has released the Granite YMCA (property owner) of some of the restrictions from the former Reverend Wright trust documents. More details will be shared as information is submitted by the applicant.
- The first phase of the Flatley Multi-Family project has yet to be signed by the Planning Board for final approval, and barring revised plans meeting the conditions of approval or a request for an extension, the site plan for the 4 (of 5) multi-family buildings will expire on December 15.

- In single family residential development news, the Planning Board conditionally approved a 66-lot cluster subdivision on land between Wire Road and Whispering Pines (near the Bedford Town line) on October 4. The project now has 12 months to meet the conditions of approval. Also, the Chestnut Hill Cluster subdivision (72 cluster-lots located near the Middle School) has recently submitted revised plans and obtained all their required state permits. The Board will likely be signing the plan for final approval in the coming weeks.
- The Merrimack Wastewater Treatment Facility has been selected by Eversource for an audit under New Hampshire's Wastewater Treatment Facilities to Energy Efficiency Program.
- The reconstruction of the Naticook boat ramp has begun. Access to the lake from Brundige Lane will be limited over the next few weeks while the construction takes place.
- The LED Street light project has begun with the audit of the existing lights. Installation of the new lights will begin during the week of November 7. The project will change the town's 660 existing streetlights to new LED streetlights, providing a brighter light while saving on electric costs.
- The new ambulance is expected to arrive by the end of November and should go in service after the new vehicle training program is completed.