

Town Manager's Update September 23, 2021

Announcements

- The next Household Hazardous Waste event is scheduled for **Saturday, October 2, from 8:00 am to noon** at the Nashua City Park & Ride located at 25 Crown Street (near the Taylor Falls Bridge that connects Nashua to Hudson).
- The Parks & Recreation Department and the Lions Club of Merrimack is hosting a Red Cross Community Blood Drive in the Function Hall at Wasserman Park tomorrow (September 24th) **between 1:00 - 6:00 pm**. The American Red Cross is facing a shortage that has led to an "urgent need" for blood donors of all types. Per guidance from the American Red Cross: all donors must wear a face mask regardless of vaccination status.
- On **Saturday, September 25th**; the NH Chapter of the Tears Foundation will be unveiling the new Angel of Hope Memorial which has been installed at Abbie Griffin Park. The official dedication ceremony will begin at **11:00 am**. The Monument will be a place to remember, honor, and never forget the little ones who have gone too soon through pregnancy or infant loss. This monument is organized by the NH Chapter of the Tears Foundation and the Town of Merrimack has provided them space within Abbie Griffin Park for this memorial. Please visit the Parks & Recreation Department website for additional details.
- Last week, Merrimack TV launched a fourth channel: HD Channel 1071, our first on the high definition tier. The channel debut was the High School Varsity Football homecoming game vs. Nashua South. This HD channel will consist of meeting and event coverage; Town staff produced content, and spotlight hours for resident-submitted programming.
- Next month, Merrimack TV will be accepting two awards from the Alliance for Community Media Northeast for our 2020 High School Football Coverage and Community TV Promotional Videos. The ACM Northeast consists of New England plus New York State.

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- Woodbury Street Sidewalk Update: We are excited to share the news that the Woodbury Street Sidewalk Project is set to begin! Continental Paving, Inc was the low bidder on the project and we expect to award the contract next week. Early work on the project that may begin next week involves relocating two utility poles back from their current location. The project will add a sidewalk along the full length of Woodbury Street, from DW Highway to McElwain Street. The project is expected to be completed this fall.
- This week is National Roundabout Week! This is very appropriate since our very first roundabout is nearing completion. Our Roundabout Update: Curbing is scheduled to be completed on Friday this week. Next week we will be able to install the concrete truck apron and the concrete dividing islands; Once the concrete is placed there is a minimum of 7 days to allow the concrete to cure before the traffic is allowed to travel over it. The last of the overhead wires were taken down yesterday, completing the utility relocation work for the project! New street lights have been installed at each leg of the roundabout and the new signs are waiting to be installed. Opening day is coming very soon! Thank you for your continued patience moving through the site.

- The Highway Division completed nighttime pavement marking operations along DW Highway this week to refresh the arrows, words, and crosswalks along the corridor
- Phase III Project Update: Methuen is close to completing the upgrade on sludge tank #2, repaired cracks in one of the chlorination contact chambers, and have performed field verification measurements on the primary and secondary clarifiers to facilitate production of the replacement parts
- The WWTF has successfully completed the first round of testing for the Multi Sector General Permit requirements of our stormwater discharge permit at the facility – this is separate from the MS4 program
- Comcast recently finished terminating a fiber connection to bring video back to Merrimack TV's headend from the press box at the MHS field. Similar work is soon to be completed on connections at the Library and Middle School back to Merrimack TV's headend. This will allow for HD quality live programming from each of these locations. These connections were at no cost to the Town and were part of the Town's Franchise Agreement.