

Town Manager's Update

September 24, 2020

Announcements

- Absentee ballots: The Town Clerk's office strongly encourages persons wishing to vote by absentee ballot in November to submit their request for an absentee ballot as soon as possible. An absentee ballot request form can be found on the Town's website. Ballots will be available beginning September 25th.

The Town Clerk's office is currently in the process of issuing ballots to those voters who already have a request on file. Due to the large volume of requests received to date (over 3100), it is estimated that it will take approximately a week to fulfill all of the requests.

Due to the number of inquiries being received, we wish to inform voters that the General Election is the same as the Presidential Election. There will be only one ballot in November with all Republican and Democratic candidates. Party affiliation is not a factor in this election.

Persons who are not registered to vote and wish to register and vote absentee should complete the absentee ballot request form. It serves as both a request for a ballot and voter registration.

Voter registration: The Town Clerk's office is open and is accepting voter registration applications in person during our normal hours for those who wish to do so in person. In addition, the Supervisors of the Checklist will hold voter registration hours at the Town Hall on the following dates/time:

- Thursday, October 1, 6:30 to 7:30 PM
 - Thursday, October 8, 6:30 to 7:30 PM
 - Tuesday, October 20, 6:30 to 7:30 PM
 - Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 to 8:00 PM
- Stay home. Stay safe. Watch this Friday's game LIVE on Merrimack TV. The Town of Merrimack's Media Division is committed to LIVE coverage of this Friday's home opener of the MHS Varsity Football vs. Bishop Guertin beginning at 6:30PM. There's three different ways to watch live:
Merrimack TV: Comcast Channel 21
Merrimack TV DOT COM
Merrimack TV on Facebook

Merrimack TV is seeking additional volunteers for potential future events, most importantly play-by-play announcers. No experience necessary, knowledge of the game required, and basic information about the team preferred. Please e-mail: merrimacktv@merrimacknh.gov

Town Manager's Report

- The Merrimack Town Hall buildings will soon have all of the building lighting converted to LED lights. Public Works held the kickoff meeting with the contractor and expects materials to be delivered toward the end of October with installation following shortly thereafter. All interior and exterior lights around the Town Hall campus will be converted to LEDs including the ambulance garage and Abbie Griffin Park. This budgeted project receives a \$19,000 rebate from Eversource and will lower our electric costs for our buildings.

- The Wastewater Treatment Facility is commencing an LED lighting upgrade project in the compost building area that will reduce energy costs and improve safety in the area. The project will save more than 42,000 kWh annually and pay for itself in about 15 months. The project cost is \$32,575 with \$24,431 being offset in the form of a rebate to the contractor from Eversource. The net cost for the facility is \$8,144.
- Baboosic Lake Road sewer reconstruction update: The project is nearly complete with minor cleanup of the project and paving of the top course of pavement remaining. The paving is scheduled for Tuesday, September 29. Three of the four new sections of sewer have passed all testing requirements – the fourth section will have its final testing performed tomorrow. Once approved, Public Works will send out notices to abutters with the requirement to connect to the public sewer system. The drainage work that was required on the project has also been completed. The project will finish under budget!
- Old Blood Road update: Work is nearly complete with final paving expected on Tuesday, September 29. Utility work remains to be completed by Consolidated Communications so that the existing utility poles can be removed.
- Public Works is completing the required MS4 annual report that is due to EPA on September 28, 2020. The report outlines the Town's accomplishments towards compliance within the past year for the MS4 program. The report will be posted to the stormwater page of the Public Works website after it is submitted to EPA.