

## Town Manager's Update September 9, 2021

---

### Announcements

- Come and join the Town of Merrimack this **Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>** at Abbie Griffin Park at 8:30 am as we commemorate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> attacks. The ceremony is expected to last between 30 – 45 minutes.
- Merrimack Parks & Recreation and the Lions Club of Merrimack have teamed up with the American Red Cross to host a Fall Community Blood Drive at Wasserman Park on **Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The American Red Cross is facing a shortage that has led to an "urgent need" for blood donors of all types. If you would like to donate, please visit the Parks & Recreation Department website for details and to register. The website is: [www.merrimackparksandrec.org](http://www.merrimackparksandrec.org) or call 603-882-1046
- The Merrimack Police Department is excited to announce that we have begun scheduling Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes for this fall. This woman's self-defense program has been missed and we can't wait to see you all again. The class will be conducted with your safety in mind as well as the safety of our instructors. We will be following any safety protocols that are required at the time of the class. If you know of any females 13 or older who may be interested and feels comfortable attending the classes, it will be four nights, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-9 pm at the O'Leary Center. Applications can be picked up from Dispatch and must be returned by Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup>. The class consists of both classroom and physical activity. Any questions please call 603-420-1811 or email ACO Gulino at [Hgulino@merrimacknh.gov](mailto:Hgulino@merrimacknh.gov) or Officer Groves at [Agroves@merrimacknh.gov](mailto:Agroves@merrimacknh.gov). Space is limited and seats will be filled on a first come first serve basis.

### Town Manager's Report

- The Planning Board granted conditional approval for the development of 50 Robert Milligan Parkway at their September 7 meeting. A nearly 325,000 square foot warehouse distribution facility is proposed for the parcel, which has been identified as an economic development priority parcel in the 2013 Town Master Plan. No specific tenant/tenants have been identified at this point, but the site is being developed by prominent Boston based real estate development firm Trammell Crowe.
- Throughout the fall, Merrimack TV will be covering 10 regular home games of the MHS Tomahawks LIVE on channel 21 and streaming online. Select games from the varsity football, boys and girls soccer, and volleyball teams will be featured, community volunteers have stepped up to provide play by play commentary. Visit [merrimacktv.com](http://merrimacktv.com) for details. LIVE AWAY game coverage can be found at [nhccm.org/network](http://nhccm.org/network) - Merrimack TV is a member station of the New Hampshire Coalition for Community Media.

- Roundabout Project Update: Utility work is nearing completion which allows our contractor to remobilize to the site to complete the work on the roundabout. In order to facilitate the work and to expedite the construction a detour will be in place between the hours of 8:30 AM and 2 PM for the next two weeks. During other working hours, expect one-way alternating traffic. At night there will be 2-way traffic with the lanes delineated by cones and barrels. The pavement will be removed so travel will be over gravel. Traffic could also be diverted to Turkey Hill Road instead of Baboosic Lake Road. Please continue to use caution through the work zone.
- Merrimack has been notified that our proposed 3,600 Linear Feet of sidewalk project along Daniel Webster Highway ranked #8 out of 34 applications and has been recommended to receive funding through the Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (GACIT) in the ten year plan. Final Approval is anticipated in June 2022. Funding for the project will be part of the 2023-2032 State of NH Ten Year Plan and will be available starting in October, 2022. Our project is anticipated to cost \$1.25 million with \$1 million coming from the Federal Grant. The project would add sidewalk from the Chamberlain Bridge south toward the 360 plaza on the west side of the road.
- The Highway Division is currently working on our "Mill and Fill" Program. This program helps to preserve the condition of our roads by grinding up the most deteriorated portions of roadways and paving in a new course of pavement to prevent potholes from forming during freeze/thaw cycles. This program works in conjunction with our paving program to continue to improve the overall condition of Merrimack's public streets. Some of the streets included in this years' program include Erik, Joppa, Pilgrim, Everest, Back River Road and Front St.
- The Equipment Maintenance Division is working to perform inspections and related repairs on the 77 Town owned vehicles that require State stickers by the end of September.
- Wastewater Phase III Update: Construction activities on the project are underway including upgrading the sludge storage tanks, and completing field verifications of the facility to facilitate ordering of new equipment early to avoid schedule impacts due to supply issues.
- The final late Thursday evening at the Transfer Station for this year is on September 30.
- The Transfer Station and Wastewater facilities will be closed to the public on Wednesday, September 22 for employee training.