

**NOTES FROM TOWN HALL**  
**Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman**

**Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program.** The Selectmen's Office is accepting applications from eligible senior citizens for the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program. Applications are available at the Selectmen's Office, Library, Council on Aging, and Town web site ([www.tyngsboroughma.gov](http://www.tyngsboroughma.gov)). The maximum tax abatement will be \$750 for 94 hours worked by each senior citizen. Five senior citizens will be selected to participate based on qualifications. The 5 positions will be: 2 Library Aides, 2 Council on Aging Aides, and 1 Clerical Aide (Town Offices). The senior citizens must be at least 60 years old and have owned and resided in a home in Tyngsborough for at least the previous year. Upon completion of the work, each senior citizen will be credited with the abatement in the tax bill issued in December 2008.

**Open Space and Recreation Plan.** The Town is working with the regional planning agency on updating the Open Space and Recreation Plan. A brief survey has been sent in the recent tax bills. We would like the input of citizens. Please complete the survey and return it to the Town Offices. If you did not receive a survey, it is available in the lobby at the Town Offices and on the web page.

**Budgets.** I have been meeting with department heads to review their budget requests. The Selectmen and Finance Committee will be reviewing the budgets in the next several weeks. Some of the items that will impact the budget are: snow removal costs, fuel and electricity costs, insurance, and a new trash/recycling contract.

**Capital Assets.** The Capital Asset Management Committee is in the process of reviewing capital requests submitted by the Town and School departments. The Town has a 5 year capital plan that is updated each year. Capital requests are prioritized, and funding is requested from Town Meeting. The requests include fire vehicles, highway trucks, and building infrastructure items such as a boiler, security systems, bleachers, and window replacement.