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Town Manager's Report

Dear Board Members:

I am pleased to report the following updates from Town Hall and throughout Town:

- I was happy to attend Tyngsborough High School's 2024 Graduation Exercises on Friday, June 7th along with Select Board Members Eldridge, Schnieder, and Geilfuss. I was incredibly impressed by the caliber of the graduates and many of their comments and remarks were comforting that the future is bright. Congratulations to all.
- The Tyngsborough Police Department was awarded a \$20,000 grant from the Commonwealth to replace an older electronic fingerprint scanner that is used for booking and was originally purchased by a grant in 2015. This was originally planned to be future capital request but as is standard, the PD sought external grants before adding it to their capital plan. The grant covers the purchase and delivery of the cabinet scanner with printer, computer, keyboard, as well as the installation and training and a one-year warranty. The new scanner will be in service by the end of next month.
- I want to thank the BAPS Organization out of Lowell for hosting Chief Howe & I at their Annual Charity Walk on Saturday, June 8th. This year, they donated proceeds to the Tyngsborough Police Department. The BAPS organization is a religious and charitable organization that does philanthropy and service across the world. They are in the design phases of a substantial new construction of a new temple on Westford Road and we're excited to welcome them to the community once the facility is built.
- The Lowell Regional Transit Authority (LRTA) is running free bus service on all of their routes for the month of July. This includes the Route 10 bus which has stops in Tyngsborough, Dracut, and Hudson NH. Learn more at lrta.com.
- We're excited to announce that the Town Manager's Office and Media Department are working on launching the Town's first Citizens Academy. The program will start in September and will be a 6-week program that will introduce interested residents to the intricacies of Town Government. The goal is to get more residents involved in local government by breaking down barriers and bringing more folks into the fold. We'll formally announce the program in early July and will seek applications at that time. Stay tuned for more information.
- The Tyngsborough Public Library has kicked off their 2024 Summer Reading Challenge. The challenge runs from June 15th to August 5th. You can learn more at tynglib.org/summer-reading. Remember that the Tyngsborough Public Library has a lot going on this summer and is a great resource for families looking for something to do during summer vacation.
- We have seen an increase in the use of our recycling center at the Highway Department. Unfortunately, along with that increase we've seen isolated instances of the drop off site being used





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inappropriately. Last week we saw cardboard left all over the parking lot when the cardboard dumpster was full, we saw oil containers left next to that dumpster, and other items that were not acceptable in the scrap metal bin. Our Highway Department was able to address these items but repeated misuse of the site will force us to reconsider access.

- I want to thank District Attorney Marian Ryan for coming to the Council on Aging last week to talk to our aging community about common scams and ways to avoid them. We had a great crowd in attendance and the information was very helpful.
- On that note I'd like to congratulate Council on Aging Director Barbara Roche on completing a Person-Centered Case Management Certificate Program through the Boston University School of Social Work. Barbara is one of less than a dozen certified COA Directors in the Commonwealth and as a part of maintaining that certification has to complete certain credits and coursework.
- A few procurement updates:
 - We have an RFP out right now for interested individuals looking to use the Hunter Norton Property for certain agricultural uses. The Conservation Commission brought this project forward as a way to get a passive use on the site while maintaining access. Proposals are due June 26th at 10:00 AM.
 - We're seeking sealed bids for bituminous concrete for the Highway Department. This item is typically part of our annual highway goods and services procurement but our last vendor was unable to honor the optional year 2 prices so we had to bid this item separately.
 - As a reminder, we're still seeking sealed bids on the Sherburne Ave Rec Amenities for the property donated by the Toll Brothers. We held an optional site visit last week and bids are due on Wednesday at 10 AM.
- We reviewed the final design for the new pavilion on the Sherburne Ave Rec Center last week and we're preparing those bid docs to be available beginning on July 3rd with bids due on July 17th. We're likely issuing two separate bids for that project, one for the concrete and footing work and one for the construction of the pavilion.
- We convened a meeting last week between staff at Town Hall including our Superintendent of Public Works and Police Chief with the new gaming facility that is being constructed at the Pheasant Lane Mall. We had a productive conversation about the improvements they're planning on making to the parking lot as well as their most recent security plan and ways that they can be good partners with the Police Department. They are aiming to be able to open by January.
- On Thursday I'll be at Suffolk University for the graduation of the latest round of the Suffolk/MMA Municipal Management Certificate Program which our very own media director Rony Camille recently completed. The program is a joint effort by the Massachusetts Municipal Association and Suffolk University to help public sector employees hone in on their management & leadership skills and we're proud of Rony for participating in the 22nd round of this program.





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- Finally, just a reminder to mark your calendars for the 2024 Party by the Bridge which promises to be bigger and better than ever. It will happen on Saturday, August 24th at 11 AM in the Town Center. Learn more at tyngsboroughma.gov.

Regards,

Colin Loiselle
Town Manager

