



# TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH

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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'd like to start on a sad note by acknowledging the passing of long-time Tyngsborough resident Joanne Roy. Joanne grew up in Tyngsborough on Lake Mascuppic and has lived there her whole life. She lived with her sister Susan and both have been staples here at Town Hall and the Library. If you've been to Town Hall on a Thursday chances are you've met the two of them. They were always spreading well-wishes, remembering everyone's birthday, and in true townie-fashion were my most honest source for feedback on things happening in Town. There will be a grave-side ceremony at 10 AM on Wednesday at Memorial Cemetery and I know the place will be packed with staff from Town Hall and the Library who had the pleasure of knowing her. My thoughts are with her sister Susan in this difficult time.
- We formally launched the Tyngsborough Civic Leadership Academy this morning. The program will run from August 18th through October 16th with a short graduation ceremony at the start of the October 22nd Special Town Meeting. The class will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 6-8PM at various locations across Town depending on the topic. We're finalizing the course syllabus now but each class will be co-taught by a department head with a focus on their department, how its funded, how it operates, and ways we're working toward creating efficiencies. Again, the goal here is to bring more residents into the fold by giving a baseline understanding of local government so they're comfortable asking questions and making suggestions for increased efficiency. The application is available online and will be available until August 1st. Priority will be given to Tyngsborough residents who have not served on a board or committee but we'll accept applications from any Tyngsborough resident or business owner. Visit [tyngsboroughma.gov](http://tyngsboroughma.gov) to learn more.
- I am very excited to share that following a competitive procurement process we've awarded a contract to Sunshine Paving Corporation for the Phase I work on the Sherburne Ave Recreation Parcel that was donated by the Toll Brothers. This work will include the pickleball courts, walking paths, bocce courts, horseshoe pits, a pitch and putt, and shuffleboard courts. The work under this contract will also include the basketball courts. We finalized a contract last week and are working on finalizing the schedule now.
- Last week we issued an Invitation to Bid for the construction of the pavilion on that site. We issued it in two parts, one for the concrete and footing work and one for the construction of the pavilion. This will allow us to at least award the concrete work if funding doesn't permit the pavilion at the same time. We have a pending Housing Choice application for \$400,000 to support work on that site and are awaiting information from Lowell Five about a donation toward the work being done on that parcel. We're hoping to be able to utilize the external funding sources and avoid asking the Community Preservation Committee for additional funding.
- Also last week I awarded a contract to BME Strategies out of North Andover for Grant Management Services for the Board of Health's Public Health Excellence regional grant and to Newport Construction for the purchase of bituminous concrete by our Highway Department.





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- A copy of the Town's Aggregation Report was included in the Board's correspondence this evening. Of note, in Q1 of 2024, consumers on the Town's aggregation have saved nearly \$350,000 over those who are on National Grid's basic rate.
- At the Board's request, I have reached out to National Grid to ask that they appear before the Select Board either at your last meeting in July or first meeting in August to talk about the ways that they are working to prevent future large scale power outages and to talk about some of the outages that we have experienced this year.
- I'd like to take a moment to recognize Thomas Collins. Mr. Collins is the local eagle scout that this Board authorized to construct a small fitness system at RiverFront Park. His project was completed last month. It looks great and is a great addition to the park. I tested it out a few weeks ago and while I was only able to do three pull ups, it will make a great workout system for those in better shape than I. I'd also like to thank him, as a part of his fundraising efforts he had \$400 that was unspent and he has since donated that to the Tyngsborough Recreation Committee.
- Congratulations to Greater Lowell Technical High School on being awarded a \$480,000 Career Technical Initiative Grant from the Commonwealth. Using these funds, Greater Lowell will provide training and placement services to 60 underemployed or unemployed individuals in the electrical, welding, and carpentry fields. The private partners on this program include Gaspari Inc., Medford Wellington Service, Lowell Iron and Steel, Nashoba Building and Remodeling, Short Circuit Electric, Middlesex 3, and BC Electrical Services.
- I was happy to join Linda Bown on City Life last week. We had a great conversation about the many projects happening in Tyngsborough. Linda needs no introduction in Tyngsborough and has hosted the Wednesday edition of that show for many years. I am always happy to talk to anyone who will listen about all of the great things that we have going on here in Tyngsborough.

Regards,

Colin Loiselle  
Town Manager

