



TOWN OF TYNGSBOROUGH

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Town Administrator's Report

Dear Board Members:

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

- The Rourke Bridge, built as a temporary structure in 1983, will receive funding from the \$9.5 billion in federal infrastructure funds Massachusetts will receive over the next five years. The estimated replacement cost is \$170 million. Once complete, the new bridge should improve traffic congestion during peak travel hours throughout North Chelmsford, Lowell and Tyngsborough.
- The Conservation Commission is continuing to review and revise their wetland regulations to incorporate new guidelines regarding the phasing of work under a NOI.
- The Office of the Inspector General is hosting a "Boards and Commissions: Know Your Responsibilities" training via Zoom on Thursday, February 24, 2022. Our office is working to enroll interested Board/Committee members.
- Tyngsborough's current Housing Choice Destination has been extended. Communities receiving the designation in 2020 and 2021 will have their designations extended to 2025 and 2026 respectively. Only communities that have received this designation are eligible to apply to the State's Housing Choice Grant Program.
- Administration and Planning have applied for 100 hours of NMCOG staff time through the DLTA program to obtain assistance in the form of an analysis of parcels and zoning districts where it may be appropriate to consider the required zoning amendments that would bring the Town into compliance with the new Section 3A of MGL c. 40A known as the Multi-Family Zoning Requirement for MTBA Communities. We are also seeking assistance to update our GIS system, MapGEO, to incorporate publicly available information to identify parcels that are served by sewer and water utilities on a layer that can be toggled on and off.

Assistant Town Administrator's Report

- As this Board will know, on January 31 we began our COVID-19 at home test kit distribution at Town Hall. We hosted all day distribution events at Town Hall for three days from 8:30 AM to 7:00 PM. Huge thank you to the various town staff and boards/committee members who volunteered their time. The program was a huge success. To date, we have distributed approximately 3,290 test kits to Tyngsborough residents including over 200 to homebound residents or residents of senior living units in Town and nearly 500 at an event dedicated specifically to Tyngsborough's seniors. We have just under 1700 tests remaining to be distributed here at Town Hall and are working to ensure that some of these tests make their way to high density housing units where the risk of person-person transmission is higher. Residents can





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pick up tests at the Board of Health or in our office while supplies last, proof of residency is required and limit two per household each time.

Regards,

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