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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 Town Administrator and School Superintendent negotiated a total design and project management fee that was \$175,000 below the maximum budgeted amount for the Middle School building project. On June 7th and June 10th, the Middle School building committee interviewed six Construction Management firms.
- The Federal Government has released a "Safe Streets and Roads for All" (SS4A) grant program. Administration and Engineering attended a grant overview webinar on June 13th to familiarize ourselves with the requirements. We intend to submit an application prior to the September 15th deadline.
- Flint Pond was treated for invasive weeds on May 31st. A second treatment will be applied in July. This is funded partially through the operating budget and partially by the Flint Pond Association.
- La Santa connected to Town Sewer last week. 440 Middlesex is still working on the connection.
- The Media Department covered the High School Graduation and the Memorial Day programs. The AV Upgrade project at the COA started last week and will be completed in June.
- The IT Department is part-way through the server upgrade project that was funded through free cash at Town Meeting as part of the FY23 capital plan.
- The Tyngsborough Police Department hosted a BOLA Wrap demonstration on May 31st at Old Town Hall. Police Chiefs from five Front Line Initiative departments, Billerica, Chelmsford, Dracut, Tewksbury and Tyngsborough, were able to see and evaluate the device's performance. The BOLA Wrap 150 was designed to restrain an individual from 10 to 25 feet away, with less risk than other less-than-lethal devices because the BOLA Wrap does not rely on pain, chemicals, or electricity to gain compliance. The device launches a 7.5-foot Kevlar cord with small anchors attached on each end that wraps around an





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individual, briefly restraining the target. The Town Administrator was the volunteer. The Frontline Initiative is pursuing grant funds to purchase the devices for the five departments.

- Tyngsborough and other Municipalities that signed up to participate in the statewide opioid settlements with Distributors and Johnson & Johnson will receive four separate payments in 2022 and two payments each subsequent payment year. Charts reflecting the estimated, maximum annual distributions to participating municipalities, by defendant and payment, are [here](#). Tyngsborough will receive a total of \$244,404 over the next 17 years. These funds must be used for one of the following categories:
 - Opioid Use Disorder Treatment
 - Support People in Treatment and Recovery
 - Connections to Care
 - Harm Reduction (Narcan, training, outreach, etc.)
 - Address the Needs of Criminal-Justice-Involved Persons
 - Support Pregnant or Parenting Women and Their Families, Including Babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome
 - Prevent Misuse of Opioids and Implement Prevention Education
- The HR/Benefits Coordinator has established an employee Wellness Committee and is working to identify health and wellness programs that staff might be interested in. The Committee is exploring the possibility of fitness classes on the Common and some cooking classes in July.
- MassDOT has ordered replacement street lights for the town center and park and ride, and replacement sensors for several traffic lights at the Tyngsborough Bridge.
- A Cannabis HCA Legislation Update has been provided by town counsel and is included in correspondence.
- Newport Construction will be performing road improvement work along Danforth Road. Crews will be mobilizing on site beginning Tuesday, (6/14/2022). The work will include reclaiming/ grading of the existing pavement, followed by paving. The work is anticipated to take about a week to complete. There will be times when traffic will not be able to pass due to large construction equipment. Access for emergency apparatus will be maintained. Partial/full roadway closures will be necessary to maintain safety throughout the site. The residents along Danforth Road have been notified of the scheduled work.





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Assistant Town Administrator's Report

- Work on the design for the Bicentennial Field Irrigation Project has started. Our contractor was on site last week conducting surveys and delineating the wetlands. We expect the initial phase of the design to wrap up in June and should have some firm deliverables by mid-July.
- We hosted a well-attended Anti-Discrimination & Harassment training at the Council on Aging last week. We had over 25 attendees all of whom either work or volunteer at the Council on Aging. Programs like these are important for our front-facing departments and we hope to continue to offer similar trainings town-wide.
- The Commission on Disability is in the planning stages of a grant application for ADA improvements at Bicentennial Field, Wicasse Park, and Bridgemoor Park. The grant is through the Massachusetts Office on Disability and would allow us to make the sites in question completely accessible. We will be working with the Engineering Department to put together complete cost estimates but anticipate that we will be seeking roughly \$230,000. This same grant program funded the Town's Self-Evaluation & Transition Plan which was adopted last year.

Regards,

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Town Administrator

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Assistant Town Administrator

