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Lynnfield Town Administrator's Update

Welcome to the first issue of the Town Administrator's Update! This will be a monthly newsletter covering new Lynnfield initiatives and the progress we're making on ongoing projects.

Town Hall and Public Safety Building Project

In this monthly update, we are going to be talking about various phases of the public safety building project. In December 2023 Town Hall will be emptied due to construction. The challenge is, where do we place departments that is effective operationally and convenient for taxpayers? I think we have accomplished this and I'm happy to announce the following locations starting at the end of 2023.

The former Village pharmacy at 590 Main Street will be one-stop shopping for these regulatory and service departments: Public Works, the Health Department, the Building Department, and Planning and Conservation. The Town Administrator and Assistant Town Administrator will be located on the second floor. Our financial departments will be located at the Senior Center/Lynnfield Pub Schools Administration Building at 525 Salem St. These will include the Treasurer, Assessor, Payroll, and Town Clerk. With two locations, housing similar departments in each, we hope this will be the most efficient way to deliver services to the citizens of Lynnfield.



You Can Save a Life!

Through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts the Lynnfield Health Department has now been approved to offer the life-saving medication Narcan (naloxone) to the public. Narcan, which is administered as a nasal spray, can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose and quickly restore normal breathing. The Health Department will train applicants in its use, and Health Director Coral Hope says it's very safe: "Even if you give it to someone who is not having an overdose, it won't hurt them," she said.

Who should get it? "Anyone that thinks they might need it," Hope said. "It could be a friend, a neighbor, a family member, or anyone that feels they may need it." No names are required to request Narcan, and the Health Department will provide a private spot to discuss it and a brief training on how to use it. For more information, contact the [Health Department](#).

Lynnfield Makes Historic Commitment to Streets

This year Lynnfield is investing more in its roads than ever before, with a combined \$1.2 million in state and local funding. Our road program is managed by City Engineer Lisa DeMeo, who maintains a list of all the streets in Lynnfield ranked by their condition, from those that are in great shape to those that need major work. Streets in most need of repair go to the top of her list; other factors we consider when scheduling roadwork is how busy the street is and the condition of the utilities underneath. If the gas or water lines need to be repaired or replaced, the time to do it is before repaving the road!

Roads that are currently being repaved, or are scheduled for this year, include

- Timberhill Lane
- Timberhill Terrace
- October Lane
- Fletcher Road
- Wirthmore Lane
- Lee Road
- Meadow Lane
- Dale Road
- Pine Street
- Edward Ave. North and South
- Coleman Ave.
- Sigmund St.

The 2023 Paving Schedule is on the [DPW website](#). There are two construction seasons every fiscal year, summer and spring, so some work may be completed during the following season.

Construction Begins on New Tennis Courts

Due to the combined efforts of the Select Board and a dedicated group of citizens, as well as a grant secured at the State House by Rep. Bradley Jones and Sen. Brendan Crighton, money has been raised to build five new tennis courts at Lynnfield High School. The tennis courts are being built in honor of longtime girls' tennis coach and Lynnfield educator Craig Stone.

The new design adds an additional court as well as rehabilitating the basketball court that is also on the property. Lynnfield residents have enjoyed consistent upgrades to our high school athletic complexes over the past decade, and as Select Board member Phil Crawford has said, "The tennis courts are the last piece in the puzzle." The boys' and girls' tennis teams currently have their matches at Lynnfield Middle School, and in 2024 they will move back to Lynnfield High School. This allows additional public use of the middle school courts and possible conversion of some to pickleball courts. We would like to thank Coach Stone and all involved in this important project, and we look forward to our tennis teams' moving to their new courts next season.





Memorial Day Observances

Lynnfield remembered those who made the ultimate sacrifice with observances at our five cemeteries on Memorial Day, culminating in a gathering of about 300 people on the Common for a reading of the names of all those who died in action, starting with the Revolutionary War, as well as a reading of the Gettysburg Address and a performance of “America the Beautiful” and “God Bless America” by Todd Angilly, who sings the National Anthem before the Boston Bruins’ games. Mark Vermont and the fifth graders from Lynnfield Middle School, placed flags in the cemeteries and provided readers for the ceremony and the Lynnfield High School band performed the music. Special thanks to Veterans Services Director Bruce Siegel, who every year puts together a moving and solemn ceremony that involves the entire community.



Congratulations to the Lynnfield High School Class of 2023!

