

SELECTMEN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH 10, 2014

The necessary contact information is available at the end of these announcements.

- A reminder to our viewing audience - **Selectmen Agenda packets are available** from a link on the Town's website on the meeting calendar.

- **Save the Date.....Boxborough's Annual Town Meeting** will be held on **Monday, May 12th**. More details will be provided in the coming months.

- The **Board of Selectmen will hold public hearings on Monday, March 17, 2014** in the Grange Meeting Room, Boxborough Town Hall.
At 7:05 PM a joint hearing with the Personnel Board will be held to consider proposed revisions to the **Personnel Plan Classification and Compensation Schedules**. Immediately upon completion, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing to consider a **Community Preservation Committee Bylaw**. All are welcome to attend. Proposed amendments will be available for review on the Town's website or on the bulletin board outside the Town Clerk's Office.

- **The FY 2015 budget process has begun. The current draft budget is available on the Town's website (Home page, under "NEWS")**. You are encouraged to attend Selectmen, Finance Committee, School Committee and Library Trustee meetings at all times, but especially during the budget season. Please check the web calendar for meeting dates. Your input is important.

- **Nomination papers are now available for elected town offices** at the Town Clerk's office, Boxborough Town Hall, 29 Middle Road. The annual Town Election will be held May 19th. Offices that will be on this year's ballot are:

Moderator

Two positions on the Board of Selectmen

Two positions on the Planning Board

Two positions on the Library Board of Trustees

Two positions on the School Committee - staggered terms

and

One position on the Board of Health.

Monday, March 31st is the last day to file completed papers. Please contact the Town Clerk, Liz Markiewicz if you have any questions.

- All dogs in Massachusetts are required to be licensed annually. **Today, March 10th was the deadline to renew your dog license.** Applications can still be obtained at Town Hall or downloaded from the town website. The base fee of a license is \$10 for a spayed or neutered dog; \$15 otherwise and there is *no license fee* for residents over seventy. However, due to recent bylaw changes if you have not already licensed your dog, you **will now be assessed a \$50.00 fine, for each dog, in addition to the base license fee. After March 20th this late assessment increases to \$75.00.** Applications and proof of rabies vaccination should be delivered to the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall.
- The Town of Boxborough is seeking qualified applicants for the position of **Summer Playground Director** for the Recreation Commission's summer playground program at Flerra Field. There are three openings to be filled. Submissions are due by March 24th. The complete job listing is posted on the Town's website (Home page, under "NEWS").
- Even though spring is around the corner, winter is still with us, so we have included links to some helpful winter resources under the "NEWS" section of the Town's website - **DPW's Resident's Guide to Winter Snow Removal** and **MEMA's Winter Storm Tips**. Please help us so that the town roads can be traveled safely and cleared as quickly as possible during winter storms. You can also contact the DPW with any questions.

- Residents now need to obtain a voucher and pay additional fees for the **disposal of bulk items** at the Transfer Station. Vouchers can be purchased only at the Town Hall from the Tax Collector's office. Checks or exact amount in cash, please. Please refer to the Transfer Station webpage or call the DPW for more information.
- Boxborough's own Rachel Toups, Anastasia Monich and Annie Viggh brought home medals at the recent **SkillsUSA District** Competition as members of the Minuteman High School team. SkillsUSA is a national organization for vocational students which help students to develop their abilities, along with cultivating good citizenship, leadership, and poise. Senior Annie Viggh has made it to SkillsUSA Nationals for the past two years and we wish her and the other students the best of luck as they advance onto the state competition.
- The **Friends of the Council on Aging will hold its next speaker's luncheon** this Wednesday, March 12th at 12:00 noon at the Boxborough Community Center, 30 Middle Road across from Town Hall. Increased regulation and sustained low rates have made today's financial environment difficult, especially for seniors. Middlesex Savings Bank's branch manager, Keith Karkane, and financial advisor, Bill Whelton, will discuss some of the challenges and potential solutions and answer questions. All seniors are welcome and admission is free, but please call the COA office to make a reservation.
- The **Boxborough Grange #131 will hold its 128th Anniversary Meeting on March 14th** at 7:30 pm. in the Grange Room of the Boxborough Town Hall. This meeting will feature various presentations including the annual Grange Community Service Award, which recognizes a deserving Boxborough citizen or group. The public is invited and admission is free but please RSVP to 978-263-2241 if you plan to attend.
- **Town Departments** welcome your questions and feedback on services. Please contact them through the email hyperlink appearing on each department's web page, give them a call, or stop in to chat. If you are unable to stop in during normal office hours, don't hesitate to call and make an appointment for a mutually convenient time outside of normal hours.
- The **Selectmen want to hear from you** and invite residents to contact them regarding issues of concern. The Board can be contacted via e-mail from the link on the Selectmen's webpage.

- The Board of Selectmen continues to look for volunteers willing to serve on the various **Town boards and committees**, many of which have openings: Airport Study Committee (1), ZBA (1 alternate member), Housing Board (2), BITcom (4), Design Review Board (1 at-large member), Public Celebrations & Ceremonies Comm. (2), the Steele Farm Advisory Committee (1), and the Conservation Commission has one vacancy for an unexpired term which runs until June 30, 2015. Also, the Town Moderator is seeking one volunteer to serve on the Finance Committee for an unexpired term which runs until June 30, 2014. Please consider participating on a town board. You will find it to be a worthwhile and rewarding experience. No matter what your knowledge or interest is, we can use your help in making Town government work.

- Contact information is available on the town website: <http://www.town.boxborough.ma.us> or you may call Town Hall at 978-264-1700 if you have any questions.
- The Selectmen can be contacted directly at selectmen@town.boxborough.ma.us.
- If you wish to find out more about **volunteer opportunities** on Town boards or committees contact Town Administrator Selina Shaw Selina.shaw@town.boxborough.ma.us
- Board of Selectmen, Boxborough School Committee and Acton-Boxborough Regional School Committee **meetings are broadcast on both Comcast's Channel 9 and Verizon's Channel 39.** Residents can also tune-in and view the public meetings playback schedule, to find out when a particular meeting is scheduled for broadcast.
- Please contact the Town Clerk, Liz Markiewicz 978-264-1727 if you have any questions regarding **nomination papers, street census form or licensing your dog.**
- For more information on the **Resident's Guide to Winter Snow Removal or Winter Storm Tips** please go to the Town's website under NEWS or contact the DPW at 978-264-1790.
- For more information on **Bulk Item Disposal Vouchers** please go to the Town's website under NEWS, the Transfer Station's webpage or contact the DPW at 978-264-1790.
- Please call Laura Arsenault at the COA office 978-264-1717 to make a reservation for **FCoA Luncheon.**