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Town Manager



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INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: Monday, September 09, 2024
TO: Town Council
FROM: Michael D. Borg, Town Manager
SUBJECT:: Town Manager Report

Below are key activities, that I think would be of interest:

1. Emergency Management Updates:

- a. **Health Department shares West Nile Virus, EEE Safety Tips** to ensure that residents stay protected against mosquito-borne illnesses. Please visit our website for more information: <https://www.nattleboro.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=404>

- b. **Health Department shares the September is Emergency Preparedness month.** FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) is hosting a presentation on September 11th, on the importance on identifying “suspicious” behavior and when and why is should be reported. The presentation is free and informative if you are able to attend.

Who should attend: Everyone- Individuals, parents, students, businesses, volunteer and faith-based organizations, federal, state and local tribal governmental agencies.

Registration: <https://fema.cosocloud.com/seesaysomething/event/registration.html>

- c. **Hurricane Season is underway.** NOAA has forecasted an above-average season for 2024 predicting an 85% chance of 17 to 25 named storms.

2. Communications and Community Events:

a. Communications

- i. **Council Chamber Upgrades:** I would like to express my sincere gratitude to

everyone who contributed to the successful remodeling of our Town Council Chambers. A special thanks to Jordan Scanlon for capturing wonderful photos of North Attleborough. I'd also like to acknowledge MassCor – Massachusetts Correctional Industries, a division of the Massachusetts Department of Correction, and Brenda Sjoquist, the agent for State Industries, for their work on the new Council desk. Many thanks as well to Rick Hart for his outstanding electrical work and to Steve Jutras and Eric Robbins, our skilled maintenance technicians, for their efforts in bringing everything together. Your contributions are deeply appreciated!

- ii. **Town Manager Report with North TV** was held on August 28, 2024
- iii. **Pickleball Courts Ribbon Cutting Ceremony:** The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new pickleball courts at Mason Field took place on Saturday, August 24, 2024, at 11:00 AM and was very well attended. The turnout was fantastic, reflecting the growing popularity of the courts, which have quickly become one of the busiest locations in North Attleborough's park system. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this exciting event!
- iv. **FY25 Annual Planning Conference September 5, 2024:** The Annual Planning Conference for Department Heads, Boards, Committees, and Commissions was very well attended this year. Our focus topic was Servant Leadership, with insightful morning briefings from Antonio Morabito, Dr. Cheryl Butts, and Andrew Dubois. In the afternoon, we shifted focus to the Town Council's Goals and Objectives, working together to crosswalk these goals into a draft of programs and tasks that each department can support. We anticipate finalizing this alignment of goals, tasks, with the Town's strategic priorities by late September or early October.

b. Upcoming Events

- i. **NAFD Promotional Pinning Ceremony:** September 10, 2024 at Veteran's Park Gazebo at 6:00PM
- ii. **September 11 Remembrance:** We invite all to join us for a solemn day of remembrance at the 9/11 Ceremony on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at the Baptist Common, starting at 9:00 AM. Although 24 years have passed since that tragic day, the memories remain vivid, and it still feels like it was just yesterday. Please come together with us to honor and remember those we lost. Your presence will help ensure that we never forget.
- iii. **Block Party:** September 18, 2024
- iv. **Farmers Market:** Mark your calendars! The final Farmers Market of the season is happening on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. This is your last chance to enjoy fresh, local produce and unique

goods from our fantastic vendors. Come out and support our community while enjoying the vibrant atmosphere. See you there!

- v. **Third Annual Turkey Trot:** Sunday, December 1, 2024, see link to sign up: <https://runsignup.com/Race/MA/NorthAttleboro/NattleboroLeftoverTurkeyTrot>

3. Operational and Economic Developments

- a. **DPW Updates: Ten Mile River Update tonight from DPW Director Mark Hollowell**
- b. **SRO Update:** For the first time ever, North Attleborough Police Department (NAPD) is proud to have two full-time School Resource Officers (SROs) dedicated to serving our schools. Thanks to the support of the Town Council and the addition of more officers, Officer Matthew Nettnay is now based at North Attleborough High School (NAHS), while Officer Robert Geromini is stationed at North Attleborough Middle School (NAMS). Both officers will also regularly provide support to our elementary schools and St. Mary-Sacred Heart School.

Additionally, newly promoted Sergeant Lawrence “Jimmy” Morse and K9 Officer Brenna Nelson will continue to serve as backups to the full-time SROs, ensuring ongoing safety and support across all schools. We are thrilled to offer this enhanced service to our students and school community!

- c. **Rodent Update:** The Town continues its aggressive triad program to combat rodent issues, focusing on public education, smart box technology, and the introduction of natural predators.

Public Education: The Health Department remains active in educating the public on rodent control measures. For August, the department received 11 rat sightings and 9 formal complaints. Of these complaints, 8 have been resolved: 2 closed complaints, involved pest control inspections and 6 complaints showed no signs of rats.

Smart Boxes: The Town has deployed smart box technology in several areas to monitor and trap rodents. The data for August shows the following:

76 S Washington St: 2 catches

50 Elm St: 1 catch

240 Smith St: 4 catches

102 S Washington St: 5 catches

43 S Washington St: 1 catch

These smart boxes are strategically placed in problem areas and continue to play a key role in managing rodent populations.

Natural Predators: We remain on track with our initiative to introduce more owl habitats throughout the Town. The goal is to increase the number of natural predators to help control the rodent population over time.

The Town will continue its efforts, and we encourage residents to stay informed and report any rodent activity to the Health Department.

- d. **Sears Building/Mixed Use Zoning Update- Sears is up for Auction.**Website Link: https://www.crex.com/properties/1583273/massachusetts-former-sears-anchor-box?crexi_url_type=2&utm_source=trans&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=sales-36

e. **MSBA Update**

- f. **Park & Recreation Update:** Our Parks and Recreation Department had a fantastic summer, with strong participation across all programs. The Summer Playground Program saw **360 children registered**, supported by a dedicated team of **70 staff members**. The program ran for **8 weeks** from Monday through Friday, from **8:30 AM to 3:30 PM**, providing a full schedule of activities and fun for the kids. At a cost of **\$550**, this program continues to be a popular and valuable offering for our community.

The **WWII Memorial Pool** was also a hub of activity this summer, with **580 families registered** for pool access. We had a staff of **50** overseeing operations from **June 24 to August 17**, ensuring a safe and enjoyable experience for all. In addition to daily pool activities, **111 children participated in swim lessons**, while the pool saw an average of **125 visitors per day**.

These numbers highlight the strong community engagement with our summer programs, and we look forward to building on this success in future seasons.

- g. **Library Summer Reading Program:** The Richards Memorial Library had an incredible summer with its reading program, attracting **374 children** between the ages of 3 and 14. Of those, **281** were children aged 3 through those entering fifth grade, and **93** were in grades six through nine.

An impressive **210 children** returned with their reading logs, receiving **1,762 necklaces with brag tags** for ages 3-10 and **candy bars** for those entering grades six through nine. In total, **128 children** returned **171 completed reading logs**, showing great participation in this year's program.

The most popular prizes this year included a **pass to Treetop Adventures** (\$67 value), a **Nintendo Switch game** (\$45 value), **50 Altitude Trampoline Park passes** (divided into 25 prizes), and a **microscope set**. These fantastic prizes were generously donated by local businesses and organizations, including **Altitude Trampoline Park, Treetop Adventures, An Unlikely Story, North Bowl Lanes, Showcase Cinemas,**

The Friends of The Richards Memorial Library, as well as individual donors **Crystal Reimer and Meredith O'Malley**.

This summer's reading program was a huge success, and we look forward to continuing to foster a love of reading in our community!

h. Primary Results: September 3, 2024 State Primary (see attached)

Total Registered voters in North Attleborough	28,863
Total ballots cast in the Primary	3,236
Percentage that voted	13.6%

Of the Total Ballots cast:

Early voters	2,162	9.1%
Voters who voted on Election Day	1,074	4.5%
Total	3,236	13.6%

Mail in ballot information

20% of the Voters in North Attleborough requested and received mail in ballots 4,730

Less than ½ of those mail in ballots were voted and returned by Election Day 2,162

- i. Bristol County Mosquito Control Project still accepting resident's Adulticide Requests:** To make a request, residents can call (508) 823-5253, fax (508) 828-1868, or e-mail a spray request to: RequestBristolMCP@comcast.net. This is the last week for residential request and they will be completing all activities on Friday September 13, 2024.

4. Personnel Update:

- a. Recognition of 3 Town Employees:** (3 letters of commendation attached)

NAFD Firefighter/Paramedic Tyler Normandin
Falls School Head Custodian Charles Jette
Falls School Custodian Mike Shaw

5. Employment Opportunities:

- a. (2) Grade 5 Plant Operator, DPW** -Full-time-Waste Water Treatment Facility -open until filled
- b. Water Quality Superintendent, DPW**-Full-time-open until filled
- c. Bus Driver, Parks & Recreation & Senior Center** -Part time-open until filled

- d. **Assistant Chief Plant Operator**- Full Time- Waste Water Treatment Plant- Open until filled
- e. Numerous opportunities in the School Department ([view listings](#)).

Christopher Coleman
Chief



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August 21, 2024

Tyler Normandin
Firefighter/Paramedic
North Attleboro Fire Department

Dear Tyler,

This letter shall serve as an Official Letter of Commendation which will be placed into your permanent personnel file.

While working a fire watch detail at the Falls School on Tuesday August 20, 2024, you were alerted to a contractor who was experiencing a medical condition which appeared to be a syncopal episode. The patient was unable to communicate, was showing signs of pronounced cyanosis and went unresponsive. You assisted the patient to the floor, checked for a pulse and in finding none, immediately notified dispatch to send fire and EMS units, began CPR, and directed the Head Custodian to get the AED. As the AED pads were applied you detected a pulse, and the patient began to regain consciousness.

Your heroic efforts along with solid teamwork saved this patients life. Your actions display the true values of being a North Attleboro Firefighter/Paramedic.

Sincerely,

Christopher M. Coleman
Chief of Department



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August 21, 2024

Charles Jette
Head Custodian
Falls School
North Attleboro School Department

Dear Mr. Jette,

On August 20, 2024, you were performing your daily duties at the Falls Elementary School when you were alerted by Firefighter/Paramedic Tyler Normandin of a contractor suffering a medical condition. As Firefighter/Paramedic Normandin began CPR he directed you to grab the AED. The solid teamwork displayed by you and Firefighter Normandin saved this patient's life and enabled North Attleboro Firefighter/Paramedics to transport this patient to definitive care. You made an enormous difference and should be very proud of your actions.

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Christopher M. Coleman
Chief of Department

John Antonucci
Superintendent of Schools

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Mike Shaw
Custodian
Falls School
North Attleboro School Department

Dear Mr. Shaw,

On August 20, 2024, you were performing your daily duties at the Falls Elementary School when you were alerted that something was wrong with one of the contractors working on the boiler. You immediately notified the Head Custodian who simultaneously was instructed by the on-duty Firefighter/Paramedic who began CPR. The heroic actions of the three of you save this person's life. North Attleboro Firefighter/Paramedics arrived on scene and transported the patient to definitive medical care where he was treated. You made an enormous difference and should be very proud of your actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Coleman", written over a white background.

Christopher M. Coleman
Chief of Department

John Antonucci
Superintendent of Schools

STATE ELECTION STATISTICS 1992-2024

1992

Presidential Primary
 Registered voters: 17,000 est.
 Voted: 2,851
 Percentage: 16%

State Primary
 Registered voters: 17,000 est.
 Voted: 2,069
 Percentage: 12%

State Election (Presidential)
 Registered voters: 17,000 est.
 Voted: 11,397
 Percentage: 67%

1994

State Primary
 Registered voters: 17,000 est.
 Voted: 1,969
 Percentage: 11%

State Election
 Registered voters: 17,000 est.
 Voted: 8,783
 Percentage: 51%

1996

Presidential Primary
 Registered voters: 17,000 est.
 Voted: 1,686
 Percentage: 9%

State Primary
 Registered voters: 17,000 est.
 Voted: 391
 Percentage: 2%

State Election (Presidential)
 Registered voters: 17,000 est.
 Voted: 11,000
 Percentage: 65%

1998

State Primary
 Registered voters: 17,000 est.
 Voted: 1,704
 Percentage: 10%

State Election
 Registered voters: 17,000 est.
 Voted: 7,183
 Percentage: 42%

2000

Presidential Primary
 Registered voters: 17,000 est.
 Voted: 4,338
 Percentage: 25%

State Primary
 Registered voters: 17,149
 Voted: 621
 Percentage: 3%

State Election (Presidential)
 Registered voters: 16,945
 Voted: 12,095
 Percentage: 73%

2002

State Primary
 Registered voters: 17,683
 Voted: 2,721
 Percentage: 15%

State Election
 Registered voters: 17,958
 Voted: 9,130
 Percentage: 50%

2004

Presidential Primary
 Registered voters: 18,388
 Voted: 4,293
 Percentage: 25%

State Primary
 Registered voters: 18,451
 Voted: 4,771
 Percentage: 6%

State Election (Presidential)
 Registered voters: 19,008
 Voted: 13,536
 Percentage: 71%

2006

State Primary
 Registered voters: 18,347
 Voted: 2,296
 Percentage: 13%

State Election
 Registered voters: 18,656
 Voted: 9,457
 Percentage: 51%

Presidential Primary
 Registered voters: 17,960
 Voted: 6,459
 Percentage: 35%

2008

State Primary
 Registered voters: 18,244
 Voted: 923
 Percentage: 5%

State Election (Presidential)
 Registered voters: 18,874
 Voted: 14,283
 Percentage: 76%

2010

Special State Primary 12/8/09
 Registered voters: 18,257
 Voted: 3,025
 Percentage: 16.5%

Special State Election 1/19/10
 Registered voters: 18,330
 Voted: 10,934
 Percentage: 60%

Special State Primary 4/13/10
 Registered voters: 18,506
 Voted: 649
 Percentage: 3.5%

Special State Election 5/11/10
 Registered voters: 18,532
 Voted: 2,873
 Percentage: 15.5%

State Primary
 Registered voters: 18,523
 Voted: 1,750
 Percentage: 9.45%

State Election
 Registered voters: 18,668
 Voted: 10,057
 Percentage: 54%

2012

Presidential Primary
 Registered voters: 18,463
 Voted: 2,607
 Percentage: 14.12%

State Primary
 Registered voters: 18,856
 Voted: 1,151
 Percentage: 6.10%

State Election (Presidential)
 Registered voters: 19,325
 Voted: 14,335
 Percentage: 74.18%

2013

Special State Primary 4/30/2013
 Registered voters: 18,607
 Voted: 1,936
 Percentage: 10.4%

Special State Election 6/25/13
 Registered voters: 18,624
 Voted: 7,270
 Percentage: 39.03%

2014

State Primary 09/09/2014
 Registered voters: 18,731
 Voted: 1,731
 Percentage: 9.4%

State Election 11/04/2014
 Registered voters: 18,860
 Voted: 9,334
 Percentage: 49.49%

2016

Presidential Primary
 Registered voters: 18,942
 Voted: 7,586
 Percentage: 40.05%

State Primary 09/08/2016
 Registered voters: 19,339
 Voted: 420
 Percentage: 2.17%

State Election 11/08/2016
 Registered voters: 20,114
 Voted: 15,434
 Percentage: 76.73%

2018

State Primary 09/04/2018
 Registered voters: 19,886
 Voted: 2,489
 Percentage: 12.52%

State Election 11/06/2018
 Registered voters: 20,256
 Voted: 12,031
 Percentage: 59.39%

Presidential Primary
Registered voters: 20,817
Voted: 6,532
Percentage: 31.38%

2020
State Primary 09/01/2020
Registered voters: 21,333
Voted: 6,473
Percentage: 30.3%

State Election 11/03/2020
Registered voters: 22,150
Voted: 17,300
Percentage: 78.10%

2022
State Primary: 09/06/2022
Registered voters: 22,219
Voted: 3,846
Percentage: 17.3%

State Election 11/08/2022
Registered voters: 22,379
Voted: 11,420
Percentage: 51.03%

Presidential Primary 03/05/2024
Registered voters: 22,947
Voted: 5,238
Percentage: 22.83%

2024
State Primary 09/03/2024
Registered Voters: 23,864
Voted: 3,236
Percentage: 13.6%

State Election 11/05/2024
Registered Voters:
Voted:
Percentage:

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