

TOWN OF FOXBOROUGH NEWSLETTER

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Special points of in- terest:

- The DPW and Fire Departments are asking for your help. If you are able to clear around your Fire Hydrants please do so.
- On Street Parking Ban Starts December 1st—Snow = Tow.

Foxborough Selects New Town Manager

By a unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen, William G. Keegan, Jr., was named Foxborough's new Town Manager on February 4, 2014.

Bill previously served as Dedham's Town Manager since 2002 and brought with him the experience of working on projects such as Legacy Place and the New Bridge on the Charles in Dedham as well as many other capital projects.

Since starting his new position in Foxborough in April 2014 Bill hit the ground running by creating a monthly Foxborough Cable Access Show similar to one he had done in Dedham entitled "Ask Bill Keegan", which first aired in May.

The show enables residents to send in topics they would like to see discussed as well as gives them the opportunity to get to know their new town leader.

To address the longstanding issue of renovating/building a new town hall, Bill formed the "Town Hall Working Group" to assist him in researching/determining what the most beneficial and cost effective solution to this problem would be.

In October Bill filled a much needed position of an Assistant Town Manager.



WILLIAM G. KEEGAN, JR.

High School Athletic Field Dedicated in Sam Berns Memory

The Foxborough School Committee in March approved the dedication of the new high school athletic field to Sam Berns.

The dedication ceremony took place on June 12, 2014.

Sam passed away in January of this year from a rare rapid

aging disorder called Progeria at the age of 17.

Many of Sam's classmates appeared before the school committee asking that the field be dedicated in their fellow classmate and friends honor.

The field will now be known

as the "Sam Berns Community Field".



Veterans Agent Michael Johns named Foxborough's Hometown Hero



MICHAEL JOHNS

Michael Johns, Veterans Agent for the Town of Foxborough since August 2010, a retired Navy Lieutenant Commander and combat pilot who served in the Gulf War and Bosnia-Herzegovina Conflict was named "Hometown Hero" on FOX 25's Zip Trip visit in May.

Maria Stephanos, News Anchor for FOX 25 as well as a Foxborough resident presented Mike with his award.

Mike is a Foxborough resident who is totally committed to serving our town's veterans, currently serves as president of the Massachusetts Veterans' Services Officers Association, and is a former local Scoutmaster. Mike has built a solid advisory team and has initiated "Mutual Monday's", a support group for combat veterans, and brought two new annual ceremonies to town, POW*MIA Remembrance Day, celebrated on the 3rd Friday in September and Pur-

ple Heart Remembrance Day, celebrated on the 7th of August. Mike comes from a military family, including veterans and active duty, and has helped the town fulfill its commitment to serving the needs of those who have answered our nations call.

Mike is a member of Foxborough's Emergency Management Team and serves as the emergency shelter director for Foxborough residents.

Town of Foxborough Now Known As A Purple Heart Town



"August 7th declared "Purple Heart Day" in the Town of Foxborough"

In August of 2014 the Foxborough Board of Selectmen declared the town of Foxborough as a Purple Heart Town.

August 7th was declared "Purple Heart Day" in the Town of Foxborough.

Virginia Coppola, Selectman and Michael Johns, Veterans Agent collaborated in compil-

ing a list of names to be honored of Veterans from the Town of Foxborough who had been recipients of the Purple Heart and honored them and their families at the Selectmen's meeting held on August 5, 2014.

Out of the 72 Foxborough residents who had received the Purple Heart only 16 were still alive.

Commander Leo Agnew from the Massachusetts Military Order of the Purple Heart handed out Purple Heart pins to the recipients as well as a special pin to families of deceased recipients.

State Senator Timilty and Representative Barrows presented these veterans and/or surviving family members with citations.



MARY BETH BERNARD

New Assistant Town Manager

Foxborough's new Assistant Town Manager, Mary Beth Bernard started her position on October 6, 2014.

Ms. Bernard served as the Human Resources Director for the Town of Westwood for 11 years.

Mary Beth not only brings with her a human resources

background, but also a strong labor relations/policy development background.

Since starting her new position here in town, Mary Beth has been kept very busy with reviewing risk management practices including IOD, Worker's Compensation and Unemployment. Also, Mary

Beth has participated in collective bargaining as well as designing a centralized recruitment hiring process.

She has also revitalized the Personnel Wage Board and instituted wellness initiatives.

Mary Beth is also the Co-President of the MMPA.

Foxborough Firefighters Honored

The first annual Foxborough Fire Department Employee Recognition Ceremony was held Sunday, October 26th following a mass at St. Mary's Church.

Current and retired Firefighters along with their families met at the McGinty Room in the Public Safety Building to honor the recipient of the Distinguished Award of Merit Rev. Steve Madden, Department Chaplain of St. Mary's Church.

Also recognized, was Retired Captain Bob Lucas for his lifesaving actions on Carpenter Street 40 years ago.

Other lifesaving awards were given out to the various firefighters.

A 35-year service pin was received by Chief Roger Hatfield, Deputy Chief Steven Bagley, and Firefighter/EMT John Hebert.

Alan Cummings received his 45-year service pin.

State Senator Timilty along with Bill Keegan, Town Manager, Mary Beth Bernard, Assistant Town Manager and members of the Board of Selectmen were in attendance.



**FOXBOROUGH
FIREFIGHTERS**

New Town Hall Plans Approved

After years of trying and failing Foxborough residents approved the funds to develop the building plans for a new town hall at the Special Town Meeting held on November 17, 2014 with a vote of 162 to 57.

The Town Hall Working Group led by new Town Manager, William G. Keegan, Jr., worked diligently to come up

with a plan that would be the most cost effective to the town. After much research it was decided the best option would be to build a new building versus the option of renovating.

The new building will be approximately 15,500 square feet .

By building in the rear park-

ing lot of the present location, this will allow employees to stay on site during construction and save the cost of relocation.

In keeping with Foxborough's historic charm Bill Keegan assured residents that the design of the new town hall would be a colonial style.



"Foxborough residents approved the plans for building of a new town hall."

Sandra Herrmann To Retire After 29 Years

After working for more than 29 years for the Town of Foxborough in the capacity of Executive Assistant to the Town Manager as well as serving in the Board of Health, Sandra Herrmann made the decision to retire effective January 2, 2015.

At the Board of Selectmen's

meeting on December 16th Sandra was honored by the Board members as well as the Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager for all her hard work and dedication throughout the years.

Her knowledge, dedication and most of all her sense of humor will be sorely missed by

all the town employees who had the pleasure of working with Sandra on a daily basis.

In true Sandra fashion no grass will grow under her feet. Not only will she be spending more time with her family and "projects", she also intends to assist the town businesses with liquor license compliance.



SANDRA HERRMANN

UPCOMING EVENTS/NOTICES

SIGN UP EXTENDED TO 3-2-15

The Fitbit Challenge

8 Lucky Municipalities! 1 Fun Competition!



Take the Fitbit Challenge.

- Increase cardio fitness
- Take new steps toward a healthier lifestyle
- Challenge yourself and your team
- Have fun exercising alone or with others

A 6-week activity incentive program

Program starts March 23, 2015

(must sign up between February 9-13)



Ready for some healthy competition? Sign-up for the MIIA Fitbit Challenge!

The 6-week Fitbit Challenge promotes fun and healthy competition! Eight MIIA Members are competing against one another: *Amesbury, Andover, Foxborough, Franklin, Ipswich, Newburyport, Norfolk, and Sutton.* Join your friends at work and encourage each other to be active.

You must be a MIIA/BCBS health insurance subscriber to participate. The first 50, from each town, to sign up will receive a free Fitbit Zip. You can use your own Fitbit or purchase one at Fitbit.com. Fitbit Zip is a wireless activity tracker (\$59.95 value) that tracks your steps, distance, and calories— and syncs your stats to your computer and select smartphones.

Individual and team success: You will be able to track your steps at ahealthyme.com/login* to see where you stand within the entire group!

Team rankings (your team is the Town or City you work for) are based on your team's step average. The team with the highest average number of steps at the end of six weeks will be the winner. Team standings will also be posted on the site.

Prizes: Participants on the winning team win relaxing chair massages scheduled right at your office/school. All participants get to keep their Fitbits!

The first 50 to sign up, from each town, will be notified by email where and when to pick up your Fitbit. You will receive information on how to register online, sync your Fitbit and get started with the program.

Sign up with Mary Harrington at mharrington@mma.org between February 9 - 13! Registrations NOT accepted before February 9.

* Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts [ahealthyme](http://ahealthyme.com)SM website is designed to help you reach your wellness goals. Go to www.ahealthyme.com/login and click on "Click here to sign up." You will need your BCBSMA member number to complete the registration process.



Foxborough Receives MIIA Excellence in Loss Control Award

Foxborough receives MIIA Excellence in Loss Control Award

Town commended for efforts to manage risks, prevent accidents & financial losses

(February 12, 2015) – The Town of Foxborough has earned an Excellence in Loss Control Award from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) for its ongoing commitment in the area of controlling costs and preventing financial losses. MIIA, the town’s property and casualty insurance provider, announced the award during the association’s annual meeting in Boston on January 24.

According to MIIA, Foxborough is a leader in the area of municipal loss control, with an Executive Loss Control Committee that meets on a monthly basis to proactively review claims, discuss current trends, and schedule safety-related education training sessions for employees. Foxborough is an active participant in MIIA’s annual Rewards program – which allows member municipalities to earn credits toward insurance premiums through voluntary participation in a range of loss control activities and employee trainings. In fiscal year 2014 Foxborough was a top Rewards earner – receiving \$40,708 toward fiscal year 2015 premiums. The town’s loss control commitment is imbedded in workplace culture, as exemplified by the town’s continued high level of loss control and accident prevention activity – even during leadership transitions.

“I am really proud of the leadership that our employees have shown in the area of loss control,” said Foxborough Town Manager Bill Keegan. “Foxborough is one of the best examples in Massachusetts for other communities to follow when it comes to preventing and controlling insurance losses. We are all grateful for the hard work and commitment that our employees have demonstrated in making Foxborough one of the safest places to work in the Commonwealth.”

MIIA Executive Vice President Stanley Corcoran said, “Foxborough serves as a great example for how a municipality can control costs and reduce taxpayer burden through effective leadership, and by targeting specific safety concerns where claims could arise. Our partnership with communities like Foxborough helps us to continually innovate, leverage best practices, and develop new programs and trainings that help keep employees safe and mitigate financial loss.”

The Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) is the non-profit insurance arm of the Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA). MIIA’s property and casualty division returned a total of over \$25 million members in fiscal year 2014 through a combination of MIIA’s Rewards program, loss control grants, participation credits, early payment credits, dividends, and other discounts. As a member-based organization, MIIA’s only focus is to provide excellent service and quality risk management solutions to Massachusetts municipalities and related public entities. Municipal insurance its only business, MIIA insures nearly 400 cities, towns, and other public entities in Massachusetts. For more information, visit www.emiia.org and www.mma.org.



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The Town of Foxborough was legally incorporated on June 10, 1778 and is known by its residents as “the Gem of Norfolk County”.

Office hours are:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.— 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.

Frequently Asked Questions and Answers

- Q.** Who do I call to see if my trash is delayed?
A. Russell Disposal (888-870-8882).
- Q.** Who do I call if I have a streetlight out?
A. DPW (508-543-1228).
- Q.** Who do I call about potholes?
A. DPW (508-543-1228).
- Q.** Who do I call about copies of birth/marriage certificates?
A. Town Clerks Office (508-543-1208).
- Q.** Who do I call about Registering My Dog?
A. Town Clerks Office (508-543-1208).
- Q.** Who do I call about questions on my tax bills?
A. Revenue Dept. (508-543-1216).
- Q.** Who do I call about having something notarized?
A. Town Clerks Office (508-543-1208).
- Q.** Where can I purchase recycling bins?
A. DPW (508-543-1228).
- Q.** Who do I call about someone double parked or parked in a “No Parking Zone”?
A. Foxborough Police (508-543-4343).
- Q.** Who do I call about fuel assistance?
A. Foxborough Discretionary Fund (508-543-5235).
- Q.** How do I appeal a parking ticket?
A. Call our Parking Clerk, Kelley & Ryan. (800) 268-1988.

