



NEWS, NOTES & REMINDERS – JUNE 3, 2016

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- **Annual Newton Police Memorial Sunday** – *All Council members are invited to attend.* The annual memorial observance will take place on **Sunday, June 5th at 9:00a.m.** at Police Headquarters.
- **Joint Worship Service Celebrating Peace and Unity** – *All Council members are invited to attend.* On **Sunday, June 5th at 10:30a.m.** the First Unitarian Church in Newton and the Historic Myrtle Baptist Church of West Newton will be holding a joint worship service on the grounds of Newton City Hall. This service is also co-sponsored by Setti Warren, the Honorable Mayor of Newton and David MacDonald, the Newton Police Chief. The worship service is open to the public.
- **5th Annual Nonantum Village Day** – *All Council members are invited to attend.* The 5th Annual Nonantum Village Day will be held on **Sunday, June 5th beginning at 11:30a.m.** This year the event will be honoring the Newton Police Department and local scholarship winners. For more information checkout our Facebook page, search Nonantum Neighborhood Association and like us! Our Village Day coordinator is Lois Dominique and she can be reached at loismargaret@gmail.com.
- **N2 Corridor Study Presentation** – *All Council members are invited to attend.* On **Monday, June 6th from 7:00p.m. to 7:45p.m.** the Council will be joined by Needham Selectmen for an informational presentation by the Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber's consultants on the executive summary findings of the N2 Corridor Project. The project was funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration and private partners to conduct a competitiveness study and create a marketing plan for the N-Squared Innovation Corridor project.
- **Full Council Meeting / Executive Session** – The Council will be meeting on **Monday, June 6th at 7:45p.m.** in the Chamber. *Following first call, at the request of the City Solicitor, a motion for Executive Session will be entertained to hear from the City Solicitor on the status of the Austin Street Partners, LLC / City of Newton special permit litigation.*
- **Land Use Committee** – The committee will be meeting on **Tuesday, June 7th at 7:00p.m.** in the Chamber to discuss items #180-16 *Special Permit Petition to rezone the Orr block to Mixed Use 4* and #179-16 *Special Permit Petition for Orr Building at Walnut Street and Washington Street.*

- **Newton North Graduation** – *All Council members are invited to attend.* The NNHS graduation will take place on **Wednesday, June 8th at 5:00p.m.** at the Stadium. You should meet in the International Café at 4:30p.m. for processional to the platform. Please enter from Walnut Street as Elm Road will be closed. Please enter the building through the main entrance on Tiger Drive. Due to a warranty issue for the field, everyone is asked to wear flat-soled shoes. Should the ceremony be changed to Conte Forum at Boston College due to inclement weather, please meet in the Shea Room at 4:30p.m. which is located to the right as you enter the Forum from the Beacon Street side. Parking will be available in the larger lot off of Beacon Street next to the stadium. *If you plan to attend, please let Maria Camilli know at 617.559.6379 no later than Monday AM.*
- **New Hire Reception** – We have had a number of new hires in the city over the past few months. Many of these folks we deal with directly. As we've done in the past, we've invited them to a brief meet & greet on **Wednesday, June 8th from 7:00p.m. to 7:30p.m.** We've asked committee meetings to begin at 7:30p.m. We realize many of you may be coming right from NNHS graduation. We will have some sandwich choices available for you prior to your meeting.
- **Programs and Services Committee** – The committee will be meeting on **Wednesday, June 8th at *7:30p.m.** in Room 211 to discuss the following items: #175-16 Authorization to enter into a settlement agreement with National Grid; #31-15 Proposing an ordinance to limit leaf blower use; #31-15(2) Amend Noise ordinance restrictions for yard maintenance equipment and; #31-15(4) Amend Chapter 20 Section 51 Civil Fine for Littering to Include Yard Waste.
- **Public Facilities Committee** - The committee meeting will be meeting on **Wednesday, June 8th at *7:30p.m.** in Room 204. The committee will be discussing items: #175-16 Authorization to enter into a settlement agreement with National Grid; #161-16 Comcast petition for a Grant of Location for Washington Street; #162-16 Verizon Petition for a Grant of Location for Upland Ave; #190-16 National Grid Petition for a Grant of Location in Wendell Road; #124-16 National Grid Grant of Location Petition for Old Farm Road; #109-16B Verizon Grant of Location petition for wireless communication equipment; #163-16 Request for discussion with DPW to consider Ordinance modifications for street repair and; #141-15 Discussion on tracking and improving the condition of the gas utility infrastructure
- **Public Safety and Transportation Committee** – The committee meeting will be meeting on **Wednesday, June 8th at *7:30p.m.** in Room 205. The committee will be discussing items: #212-16 Appropriation request for \$250,000 to fund police overtime costs; #185-16 License renewal for Needham Shuttle Bus; #123-16 Request for Presentation of the “Complete Streets Policy and Prioritization Plan” and; #64-16 Increase the number of Chief of Operation positions in the Fire Department.
- **Newton South Graduation** – *All Council members are invited to attend.* The NSHS graduation will take place on **Thursday, June 9th at 5:00p.m.** at the NSHS Fieldhouse. There will be a reception in the Newton South High School Student Center at 4:00 p.m. The ceremony will begin promptly at 5:00p.m. Please email tracy_connolly@newton.k12.ma.us to let them know if you will be attending so that they can reserve a seat for you.

REMINDERS & WORKING GROUP UPDATES

- **Annual Newton Fire Department Memorial Service** – *All Council members are invited to attend.* The annual memorial services will be held on **Sunday, June 12th**. Due to the construction/renovation project taking place at Station 3 & Headquarters, the service will be held at Station 4, 195 Crafts Street beginning with a collation at **10:00a.m.** For those interested the **9:00a.m.** Mass at Sacred Heart Church, 1321 Centre Street, Newton Centre will be for the “Departed Members of the Newton Fire Department.” There is plenty of parking available at the School Administration building on the Crafts Street side. Members attending the Service are asked to leave the station parking available for the families of the departed, retired members, and those with mobility issues

- **Second Call Items and Special Permits** – Since I’ve been President, we have worked well together to understand how the night of each full Council meeting will proceed. If you could please give me and the appropriate Committee Chair a heads up (an email is fine) if you plan to put something on second call. If it all possible, we can talk at some point before the meeting so that there is an ability to understand concerns and how something may be best addressed. Additionally, if you do plan to vote ‘no’ on a special permit petition, per our Council rules, please rise to state your reasons for doing so. *Thanks in advance for your cooperation.*

