

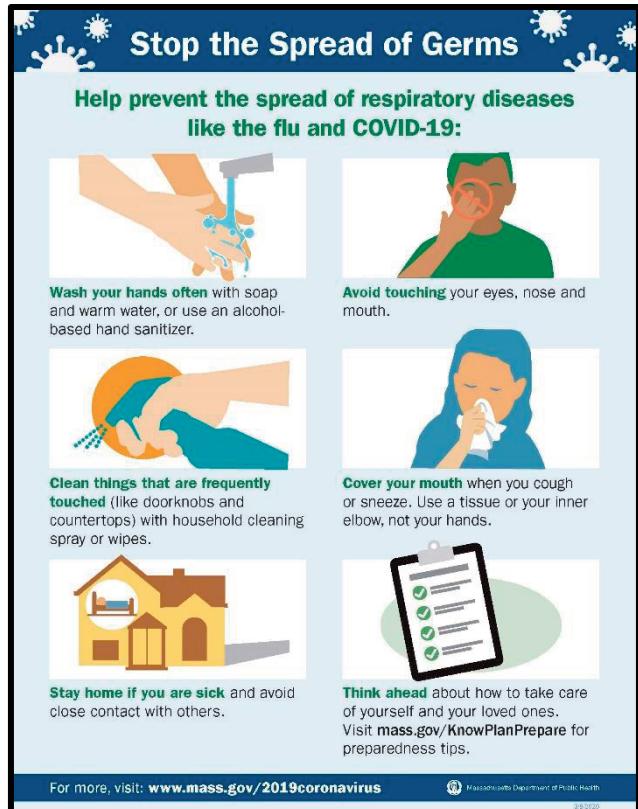


Methuen Community CONNECTION

November 2020

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Mayor Neil Perry Stresses School Safety and Urges Continued Testing to “Stop the Spread”



With COVID numbers on the rise, Mayor Neil Perry is working to keep our schools healthy and safe for students and staff. The mayor is working with Superintendent Brandi Kwong and her staff to bring testing to our hybrid learners and school personnel. In addition, testing under the Massachusetts Stop the Spread campaign is open to every Methuen resident, whether they are symptomatic or asymptomatic.

For more information on the state Stop the Spread Program, visit mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread#eligibility-. Even if you have no COVID symptoms, please get tested to help stop the spread.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted all areas of our society. Despite the current numbers, we are confident that we, as a city, can keep our schools and community at large safe through testing and diligent adherence to health and safety protocols. We urge you to support our local businesses and do your part to Stop the Spread.”

- Mayor Neil Perry

Methuen-specific information is available at mass.gov/info-details/stop-the-spread#methuen- or call one of our two testing centers, AFC Urgent Care, 978-975-0700 or Greater Lawrence Family Health Care Center, 978-685-7663, to schedule an appointment for free testing through December 31, 2020.

Ernie Boch, Jr. Donation Aids Methuen Cares Center

As the Methuen Cares Center continues to serve the community during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have some exciting news about a major donation. Mayor Perry and State Senator Diana DiZoglio are thrilled to announce that Ernie Boch, Jr., the philanthropist and owner of Subaru of New England, has committed to donating \$25,000 to the Methuen Cares Center to help keep the facility going into 2021.

Since the onset of COVID-19, the Methuen Cares Center has been accepting donations of paper goods, shelf-stable foods & drinks, school supplies, PPE, hand sanitizer, and other crucial items for those in need and for first responders. Thanks to Senator DiZoglio for her continued commitment to Methuen!

Speaking of donating to worthwhile Methuen causes, we urge you to support Debbie's Treasure Chest. Donations can be dropped at the Methuen Cares Center. Debbie's Treasure Chest helps children at risk through cash and in-kind donations, and assistance from volunteers. Their mission is to create opportunities for children in the Merrimack Valley to reach their potential, and to help low income families access resources. Visit their website at debbiestreasurechest.org. Mayor Perry donated several pairs of sneakers and is pictured here with Debbie's Treasure Chest co-founder and treasurer Talia Harvey.



In this great time of need, we most appreciate the donations by Methuen residents and business owners that keep the center running. Methuen really does care, and that is something to be celebrated. Any resident needing assistance can contact the center at (978) 609-1866. All donations support Methuen residents in need.



Methuen City Hall is Currently Open by Appointment Only

Hours of Operation: Monday - Thursday: 8am to 4:30pm, Friday: 8am to Noon
Searles Building; Connecting All Departments: (978) 983-8500.
41 Pleasant Street, Methuen, MA 0184

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Methuen Seeks to Hire Director of Veterans Affairs

Mayor Perry is seeking a Director of Veterans Affairs to serve the more than 5000 veterans who call our city home. The Director is responsible for outreach to all veterans within the City of Methuen and engaging with and identifying veterans' needs.

The Director must be a veteran in accordance with state law and must hold a valid drivers' license. We require a Bachelor's Degree and 1-3 years experience in a related field or an equivalent combination of education and experience in veterans' services, human relations, social services, or business. Effective oral and written communication are essential. For a complete listing of job functions, qualifications, and salary range, as well as information on how to apply, visit cityofmethuen.net/human-resources/pages/employment-opportunities



City and Schools Offer Employment Opportunities Amid COVID Pandemic Job Crunch

WE'RE HIRING!

Has COVID-19 impacted your job? Are you looking for an exciting, challenging, and rewarding career opportunity? The Methuen School Department has numerous full and part time job openings available at methuen.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx

In addition to the Director of Veterans Affairs, the City of Methuen also has several employment openings across many city departments including COVID Enforcement Officer, City Solicitor, Assistant City Solicitor, and Police Dispatcher. To view available job openings and descriptions, visit cityofmethuen.net/human-resources/pages/employment-opportunities.

Lower your Bills with a MassSave Home Energy Assessment

COVID-19 has placed financial burdens on many Methuen families. One way to save money and decrease your monthly bills is to take advantage of a free Virtual Home Energy Assessment from MassSave. Mayor Perry encourages Methuen residents to take advantage of the energy assessment and use MassSave weatherization incentives to save on your home energy costs.

Many Massachusetts homeowners have heard about MassSave, but are unaware of the opportunities provided. This lucrative efficiency program is a collaboration of several Massachusetts utility companies.

The mission of the MassSave initiative is to reduce energy demand across the state and provide homeowners the financial incentives to make the home performance upgrades they need to save energy and stay comfortable for decades to come. The free MassSave program promotes cost and environmentally efficient home energy options. Call 857-496-5382, En Espanol: 617-446-3456, or Visit Methuensaves.org to sign up and schedule your energy assessment now!

Saving money and protecting our world are just a phone call away.

Make your home energy efficient to put more money in your pocket and fight global warming.

Schedule your Mass Save® no-cost Virtual Home Energy Assessment today.

Call now:
857-496-5382 (English)
617-446-3456 (Español)

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methuensaves.org

Methuen Assessor's Office Offers COVID-19 Tax Assistance

Taxes are billed quarterly starting at the beginning of our fiscal year. Many taxpayers do not realize that we do not bill on a calendar year. The fiscal year starts on July 1 of the current calendar year and ends on June 30 of the following calendar year. When calculating your 1st and 2nd quarter bills we take the total billed in the previous fiscal year and divide by 4. This gives us an estimate of your fiscal year taxes due in August and November.



By the time we calculate your 3rd and 4th quarter bills we have new values and have set a new tax rate for the fiscal year. We then calculate a total tax for the fiscal year, subtract the amounts paid during the 1st and 2nd quarters and divide by 2 which gives you the actual amounts due in February and May.

This can sometimes be a little confusing, but we are here to help, especially during these uncertain times due to COVID-19. Please reach out to the Assessor's office at 978-983-8530 with any questions you may have and if we do not answer, just leave us a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. We are also happy to answer email inquiries which can be sent to: tmsolomon@ci.methuen.ma.us.

Local Luminaries Gather for MHS Track Ribbon Cutting



Despite the overcast and rainy weather, it was a bright and positive atmosphere at the Ribbon Cutting for the new Arthur J. Nicholson track at Methuen High School. Mayor Neil Perry, State Rep. Linda Dean Campbell, State Senator Diana DiZoglio, Superintendent Brandi Kwong, and Athletic Director Matt Curran all spoke at the event. MHS students Cassidy Chim and Freddy Coleman talked about the positive impact the track will have on the community. The new track was truly a collaborative effort. We hope that our scholastic athletes, residents, and visitors will enjoy it.



City of Methuen COVID-19 Small Business Grant Program

ATTENTION METHUEN SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS: The City of Methuen has committed up to \$375,000 in one-time funds to create a Small Business Relief Fund Program. The objective of this program is to offer immediate financial assistance to small businesses located in Methuen, with at least 1 and no more than 5 full-time employees, and who income qualify.

The grant is designed to aid in maintaining their business and workforce. This is a great opportunity to apply for funds and mitigate the economic strains caused by the COVID pandemic. For more information and to apply for a Small Business Grant, visit cityofmethuen.net/economic-community-development/pages/apply-for-small-business-relief-grants or email Pat Antoon at platoon@ci.methuen.ma.us.



Methuen's Halloween Drive Through a Spooky Success



Mayor Neil Perry's Halloween Drive Through event on October 31 at the Loop was a pumpkin smashing success! Over 1000 cars and literally thousands of Methuen residents drove through a line of vehicles meeting all kinds of ghostly ghouls and costumed characters handing out candy. Thanks to our donors & sponsors: The Loop & Randy Allen, Margaritas, AMC Theaters, Crumbl Cookie, Home Depot, Wal-Mart, The Savings Bank, Methuen Rotary, EJ Paving, Tread Milling Co., Texas Roadhouse, Ellie's Farmhouse, Connie Doto Realty, Mann Orchards, Party Connection, and American Foods.

Thanks to our Volunteers: Michele Ambra, Jana DiNatale, Jill Stackelin, Chief Tim Sheehy and MFD, Chief Joe Solomon and MPD, Barbara Carr, Kathleen Conley, DPW Staff, Bill Pare, Bill Manzi, Ron Noble, Jim Kapelson, Methuen High School Volunteers, Methuen Boy Scout Troop 51, Phillips Academy Senior Amanda DiNatale, Eric LaFleur, Bill Fitzgerald, Mark Juknavorian, School Committee Members LouAnn Santos & Ryan DiZoglio, City Council Members Eunice Zeigler, James McCarty, Michael Simard, Joel Faretra, Nicholas DiZoglio, Allison Saffie, Jessica Finocchiaro, and DJ Beauregard, & Steve Saba.

Local Newspapers Provide Timely News You Can Use



Methuen is fortunate to have three excellent local newspapers that cover stories of impact and concern for our residents. MethuenLife Magazine (methuenlife.com) covers the people, places, and happenings in Methuen with an eye on the positive stories that make our city unique. The Valley Patriot (valleypatriot.com) provides important investigative stories and commentary about Methuen and the Merrimack Valley, and the Eagle-Tribune (eagletribune.com) offers breaking news and stories that affect Methuen and our neighboring communities. We appreciate the value and information that these publications provide our citizens.

Nimmo Family Honored for Commitment to Local Farming

57 Acre Farm Purchased by SPES to be Converted to Agricultural Estate



Nimmo Farms, a Methuen landmark on Milk Street, was recently purchased by SPES Development Corporation with plans to convert the land into an innovative and agricultural estate. Mayor Neil Perry presented a Mayoral Citation to the Nimmo family (pictured) and commented on their community impact. "Richard and Karyl Nimmo have shown dedication and commitment in sustaining their farm for over a century. I fondly remember getting fresh milk and egg deliveries to my front door as a young boy. Now, as Mayor, I'm proud to honor the Nimmos on behalf of this great city." SPES will now move ahead with its plans to convert the 57 acres into an innovative agricultural estate named Melita Farms. The project supports Mayor Perry's food emergency response and ensures that Methuen families in need have access to fresh produce. The move also helps Methuen toward economic recovery through the COVID-19 pandemic.

Governor Baker Announces COVID-19 Safety Measures

On November 2, the Baker-Polito Administration announced a series of targeted measures to disrupt the increasing trend of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Governor Charlie Baker announced these changes at a time where public health data has indicated that cases are rising. The following measures are meant to impede the rising trends, so the Commonwealth can keep the economy and schools open for residents. The changes include a **Stay at Home Advisory, Early Closure of Businesses/Activities, Face Covering Order, and Gatherings Order**. For more details and to view the new state orders, visit mass.gov/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-targeted-measures-to-curb-rising-covid-19-cases.



Celebrating Thanksgiving with an eye on COVID Safety

It is clear that the COVID pandemic did not dampen Methuen's Halloween spirit, and Mayor Perry encourage everyone to be similarly creative in celebrating Thanksgiving. To this end, we offer the following considerations to help keep our friends, families, and community safe. If you host a holiday celebration, keep it small. If you are considering travel, be aware of Massachusetts travel orders available for viewing at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>. If you participate in a celebration, please adhere to the following public health guidance if you are near people with whom you do not live:

- Wear a mask when not eating or drinking and wash your hands often with soap and water
- Stay at least six feet apart from others
- Consider if those around you may be at higher risk of severe illness from COVID
- If gathering indoors, improve ventilation by opening windows and doors

If possible, limit in-person holiday gatherings to only people you live with or to a small group of individuals with whom you are regularly in contact. As a reminder, gatherings in Massachusetts are subject to size limits posted at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency#limits-on-gatherings->.



See-Click-Fix Gives Citizens Immediate Access to Answers

City Will Next Implement Resident Request Strategy with DPW Issues



In an effort to improve resident access to assistance across a wide range of topics and issues, Mayor Neil Perry has instituted SeeClickFix, an interactive system that will allow the City of Methuen to be more responsive and transparent. Once the SeeClickFix app is installed on your phone, it takes just a minute or two to notify the city of a concern. This is a positive neighborhood tool that allows our residents to communicate with their government, and have their concerns addressed promptly.

Initially, the city will be using SeeClickFix for COVID-19 related issues only. Visit cityofmethuen.net and click on the “Report a COVID-19 Issue” link to let us know of any COVID related problems or issues encountered. SeeClickFix will be rolled out for all city departments over the next 6 months. The city will keep residents updated on new developments, as it continues to focus on understanding and addressing the needs of all residents; SeeClickFix is one tool to assist us in accomplishing that goal.

Welcoming Two New Methuen Businesses!

Mayor Perry joined local dignitaries and the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce in welcoming CRUMBL Cookies to The Loop on Pleasant Valley Street. This amazing store features a variety of cookies, ice cream, treats, and beverages! It is a pleasure to welcome this terrific business to Methuen, and we hope that you will visit the store and check out their wonderful menu! Visit crumblcookies.com for hours of operation.



Mayor Perry, along with City Council, also celebrated the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting ceremony at the new Ellie's Farmhouse providing scratch-made, full-service and take out options, service with a smile, and the freshest ingredients in every item they serve. The restaurant is located at 436 Broadway in Methuen and features a breakfast and lunch menu with several unique menu options for patrons! Visit elliesfarmhouse.com for hours of operation. COVID-19 has brought about unprecedented challenges and struggles for businesses in Methuen and other communities. We urge our citizens to support Methuen businesses during these uniquely challenging economic times. With your help, our local businesses can stay viable and strong.



Cooperation & Convenience Make Election Day 2020 a Success

Mayor Neil Perry would like to extend thanks and admiration to the people of Methuen for casting their votes in droves in the recent State Election. This year, our City Clerk Jack Wilson and his hearty cast of volunteers offered citizens several options for voting amid the backdrop of COVID-19.

These included voting early by mail, voting early in person, and voting at their precinct location on Election Day, November 3. 2020 also brought about changes in voting locations. Park Gardens Apartments on Burnham Road was no longer be available as a polling location for Precincts 4 & 5 due to public health concerns brought on by COVID-19. The Methuen Senior Center became the new polling location for the residents of precincts 4 and 5.



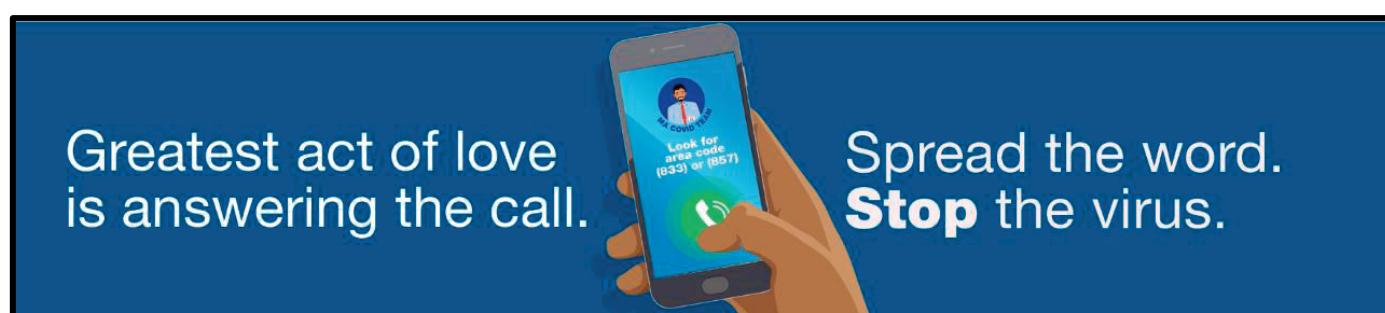
John J. Wilson, City Clerk

If these were not enough changes and challenges, as we neared Election Day, several members of the election staff were exposed to COVID and had to isolate for testing. Several city employees were asked to work the polls with no training. They did a wonderful job for sure! Thanks so much to everyone who made the privilege of voting a smooth and positive process.

Contact Tracing a Crucial Part of COVID-19 Safety

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts created the COVID-19 Community Tracing program to help support local health departments from every community. The program focuses on reaching out to people who have tested positive for COVID-19 and the contacts they have been close to, providing support to isolate or quarantine.

When the MA COVID Team calls, you can do your part by answering the phone and providing helpful information. Calls from the MA COVID Team will use the prefix 833 & 857 with Caller ID as “MA COVID Team.” Calls are made from 8am-8pm.



Scanning the City

Methuen Hires COVID-19 Enforcement Officer to Patrol City First City in Massachusetts to Create this Position

Methuen is the first community in the Commonwealth to create the position of COVID Enforcement Officer. With their focus on education, officers are currently patrolling the City's parks, field, playgrounds, and other public areas to reduce large gatherings and educate the public about proper COVID-related safety protocols. They are also offering the public free high-quality cotton reusable masks purchased through the city's new #Masks4Methuen / #MascarillasParaMethuen program. The City purchased 15,000 of these reusable masks for the purpose of educating the public and ensuring that Methuen residents have access to face coverings.



Officer Miguel Reyes is serving as one of the City's COVID Enforcement Officers. He works full-time as a School Safety Officer in the Lawrence Public Schools and serves as a Captain on the City of Haverhill's Auxiliary Police Department. Through this experience, Officer Reyes has developed an excellent approach toward working with Methuen's multi-lingual population in ensuring that we #StopTheSpread of the COVID-19 virus in the City of Methuen.

For the first time in nearly a decade, the City of Methuen Board of Health enjoys full membership. In recent months, William Goodman MD MPH and Sheila Och MPH have joined the board. The Methuen Board of Health is actively involved in surveillance and program development for our city and schools through their regular meetings and interaction with the City's Health Division.

Senior Activity Center Offers Virtual and Seasonal Programs



Corinne C. LaCharite, Executive Director

Although the Methuen Senior Activity Center facility is closed to the public at this time, staff is still available to answer questions and address concerns. Our intergenerational **Adopt-a-Grandparent** program is starting up again. High school students are in the process of writing letters. In a few weeks, the Zoom program will be introduced for virtual meetings. Anyone can join the program! Call us at 978-983-8825 with your name and address to register.

The Methuen Council on Aging Board and staff would like to extend a big "Thank You" to **Bridget Munroe**. Bridget, a Methuen High School student, under the guidance of her grandmother, sewed and donated 43 cloth face masks for any senior in need of one.

Executive Director Corinne LaCharite and her staff remain available Monday-Thursday, 8am-4pm and Friday 8am-12:30pm. For program registration and questions, call 978-983-8825; messages will be returned promptly.

Battling the Blues and Home School Help at Nevins Library

The Nevins Library building is open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday with Curbside Pick-Up on Monday and Friday. In the past few weeks, we've been getting back to helping you on the computers, helping you print, copy, fax, even do some notarizations. And, again, we thank you all for adhering to the mask and social distancing guidelines we have while you're here.

Are you wondering how to manage being stuck inside even more with winter coming? On December 1st at 7:30pm Marci daCamara, LMHC, will answer those questions via Zoom as she focuses on winter/COVID-19 isolation and more.

One note to Methuen students: while we are happy to have those who need to study or take their finals here in the building, because of social distancing guidelines, our study areas are still restricted to one person per table or study carrel.

Finally, taking a bit of a look ahead, once again our Giving Tree will provide Christmas gifts to Merrimack Valley homeless children who are served by Emmaus, Inc. If you would like to help, please stop by between November 23rd and December 15th and choose a wish list item to purchase. For info on all library happenings, visit nevinslibrary.org or call 978-686-4080.



STAY ALERT ▶ CONTROL THE VIRUS ▶ SAVE LIVES

Conexión Comunitaria de Methuen

Methuen ofrece oportunidades de empleo en medio de la crisis laboral de COVID-19

¿COVID-19 ha afectado su trabajo? ¿Está buscando una oportunidad profesional emocionante, desafiante y gratificante? La Ciudad de Methuen y el Departamento Escolar de Methuen tienen numerosas vacantes disponibles de tiempo completo y parcial en este momento. El Departamento Escolar tiene vacantes para una variedad de puestos de personal y profesores. Para ver las ofertas de trabajo disponibles y las descripciones, visite <https://methuen.tedk12.com/hire/index.aspx>

La ciudad de Methuen también tiene varias vacantes de empleo en muchos departamentos de la ciudad. Para ver las ofertas de trabajo disponibles y las descripciones, visite cityofmethuen.net/human-resources/pages/employment-opportunities



Methuen Ahorra Energía
Ahorra dinero usando menos energía!

Inscribirse para una evaluación virtual de energía en el hogar sin costo

ALL IN ENERGY

Medidas de Ahorro

Paso 1: Evaluación virtual de energía sin costo

- Luz LED
- Termostatos Programables
- cabezales de ducha de alta eficiencia

* Las medidas de ahorro elegibles pueden diferir según el hogar y serán enviadas por correo.

Paso 2: Sellado de aire y aislante (insulación) sin costo

Paso 3: Descuentos adicionales

- Eficiente equipo de calefacción / refrigeración y electrodomésticos

** Disponible a 100% de descuento

Participación es simple!
Si vive en un edificio con 1-4 unidades,* solamente necesita un teléfono, la tecnología para hacer un video chat y/o mandar fotos del hogar por email, y acceso a su departamento/edificio.

Beneficios del programa:

1. Ahorre en su factura de servicios públicos
2. Mayor comodidad en su hogar
3. Mantenimiento de edificios menos frecuente
4. Ayude a Methuen a alcanzar sus metas de ahorro y obtenga fondos

*Vive en un edificio más grande? Visite nuestra página web para obtener más información.

Únete con nosotros!
"Como nueva Comunidad Verde (Green Community), Methuen a puesto el objetivo de reducir el uso de energía en los edificios de la ciudad por un 20%. Únase a nosotros construyendo un Methuen más sostenible y respetuoso con el medio ambiente y ahorrar energía y dinero en su hogar". -Alcalde Neil Perry

Apunta su cita para una evaluación virtual a
methuensaves.org
617-446-3456 (español)

All In Energy es una organización 501(c)3 sin fines de lucro colaborando con la Ciudad de Methuen.

Reducza sus facturas mensuales con una evaluación de energía para el hogar MassSave

COVID-19 ha puesto una carga económica para muchas familias de Methuen. Una forma de ahorrar dinero y reducir sus facturas mensuales es aprovechar una Evaluación Virtual de Energía del Hogar de MassSave.

El alcalde Perry anima a las familias de Methuen a aprovechar la evaluación energética y utilizar los incentivos de climatización de MassSave para ahorrar en los costos de energía de su hogar.

Muchos propietarios de viviendas de Massachusetts han oido hablar de MassSave pero desconocen las oportunidades que se brindan. Este lucrativo programa de eficiencia es una colaboración de varias empresas de servicios públicos de Massachusetts.

La misión de la iniciativa MassSave es reducir la demanda de energía en todo el estado y brindar a los propietarios de viviendas los incentivos financieros para realizar las mejoras de rendimiento de la vivienda que necesitan para ahorrar energía y mantenerse cómodos durante las próximas décadas

La Oficina del Tasador de Methuen ofrece asistencia fiscal COVID-19

Los impuestos se facturan trimestralmente a partir del comienzo de nuestro año fiscal. Muchos contribuyentes no se dan cuenta de que no facturamos en un año calendario. El año fiscal comienza el 1 de Julio del año calendario actual y termina el 30 de Junio del año calendario siguiente. Al calcular sus facturas del primer y segundo trimestre, tomamos el total facturado en el año fiscal anterior y lo dividimos por 4. Esto nos da una estimación de sus impuestos del año fiscal que vencen en Agosto y Noviembre.

Para cuando calculamos sus facturas del tercer y cuarto trimestre, tenemos nuevos valores y hemos establecido una nueva tasa impositiva para el año fiscal. Luego calculamos un impuesto total para el año fiscal, restamos las cantidades pagadas durante el 1er y 2do trimestre y dividimos por 2, lo que le da las cantidades reales adeudadas en Febrero y Mayo.

Esto a veces puede ser un poco confuso, pero estamos aquí para ayudar, especialmente durante estos tiempos inciertos debido a COVID-19. Comuníquese con la oficina del Tasador al 978-983-8530 con cualquier pregunta que pueda tener y si no respondemos, simplemente déjenos un mensaje y le devolveremos la llamada lo antes posible. También nos complace responder consultas por correo electrónico que se pueden enviar a: tmsolomon@ci.methuen.ma.us



Message from the Mayor

Welcoming the Holidays with Gratitude and Generosity

Although it seems like last week was the Fourth of July, here we are on the verge of the holiday season, with Thanksgiving upon us. Despite all that the pandemic has done to us this year, that is the main topic of my thoughts. I am grateful for many things, and I wanted to share that with you. I am grateful to be your mayor, to be spending my days (and nights in most cases) working my hardest to move the city I love forward. I am grateful for the love and support of family, friends, and so many in our community. I'm grateful to reside in a community where so many care about what's best for our city, and I am also grateful for the passionate discourse on how best to move our city forward. I am forever grateful to be working with employees who feel the same passion that I do.



Mayor Neil Perry

Sometimes, lost in the passionate discourse at the national, state, and local level, is the simple reminder that in the end, we are truly all one people. Don't let the noise swallow you up – remember, proudly, and with thanks to the many Veterans in our community – that we DO live in the greatest country on earth – and we enjoy the very freedoms these Veterans fought to preserve. So, I am forever grateful to them as well. In difficult times such as these, you see the true character of a community. I have seen ours, and I know first-hand how great it can be. I saw the delight of people who waited in line for hours at our special Halloween event; and we're working on an event that all our citizens can take part in during December, on their own schedule, that will lift the spirits and showcase the very best of our community (more to come on that!).

I would ask you to pause during these busy times and reflect on those who have less than we do. And, if you are like me, think about how you can give something back to the less fortunate and share your gratitude for the bounties we have. In the meantime, please be kind to one another - and to you and your loved ones, my wishes for a safe, healthy and Blessed Thanksgiving!

Mensaje del Alcalde

Acogiendo las fiestas con gratitud y generosidad

Aunque parece que la semana pasada fue el 4 de Julio, aquí estamos al borde de la temporada navideña, con el Día de Acción de Gracias sobre nosotros. A pesar de todo lo que nos ha hecho la pandemia este año, ese es el tema principal de mis pensamientos. Estoy agradecido por muchas cosas y quería compartirlo con ustedes. Estoy agradecido de ser su alcalde, de pasar mis días (y mis noches en la mayoría de los casos) trabajando duro para hacer avanzar la ciudad que amo. Estoy agradecido por el amor y el apoyo de mi familia, amigos y tantos en nuestra comunidad. Estoy agradecido de residir en una comunidad donde tantos se preocupan por lo mejor para nuestra ciudad, y también estoy agradecido por el apasionado discurso sobre la mejor manera de hacer avanzar nuestra ciudad. Siempre estaré agradecido de trabajar con empleados que sienten la misma pasión que yo.

A veces, perdido en el discurso apasionado a nivel nacional, estatal y local, está el simple recordatorio de que al final, todos somos realmente un solo pueblo. No permita que el ruido lo trague, recuerde, con orgullo y gracias a los muchos Veteranos de nuestra comunidad, que, si vivimos en el país más grande del mundo, y disfrutamos de las mismas libertades que estos Veteranos lucharon por preservar. Por lo tanto, también les estaré eternamente agradecido. En tiempos difíciles como estos, se ve el verdadero carácter de una comunidad. He visto el nuestro y sé de primera mano lo grandioso que puede ser. Vi el deleite de las personas que esperaron en fila durante horas en nuestro evento especial de Halloween; y estamos trabajando en un evento en el que todos nuestros ciudadanos pueden participar durante Diciembre, en su propio horario, que levantará el ánimo y mostrará lo mejor de nuestra comunidad (¡más por venir!).

Les pido que hagan una pausa durante estos tiempos ocupados y reflexionen sobre aquellos que tienen menos que nosotros. Y, si eres como yo, piensa en cómo puedes devolver algo a los menos afortunados y comparte tu gratitud por las recompensas que tenemos. Mientras tanto, sean amables unos con otros, y con ustedes y sus seres queridos, ¡mis deseos de un Día de Acción de Gracias seguro, saludable y bendecido!

**Methuen “Stop the Spread” COVID-19 Testing available at:
La Prueba de COVID-19 “Stop the Spread” Detener la Propagacion de
Methuen disponible en:**



147 Pelham Street, 978-685-7663



380 Merrimack Street, 978-975-0700