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Methuen's Memorial Day Parade returns May 30

Methuen American Legion Post 122, with the assistance of Arnold Greenwood Post 8349 Veterans of Foreign Wars and the City of Methuen Veterans Affairs Department, is bringing back Methuen's Memorial Day Parade, May 30, 2022. All Veterans, Active Duty Military Members, National Guard members and Veterans, Reservists and Veterans, civic organizations, scout troops, school groups, and clubs are invited to join in and participate in the parade. For information or to be included in the parade, please contact Legion Commander John Dowd at (978) 683-9959 or Legion Junior Vice Commander Tom Hargreaves at (978) 423-0764 or thhargreaves@hotmail.com. The schedule is as follows:



Form up at 9:30 am

Step off at 10:00 am

Return to Methuen Legion Post 122 at approximately 11:30 am.

PARADE ROUTE: Starting at American Legion Post 122, 200 Broadway, proceed north on Broadway, right on Pleasant Street, sharp right on Charles Street to WWII Monument for brief ceremony; parade reforms on Charles Street, proceeds down Charles Street crossing Broadway onto Hampshire Street, left on Lowell Street past Central Fire Station, continuing on Lowell Street, left on Grove Street to American Legion monument in Walnut Grove Cemetery for brief ceremony. Parade will reform on Grove Street to return to American Legion Post 122, right on Lowell Street past Central Fire Station, right on Hampshire Street, right on Broadway to American Legion Post 122. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the Methuen American Legion Post 122, 200 Broadway at 10:00 am.

Methuen Restaurant Week, May 23 - 27

METHUEN RESTAURANT WEEK

MAY 23 - 27, 2022

Sample the City

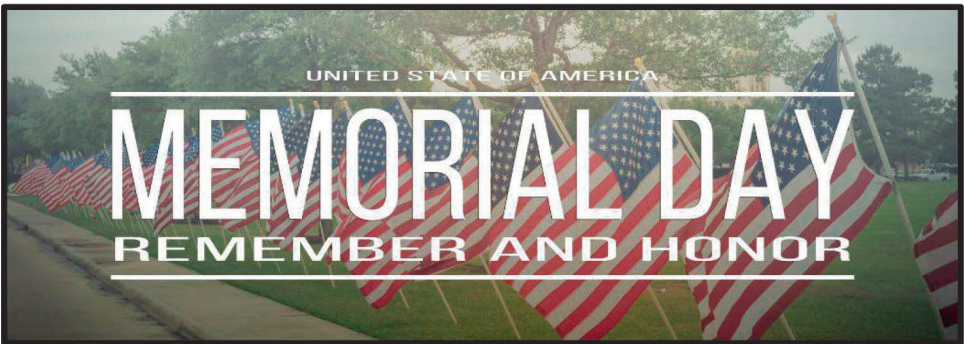
Get a taste of Methuen with deals and specials throughout

Try Something New

Whether revisiting a staple or venturing into the unfamiliar - join us in celebrating the city!

SAVOR METHUEN

facebook.com/methuenrestaurantweek

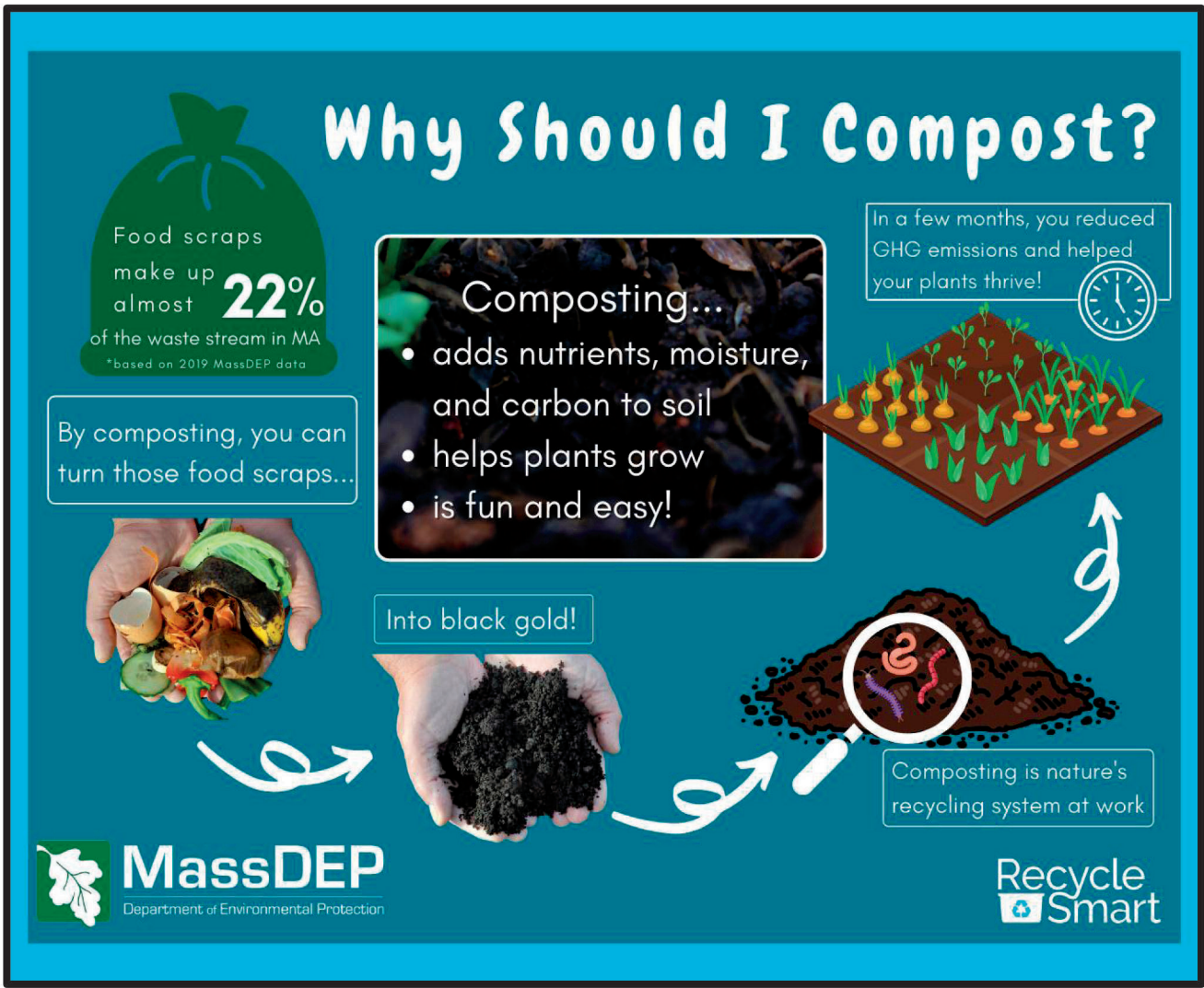


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Methuen City Hall Hours of Operation:
Monday - Thursday: 8am to 4:30pm, Friday: 8am to Noon
Searles Building; Connecting All Departments: (978) 983-8500
41 Pleasant Street, Methuen, MA 01844

Springtime is composting time in Methuen

Spring planting season is settling upon Methuen, and now is an opportune time to start making your own soil through home composting. Thanks to the MassDEP Recycling Dividend Program grant funding for recycling/reuse programs, the City of Methuen is making available backyard compost bins for residents at a reduced cost. Composting is an easy way to support a healthy garden, save money, and reduce City trash collection tonnage. According to MassDEP estimates, more than 20% of the average household's trash is food waste. By composting, your household can do its part to help the City meet its trash reduction goal. Rain barrels are also available through the City program. Both the rain barrels and compost bins make inspired gifts for the hard-to-purchase-for loved one. To order and schedule pickup of a compost bin or rain barrel, contact Jodie Furey, Methuen Conservation Division at jfurey@ci.methuen.ma.us. In the year ahead, with new trash and recycling haul contracts pending, the City is planning new services and initiatives to expand recycling/reuse programs. More recycling, reuse, and trash reduction is good for the environment and can save Methuen taxpayers money in solid waste collection & disposal costs.



Healthy soils create a healthy lawn and environment

With the onset of lawn maintenance season, please be mindful of applying fertilizer and herbicides. Read labels, apply properly, and store chemicals correctly. These efforts not only reduce your costs while still maintaining a beautiful, healthy lawn, but also reduce the contamination of the environment and local waterbodies. Remember, never apply fertilizers or pesticides before a rainstorm. If you have any questions about stormwater management best practices and pollution prevention, contact the City's Environmental Planner Joseph Cosgrove at jcosgrove@cityofmethuen.net or visit cityofmethuen.net/engineering/pages/stormwater-information

Methuen Household Hazardous Waste Day, June 25

DATE: Saturday, June 25, 2022

LOCATION: Methuen Transfer Station, 50 Huntington Avenue, Methuen, MA 01844

TIME: 8AM - NOON

- 20 LB PROPANE TANKS - \$ 20.00 FEE, CHECK ONLY.
- MOTOR OIL LIMITED TO 12 QUARTS PER CAR - LOAD.
- FIRE EXTINGUISHERS WILL BE ACCEPTED
- COMMERCIAL FLOURESCENT LIGHTING NOT ACCEPTED



WHAT IS ACCEPTED: HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE ONLY - Poisons and Pesticides; Herbicides and Fertilizers; Kerosene and Other Waste Fuels; Oil Based Paints, (no Latex Paint); Oven, Toilet Bowl, and Drain Cleaners; Paint Strippers, Turpentine and Solvents; Swimming Pool Chemicals; Photographic Chemicals; Automotive Products -Antifreeze and Motor Oil- nonreturnable containers only; Car batteries and Mercury containing products (fluorescent tubes, thermometers, etc.); fertilizer.

WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTED: Latex Paint; Smoke Detectors; Explosives; Ammunition; Fireworks; Radioactive Waste; Biohazardous Waste; Pathological Waste; Gas Cylinders; Tires, Sealed Lead Acid Batteries, Commercial or Industrial Wastes.

Visit www.cityofmethuen.net/hazardouswasteday for information and updates.

Methuen City Street Sweeping Schedule

The Department of Public Works continues to sweep all city roadways. You can help by sweeping your sidewalk debris into the gutter line. Please do not make piles. Below is the City Sweeping Schedule. Please keep in mind that the schedule is weather permitting. Questions: DPW, 978-983-8545.

NOTICE

METHUEN CITY -WIDE SWEEP

Commencing on Friday April 1, 2022 the City of Methuen, Department of Public Works, will start to sweep all roadways. You can help by sweeping your sidewalk debris into the gutter line. (Please do not make piles).

Below is the street sweeping schedule for the City of Methuen. Also, please note, this work is subject to weather. During days of rain or inclement weather, street sweeping will not occur, and the work will be delayed for those days.

WEEK OF	LOCATION
April 1st	Precinct 1
April 3rd	Precincts 1, 2 & 15
April 10th	Precincts 10, 14 and 7
April 17th	Precincts 7 and 5
April 24th	Precincts 5, 3 and 13
May 1st	Precincts 6 & 12
May 8th	Precincts 12 & 4
May 15th	Precincts 4, 9 & 11
May 22nd	Precincts 11 & 8

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT STREET SWEEPING IS DEPENDENT ON WEATHER AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Thank you

Patrick L. Bower, P.E.
Director of Public Works

Yard Waste Collection Continues Across Methuen



As of mid-May, Mayor Neil Perry and the Department of Public Works were seeking to lease a packer truck to conduct City Yard Waste Collection on a regular schedule. As this issue of Methuen Community Connection went to press, however, DPW staff was on the job, picking up yard waste that has already been left out curbside.

“We are certainly aware that as the weather moderates and our citizens are working in their yards, they expect leaves and yard waste to be picked up as has traditionally happened in our city,” Mayor Perry stated. “We will immediately begin addressing this issue by sending our staff and dump trucks out to pick up what has already been left out.”

Mayor Perry explained the difficulty in securing a packer truck to accomplish this task: “Our plan was to purchase a used truck so we could save money on hiring a company to pick up our yard waste. However, we have been unable to find a vehicle that could accomplish our goals. We now seek to lease a truck and find ourselves in

line with many other communities trying to do the same thing.”

If you have any questions, concerns, or require further information on Yard Waste Collection, please call the Department of Public Works office at 978-983-8545.

Slowing Down COVID-19!

YOUR ACTIONS ADD UP!

cityofmethuen.net/
covid19vaccination

Clip & Save: Methuen Cares & May COVID Clinic Information

METHUENCARES

ONE COMMUNITY-UNITED

Delivered to 5,946 Households

Served 38,760 Meals

Delivered 161,550 lbs. food & produce

Delivered 5,385 food boxes

23,784 people served

Methuen Cares Center: 978-609-1866

10 Ditson Place, Methuen, MA • Hours of operation, Mon-Fri: 9am -1pm

We are here to help meet food insecurity needs of neighbors in Methuen by removing barriers that prevent access and allows for fast, free and flexible delivery of food.

Methuen Cares Center offers home delivery of nutritious/shelf stable foods to help supplement the food needs of low income, homebound, elderly and disabled individuals.

If you, your family, or if you know a Methuen Resident that has a recurring food need, please call the Methuen Cares Center. Speak with MCC staff person to assess your situation and based on demonstrated need, you will receive a weekly delivery of assorted shelf-stable, nutritious foods.

We gratefully accept support and donations of shelf-stable food, money, toiletries and supermarket gift cards

COVID-19

VACCINE - VACUNA

Clinics in May –
Clínicas en Mayo

Saturdays - Sábados

10:00am - 6:00pm

The Loop, next to Marshalls

90 Pleasant Valley St, Methuen

\$25 gift card! - ¡tarjeta de regalos de 25 USD!

Important Information

Pfizer vaccine, open to individuals 5+
The vaccine is FREE, no appointment needed
ID and Health Insurance are NOT required
First doses, second doses, and boosters available

Información importante

Vacuna Pfizer disponible para mayores de 5 años.
La vacuna es GRATUITA, no se necesita cita
NO se requiere identificación ni seguro médico
Hay primeras dosis, segundas dosis y refuerzos

LEARN MORE AT
mass.gov/CovidVaccine

The VACCINE SAVES LIVES

Students Lead Veterans Flag Replacement Event



Flag Leadership Team (left to right): Ranely Henriquez, Bertha Posada, Nathaniel Hashem, Paul Jensen, Amelia Faretra, and Rachely Henriquez.

Every Memorial Day throughout Massachusetts, flags are placed on the graves of every veteran who served in the Armed Forces of the United States. Paul Jensen, Director of Veterans Services for the City of Methuen, states. “We have some 5,000 veterans in graves spread across 9 cemeteries throughout the city, some dating back to the Civil War.”

This year like last, some great young students lead the event on May 21 with adults as mentors and everyone else pitching in to help. “This has been a tough year for our young people, with the global pandemic; why not provide an opportunity for our students to showcase their talent while fulfilling an honored civic obligation?” said Jensen. “When given the opportunity to step up, in my experience, young people always exceed expectations” Pictured are

Veterans Cookout at Forest Lake, June 18



Forest Lake, Methuen



VETERAN'S COOKOUT

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 10 - 2

Commune with nature.
Socialize with fellow veterans.
Open to the whole family.
Attendance limited!
With support from the
Methuen Fire Department.



- ★ Join fellow veterans and their families for a special **COOKOUT** at beautiful **FOREST LAKE** in **METHUEN**.
- ★ Free to all veterans and their families to honor your service and contributions to our community.
- ★ Wear hats/tee shirts to show support of your branch of the service.
- ★ Bring lawn chairs.
- ★ You **MUST** register by calling the Veteran's Office, (978) 983-8585. Attendance is limited!

Methuen Cares Transportation Program

The COVID-19 Pandemic has made a lot of things difficult...we can help!

Please use the

Methuen Cares Transportation Program

From the same grant that has been helping the Methuen Cares Center to deliver necessities to residents in need during the pandemic, we are happy add taxi transportation for the next three months (through the end of June 2022), to assist our most vulnerable citizens to travel to obtain the following essential services [in Methuen](#):



Transportation provided through the only licensed taxi company in Methuen-

Methuen High Class Taxi

This service can be obtained by advanced reservation only.

At least 48 hours in advance of desired pick-up, please call or email the [Methuen Cares Center](#) to reserve your trip:

Call 978-609-1866 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday

Email MethuenCares@ci.methuen.ma.us



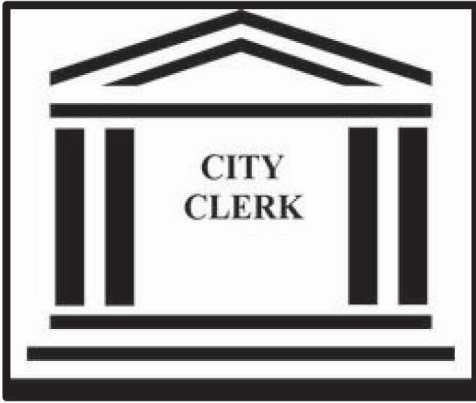
We are focused on supporting

Elderly, Veterans, Essential Workers, Unemployed and Public Housing residents

Paid for through a grant award from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council, in partnership with Mass Development

Scanning the City

City Clerk Reminders: City Census, Dog Licensing, Election Work



City Clerk Anne Drouin reminds residents that there is still time to send in your 2022 Annual City Census form. Watch your mail for the Annual City Census and please respond as soon as you can. Precinct changes and voting locations will be noted. The Census also keeps your voter registration updated.

The Office of the City Clerk is also in the process of sending dog license renewals out to residents. If your dog is due for a rabies shot, make appointments now. Watch your emails for renewal notices.

Do you want to play a key role in the voting process? The City Clerk’s office is seeking poll workers for the upcoming elections in September and November. Visit

www.cityofmethuen.net/office-of-the-city-clerk for updated information as it is available. For all City Clerk business, remember to call 978-983-8515.

Come work with us in the City of Methuen

There are several current job openings within the City of Methuen government across several departments and specialties.

Current employment opportunities include positions for activities coordinator, lab technician, water system maintenance, laborers, sanitarian, public health, tree climber, and engineering.

If you would like to come work with us, view job postings and job descriptions at the following link: <https://www.cityofmethuen.net/employment>



A busy spring of activities at Nevins Library



There are so many exciting new activities in a variety of areas at Nevins Memorial Library, 305 Broadway.

We have upcoming programs on health, diet, nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging.

You’ll find information as it is available on our website listed at the end of this passage.

A few months ago, our LGBTQ+ Book Group read one of Ocean Vuong’s books for their poetry night. We’re excited to announce that you can see him virtually on May 26th at 7pm.

He will do a brief reading that will be followed by a conversation with Professor Sandra Lim, Ph.D., prize-winning poet, and professor of English at the University of Massachusetts in Lowell. Simply sign up via our website below to attend this great event.

It’s not just the adult department that’s busy. Children’s is full of both new and old favorite programs. One of our new programs is a Parent’s Network. Would you like to share ideas and know-how with other new parents? Do you know a new parent who could you use some insight from a professional with years of experience coaching new parents?

Then come to our New Parents Network, where you can meet your peers and, with the help of facilitator Sheryl White, explore approaches to understanding and caring for your new baby.

Topics include “As Your Baby Grows” on May 25, and “Keep Calm & Parent On!” on June 15 & 22. All sessions begin at 10 a.m. and will allow plenty of time for chatting, learning, and enjoying each other’s stories and company.

We’re also launching a new program for ages 2-5, “On the Move!” – not quite a story time, not quite a dance party, but the best of both. It’s a chance for your active little ones to enjoy a read-aloud and then dance, hop, spin, and shake off some of their energy!

And don’t forget about our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten initiative for this age group, too – we’re delighted to see so many caregivers and kids enjoying this incentive to read together and lay a strong foundation for children’s future success as readers. Come by the Children’s Department to learn more about this fun and enriching opportunity!

As always, be the first to know about all that is contained here and more by going to our website, www.nevinslibrary.org, or, if you’re only looking for Children’s news and events, go here, www.nevinslibrary.org/toddlers-to-teens/children/ and check out the new Children’s Homepage!

We’re also on most of the major social media sites, simply search for Nevins Library or Nevins Memorial Library and the appropriate age group, adult, teens, or children, and we’ll pop right up.

Conexión Comunitaria de Methuen

Programa de Transporte y Vacunas COVID

La pandemia de COVID-19 ha dificultado muchas cosas... y nosotros podemos ayudar!

Por favor, utilice el

Programa de Transporte Methuen Cares

De la misma subvención que ha estado ayudando al Methuen Cares Center a entregar necesidades a los residentes necesitados durante la pandemia, nos complace añadir el transporte en taxi para los próximos tres meses (hasta finales de Junio del 2022), para ayudar a nuestros ciudadanos más vulnerables a viajar para obtener los siguientes servicios esenciales en Methuen:



Compra de alimentos/Recogida de recetas en la farmacia
Citas con el médico y el dentista
Citas para vacunas y pruebas de Covid-19
Fisioterapia/Laboratorio
Oficina de correos/bancos
Cómo llegar al autobús, al tren o al trabajo en Methuen



Transporte proporcionado a través de la única compañía de taxis con licencia en Methuen

Methuen High Class Taxi

Este servicio sólo puede obtenerse mediante reserva anticipada.

Con al menos 48 horas de antelación a la recogida deseada, llame o envíe un correo electrónico a al **Methuen Cares Center** para reservar su viaje:
Llame al 978-609-1866 de 9:00 a.m. a 1:00 p.m., de lunes a viernes
Envíe un correo electrónico a MethuenCares@ci.methuen.ma.us



978-609-1866



Nos centramos en apoyar

Ancianos, veteranos, trabajadores esenciales, desempleados y residentes en viviendas públicas

Financiado mediante una subvención del Consejo de Planificación del Área Metropolitana, en colaboración con Mass Development

Noticias y Notas

AVISOS DEL SECRETARIO MUNICIPAL: La Secretaria Municipal Anne Drouin recuerda a los residentes que todavía hay tiempo para enviar su formulario del Censo anual de la Ciudad de 2022. Mire su correo para el Censo Anual de la Ciudad y responda al Censo tan pronto como pueda. Se anotarán los cambios de recinto y los lugares de votación. El Censo también mantiene actualizado su registro de votante.

La Oficina del Secretario Municipal también está en proceso de enviar renovaciones de licencias para perros a los residentes. Si su perro necesita una vacuna contra la rabia, ¡haga una cita ahora! Mire sus correos electrónicos para recibir avisos de renovación. ¿Quiere desempeñar un papel clave en el proceso de votación?

La oficina del Secretario Municipal está buscando trabajadores electorales para las próximas elecciones en Septiembre y Noviembre. Visite www.cityofmethuen.net/office-of-the-city-clerk para obtener información actualizada cuando esté disponible. ¡Para todos los asuntos de la Secretaría Municipal, recuerde llamar al 978-983-8515!

SE BUSCAN MIEMBROS DEL COMITÉ: El Alcalde Neil Perry está buscando ciudadanos que se ofrezcan como voluntarios para formar parte de un comité asesor para abordar los problemas de reciclaje, desechos sólidos y sostenibilidad de la Ciudad de Methuen.

El objetivo de establecer este grupo es tener un comité de trabajo activo y creativo que pueda avanzar en la meta de la Ciudad de una reducción del 30% de desechos y una mayor participación en el reciclaje a través de programas de educación y divulgación. “La basura, la basura y el reciclaje se han convertido en un problema cada vez mayor en términos de aumento de costos y de impacto en nuestra ciudad”, declaró el Alcalde Perry.

“Me gustaría que este comité asesor tenga la base más amplia posible e incluya representación de múltiples vecindarios, grupos escolares y grupos de edad”. El Alcalde Perry explicó su visión: "Sería fantástico que este grupo trabajara en la expansión de los programas de reciclaje de Methuen, así como en otras iniciativas de sostenibilidad, incluida la energía limpia, la infraestructura de vehículos eléctricos, la resiliencia climática y la prevención de la contaminación de las aguas pluviales".

Para ser voluntario o para obtener más información, llame o envíe un correo electrónico a Joe Cosgrove al 978-983-8563 o jcosgrove@ci.methuen.ma.us

DESFILE DEL DÍA DE LOS CAÍDOS: Methuen American Legion Post 122, con la asistencia de Arnold Greenwood Post 8349 Veterans of Foreign Wars y el Departamento de Asuntos de Veteranos de la Ciudad de Methuen, traerá de vuelta el Desfile del Día Conmemorativo de Methuen, el 30 de Mayo de 2022.

Todos los veteranos, miembros militares en servicio activo, Guardia Nacional miembros y veteranos, reservistas y veteranos, organizaciones cívicas, tropas de exploradores, grupos escolares y clubes están invitados a unirse y participar en el desfile.

Para obtener información o para ser incluido en el desfile, comuníquese con el Comandante de la Legión John Dowd al (978) 683-9959 o el Vicecomandante de la Legión Tom Hargreaves al (978) 423-0764 o thhargreaves@hotmail.com.

Message from the Mayor

Understanding ARPA and the plan for the City of Methuen

Authored by Mayor Neil Perry and Council Chairman D.J. Beauregard

The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), a federal statute that took effect on March 11, 2021, guaranteed direct relief to municipalities across the United States. Methuen was initially shortchanged by the federal government when the City received a comparatively modest ARPA fund allocation of \$19.8 million, but Mayor Neil Perry fought to ensure our community would not be left behind. **The City of Methuen ultimately received an allocation of \$46.1 million.**

Mayor Perry and Maggie Duprey, Methuen’s Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, partnered with City Council Chairman D.J. Beauregard to coordinate a series of workshops and develop a ranking system to streamline the process of creating a comprehensive priority list of ARPA projects.



Mayor Neil Perry

During these workshops, department heads made pitches for various projects, and residents were invited to provide feedback. The City Council then scored each project and produced a master ARPA project list. Although the City has worked with an auditing and compliance firm to determine whether projects are ARPA-eligible, the City is also seeking eligibility confirmation for each project from the Executive Office of Administration and Finance to ensure total ARPA compliance. According to official guidance from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, municipalities may use ARPA funds for capital expenditures that support an eligible COVID-19 public health or economic response. Cities and towns can also use the funds to upgrade water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure. Unfortunately, the federal government has prohibited the use of ARPA funds to offset tax cuts, and basic street repairs have been designated as an ineligible use of ARPA funds.

Plans and projects on Methuen’s list include the purchase of a new school building to house the city’s pre-K program and the construction of a state-of-the-art facility for the Department of Public Works, just to name a few. The City will also seek to use ARPA funds to tackle water and sewer infrastructure projects that have been neglected for decades. “This process has highlighted the ability of local, state, and federal agencies to work hand in hand to address much needed, long-ignored infrastructure projects throughout Methuen,” stated Mayor Perry. “I’m very appreciative of how well the administration and the City Council worked together to seamlessly prioritize these once-in-a-lifetime funds for the best use in our community, and we look forward to executing these projects over the next several years. We’ve also reached out to our representatives in Congress and the Senate to try to secure additional funding to allow us to do even more. You can help by using the template we developed at www.cityofmethuen.net/TemplateLetter and letting our delegation know how important this funding is.”

“Many residents probably wouldn’t realize that we have major problems with our aging water and sewer infrastructure until there’s an emergency. This once-in-a-lifetime windfall for Methuen gives us the chance to be proactive for a change and make these long-overdue improvements,” said Chairman Beauregard. “Our allocation of ARPA funds will also allow us to make a critical investment in Methuen’s children by starting the process of purchasing the space needed to expand and improve our pre-K program. I’m confident that the eventual completion of these projects will benefit our community in meaningful ways for years to come.”

For a complete list of the prioritized projects, visit www.cityofmethuen.net. Be sure to track our progress as we work to continue to improve the City of Methuen!

Mensaje del Alcalde

Comprender ARPA y el plan para la Ciudad de Methuen

Escrito por el Alcalde Neil Perry y el Presidente del Consejo D.J. Beauregard

La Ley del Plan de Rescate Estadounidense (ARPA), un estatuto federal que entró en vigencia el 11 de Marzo de 2021, garantizó un alivio directo a los municipios de los Estados Unidos. Methuen inicialmente fue estafado por el gobierno federal cuando la ciudad recibió una asignación de fondos ARPA comparativamente modesta de \$19.8 millones, pero el Alcalde Neil Perry luchó para garantizar que nuestra comunidad no se quedara atrás. **La Ciudad de Methuen finalmente recibió una asignación de \$46,1 millones.**

El Alcalde Perry y Maggie Duprey, Directora Administrativa y Financiera de Methuen, se asociaron con el Presidente del Concejo Municipal, D.J. Beauregard para coordinar una serie de talleres y desarrollar un sistema de clasificación para agilizar el proceso de creación de una lista integral de prioridades de proyectos ARPA. Durante estos talleres, los jefes de departamento hicieron lanzamientos para varios proyectos y se invitó a los residentes a dar su opinión. Luego, el Concejo Municipal calificó cada proyecto y produjo una lista maestra de proyectos ARPA. Aunque la Ciudad ha trabajado con una firma de auditoría y cumplimiento para determinar si los proyectos son elegibles para ARPA, la Ciudad también está buscando confirmación de elegibilidad para cada proyecto de la Oficina Ejecutiva de Administración y Finanzas para garantizar el cumplimiento total de ARPA.

De acuerdo con la guía oficial del Departamento del Tesoro de los EE. UU., los municipios pueden usar los fondos de ARPA para gastos de capital que respalden una respuesta económica o de salud pública elegible para COVID-19. Las ciudades y los pueblos también pueden usar los fondos para mejorar la infraestructura de agua, alcantarillado y banda ancha. Desafortunadamente, el gobierno federal ha prohibido el uso de fondos de ARPA para compensar los recortes de impuestos, y las reparaciones básicas de calles han sido designadas como un uso no elegible de los fondos de ARPA. Los planes y proyectos en la lista de Methuen incluyen la compra de un nuevo edificio escolar para albergar el programa de prekínder de la Ciudad y la construcción de una instalación de última generación para el Departamento de Obras Públicas, solo por nombrar algunos. La Ciudad también buscará utilizar los fondos de ARPA para abordar proyectos de infraestructura de agua y alcantarillado que se han descuidado durante décadas. “Este proceso ha resaltado la capacidad de las agencias locales, estatales y federales para trabajar de la mano para abordar proyectos de infraestructura muy necesarios e ignorados durante mucho tiempo en Methuen”, declaró el Alcalde Perry.

Estoy muy agradecido por lo bien que la administración y el Concejo Municipal trabajaron juntos para priorizar sin problemas estos fondos únicos para el mejor uso en nuestra comunidad, y esperamos ejecutar estos proyectos en los próximos años. También nos comunicamos con nuestros representantes en el Congreso y el Senado para tratar de obtener fondos adicionales que nos permitan hacer aún más. Puede ayudar usando la plantilla que desarrollamos en www.cityofmethuen.net/TemplateLetter y dejarle saber a nuestra delegación lo importante que es esta financiación”. “Muchos residentes probablemente no se darían cuenta de que tenemos grandes problemas con nuestra infraestructura obsoleta de agua y alcantarillado hasta que haya una emergencia. Esta ganancia inesperada única en la vida para Methuen nos brinda la oportunidad de ser proactivos para un cambio y realizar estas mejoras que se esperaban desde hace mucho tiempo”, dijo el presidente Beauregard. “Nuestra asignación de fondos ARPA también nos permitirá hacer una inversión crítica en los niños de Methuen al iniciar el proceso de compra del espacio necesario para expandir y mejorar nuestro programa de prekínder. Confío en que la eventual finalización de estos proyectos beneficiará a nuestra comunidad de manera significativa en los años venideros”.

Para obtener una lista completa de los proyectos priorizados, visite www.cityofmethuen.net. ¡Asegúrese de seguir nuestro progreso mientras trabajamos para continuar mejorando la Ciudad de Methuen!