

IN TOWN NEWS

Town of Wrentham

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Issue 8

From the Town Administrator

Thank you for your interest in the latest newsletter, feel free to share. If you have a story or photo you'd like to see featured in an upcoming issue, please contact my office. Enjoy!

Kevin Sweet



The 350th Committee has been busy planning events that will take place throughout 2023!

January 8 – Senior Center Brunch
March 18 – St. Patrick's Day Party
May 20 – William Sweatt Day
July 15 – Wrentham's Birthday Party
September 16 – Grand Parade
October 15 – Time Capsule Burial
December 2 – Gala at Lake Pearl

Visit wrentham350.com for more information and join the party!



Board of Selectmen Members at Memorial Day 2022 From left Bill Harrington, Chris Gallo, Joe Botaish, State Rep Shawn Dooley, Jim Anderson, and Charles Kennedy

From the Board of Selectmen

It is anticipated at some time in the near future that the five member Board of Selectmen will be known by the new name of Select Board, a more gender neutral title for the town's elected policy makers. There has been a recent shift in adopting more inclusive titles throughout the Commonwealth.

Important Dates

- October 20 Warrant closes for Town Meeting
- November 21 Fall Town Meeting, 7:30pm KPHS
- November 24 Thanksgiving Town Offices Closed
- December 26 Town Offices Closed
- January 2 Town Offices Closed

New Team Members, Promotions, and New Roles

Since the last newsletter in 2019, we have had some changes in staff.
Congratulations and Welcome!

New Team Members

Ahmer Kidwai, Fire Fighter
Albert Tranquillino, Fire Fighter
Alex Acorroni, Fire Fighter
Ann Fisk, Assistant Town Clerk
Anthony Campione, Fire Fighter
Billie Jo Jackson, Administrative Assistant DPW
Brendan Black, Fire Fighter
Bryan Kelleher, Water Technician
Christopher Clark, Water Technician
Connor McCordick, Administrative Assistant Land Use
Jacob Halloway, Police Officer
Jason Hurst, Highway Division Equipment Operator
John Robertson, Health Agent
Jon McAlister, Police Officer
Jonathan Leon, Highway Division Equipment Operator
Kathy Nelson, Assistant Collector
Kimberly Lilja, Library Aide
Kristin Meehan, Administrative Assistant – Building
Lori Marguerite, Administrative Assistant – DPW–Water
Louis Poncia, COA Bus Driver

Lukas Bratsos, Highway Division Equipment Operator
Lynne Adams, Program Director
Matthew Smith, Police Officer
Meghan Dailey, Assessors Office
Michael Bourque, Fire Fighter
Michael Falter-LaForest, Fire Fighter
Michael Flinn, Police Officer
Michael King, Finance Director/Treasurer Collector
Michelle Morrison, Payroll Specialist
Nancy Genesky, Administrative Assistant (Facilities)
Onan Enrique Cruz, Custodian
Paul Dwelly, Fire Fighter
Peter Rowe, Fire Fighter
Renaë Mansfield, Fire Fighter
Robin Tobin, COA Outreach
Ryan Palmieri, Highway Division Equipment Operator
Samantha Brehio, Northeastern Cooperative Student
Sara DelPriore, Children's Librarian
Stephen Freiberg, Maintenance Mechanic
Tyler Gover, Fire Fighter

Promotions

Amanda Vasapollo, Executive Assistant to TA
Brad Zinnack, Highway Division Supervisor
Heather Ledbetter, Land Use Specialist
Kevin Morante, Highway Division Manager
Mathew Levine, Fire Lieutenant
Matthew Tanis, Environmental Agent
Mitchell Herrick, Fire Lieutenant
Patrick McMorrow, Fire Captain
Peter Lown, Police Sergeant
Robert Holst, Fire Captain

New Roles

Barbara Manning, Administrative Assistant (Police)
Brian Antonioli, Acting Director DPW
Emily Kelly, Assistant Town Accountant
Kendra Wisell-Ford, Administrative Services Manager
and Benefit Specialist
Stephanie Duquette, Special Projects Coordinator

Retirement



Claire Copeland

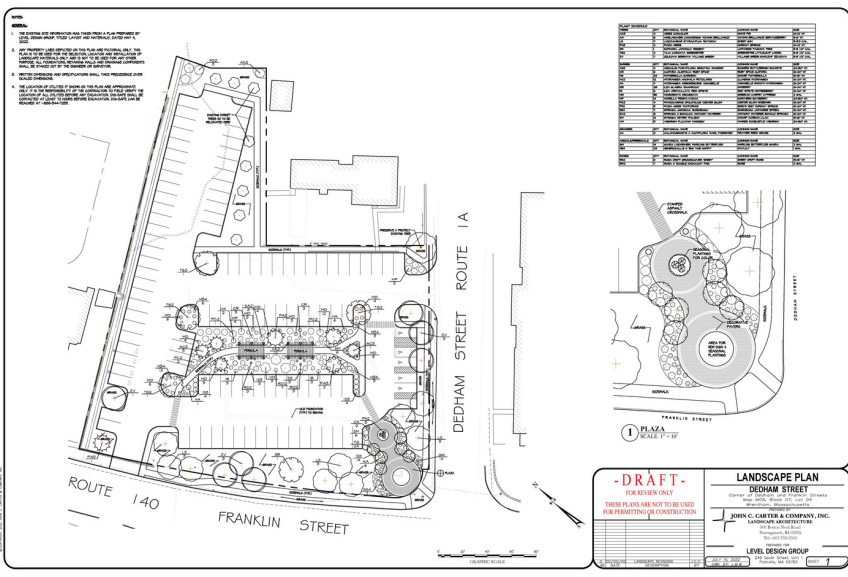
After 23 dedicated years with the Town of Wrentham, Claire Copeland, Principal Clerk in the Assessors Office retired on August 31. We wish Claire all the best in her retirement!



Chuck DiPirro

After seven years as IT Director, Chuck DiPirro has retired from his position with the Town to enjoy a well-deserved retirement in North Carolina. We wish Chuck good luck!

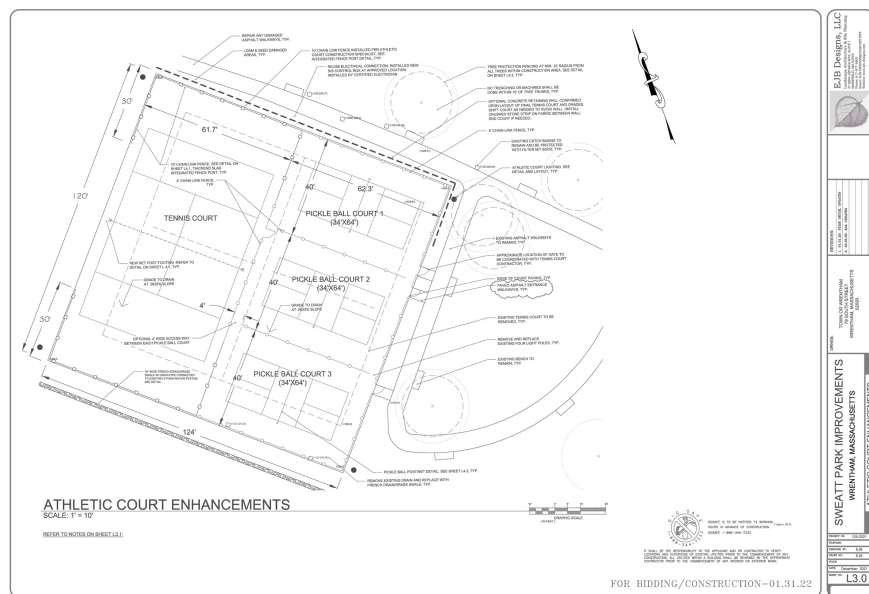
Coming soon to downtown Wrentham!



Town Parking Lot Update

We are at the 98% mark on Engineering and hope to be out to bid in early Fall. The project includes a completely new parking lot with landscaping, permeable and non-permeable paving, sidewalks, electric vehicle charging and handicapped parking spots. It will be a whole new look for this downtown space.

– Chad Lovett, Director of Facilities and Capital Planning



Improvements to Sweatt Park

We are currently waiting on the County to approve our request for ARPA funds. The project includes new stairs, railings, sports courts, ADA parking, lighting on the courts and landscaping.

– Chad Lovett, Director of Facilities and Capital Planning



Deputy Police Chief George Labonte graduates FBI Academy

The 10-week program was held in Quantico, VA and attended by members of law enforcement from across the U.S.

Congratulations George!

Ceremony at Wrentham Police Department

The Public Safety Building was the location of the Police Department's September 13th ceremony for the promotion of Peter Lown to Sergeant and Swearing in of newest member Jon McAlister. Presented by Chief William McGrath and attended by Town Administrator Kevin Sweet, Select Board Chair Joseph F. Botaish, II, Select Board members Bill Harrington, Chris Gallo, Jim Anderson, and Town Clerk Cynthia Thompson as well as family and friends of the officers. Officer Peter Lown started with the Wrentham Police Department in October of 2011. Before that, he served on the Plainville Police Department. He attended the MPTC Plymouth Police Academy, 54th ROC. Peter is a King Philip High School graduate and earned his Bachelor's degree from Curry College. Officer Jon McAlister joins the Wrentham Police Department from the Westwood Police Department. Jon resides in town with his family. Before Westwood, Jon was employed as a Correction Officer with the Norfolk County Sheriff's Office.



Sergeant Peter Lown, center right and Officer Jon McAlister, center left, are flanked by members of the Wrentham Police Department. Photo by Joe Gianni

Ceremony at Wrentham Fire Department



Wrentham Fire Department Swearing in Ceremony photo by Joe Gianni

On Saturday, April 30, the Wrentham Fire Department hosted a ceremony at the fire headquarters in Wrentham to swear in and promote several firefighters. In attendance was Town Administrator Kevin Sweet and Board of Selectmen Chairman Joseph F. Botaish II alongside Board of Selectmen members Christopher Gallo, Bill Harrington and James Anderson. Town Clerk Cynthia Thompson swore in the firefighters and recited their oaths at the ceremony. During the ceremony, Chief Marino presented the following candidates to be sworn in as firefighters: Alex Acorroni, Brendan Black, Michael Bourque, Paul Dwelly, Michael Falter, Tyler Gover, Renae Mansfield, Jeremy Prairie, Peter Rowe and Albert Tranquillino. Numerous firefighters were also promoted during the ceremony including Mitchell Herrick and Mathew Levine who were promoted to fire lieutenants and Robert Holst and Patrick McMorrow who were promoted to fire captains.



Wrentham Fire Dept. OPEN HOUSE

Come join us at our annual open house
Celebrating Fire Prevention Month



Scan below to access:
Fire Prevention Education for Families
PASSWORD:
plan your escape (with spaces)

SAFE House for kids
Forcible Entry Demo
Vehicle Extrication Demo
Kids Fire Gear
Meet Sparky the fire dog
Meet Smokey the bear
Spray a real fire hose
Fire education hand outs
Donations from Dunkin Donuts and
The Big Apple



WHEN: SAT 10/22/2022 10am-2pm
WHERE: WFD, 99 South Street,
Wrentham, MA 02093

Congratulations!

Ahmer Kidwai has graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy on 8/5/22. Ahmer attended the fifty day training program at the MFA Springfield campus. Congratulations Ahmer!



A Call for Digital Photos of Wrentham

Do you have photos of scenes around Wrentham that you would like to see on the town website?

They could be landscape photos, scenes of nature and wildlife, special locations, or events. Send your photo(s) to photos@wrentham.gov by Nov. 15, 2022.

Please include a signed release form with your photo(s).

The release form can be found on the town website [here](#).