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Lynnfield Town Administrator's Update

Welcome to the Town Administrator's Update! This is a monthly newsletter covering new Lynnfield initiatives and the progress we're making on ongoing projects.

Town Goals for 2023-24

These 16 initiatives will be the focus of the Select Board and my office over the next 12 months.

1. **War Memorial:** Build the war memorial by the end of 2024.
2. **Flood Maps:** FEMA has released updated flood maps, which could have impacts on residents and community projects. This has to be carefully managed.
3. **Golf Clubhouse:** With design and specs complete, we plan on going before the Conservation Commission in July and going to bid in August for a spring 2024 opening.
4. **Road Program:** Complete without delay our road program, which is the largest in town history.
5. **Rail Trail:** With the award of a \$200,000 state grant and \$150,000 in ARPA funds, we will complete 75% design and maintain or move up our place on the 2026 Transportation Improvement Plan schedule.
6. **Tennis Courts:** Demolition has started with construction to follow. My goal is to have the tennis and basketball courts completed in fall 2023 for use during the 2024 spring season.
7. **Cemetery:** Create an internal committee to investigate regional policies for grave management and purchases and submit proposed changes to the Select Board.
8. **Public Safety/Town Hall Projects:** This is a multi-stage project, but the immediate challenge is managing the move out of town hall and the police and fire stations in November as well as successfully bidding the job.
9. **Monthly Newsletter/Update:** Prepare for online posting of a monthly newsletter acting as an update on town happenings.
10. **Stadium maintenance plan:** With repair work complete, set up a tour with LHS Athletic Director, DPW, Recreation Director, and Select Board to review work and set standards that we must maintain and responsibilities of each representative at tour to reach that goal.
11. **Library:** Prepare for letter from state that approves Lynnfield funding.
12. **AARPA:** Implement year 2 of spending plan
13. **HVAC and Boiler Projects:** Complete over 3 million in new HVAC and boiler projects at the Senior Center, LHS, and both elementary schools.
14. **Police Negotiations:** Continue to negotiate in good faith to find common ground on a contract that is fair and reasonable to all parties.
15. **New Treasurer and Clerk:** Conduct a search to find two new senior department heads to join our team.

16. **Sagamore Springs:** Manage Sagamore Springs regulatory and approval process, which began in June 2023.

Summer Recreation Programs Are Going Strong



Lynnfield's summer recreation programs are under way, with about 400 children from grades 1 through 8 participating. Programs include sports camps, art classes, three bus trips a week to Canobie Lake and other destinations, and a basketball league that is open to all levels. "It's just for fun," says Recreation Director Julie Mallett. "Any level can play. It's coached by the staff, who are college kids, and they have the best time."

The Recreation Junior program is for incoming kindergarteners, and that program has about 75 children participating. It's run by kindergarten teachers, and the purpose is mainly social; Mallett described it as an "ice-breaker," a way for children to get to know their future teachers and classmates while doing crafts and playing games.

The summer brochure is available on the [Recreation Department website](#).

Lynnfield Landscaper Donates Labor for Rotary Park

Lynnfield resident Bryan Last, owner of GroundMasters Corporation, lives next to Pillings Pond, and he and his company have extended a neighborly hand to enhance the shoreline at Rotary Park. Last donated his and his crew's labor to prune and maintain the native plantings, clear away invasive plants, and ensure the shoreline is healthy as well as beautiful. Last and his crew worked with Director of Planning & Conservation Emilie Cademartori on the project, which began in June and will continue. The plantings help keep pesticide and fertilizer runoff out of the pond, stop the shoreline from eroding, and provide a habitat for birds and other wildlife. "GroundMasters is performing this work totally free of charge," Cademartori said. "Bryan lives on Pillings Pond and gets to appreciate it every day. By donating the labor of his entire crew over multiple days, all Lynnfield residents have the opportunity to enjoy it, as well."



Rail Trail Project Gets \$200,000 State Grant



Lynnfield's Rail Trail project recently was awarded a 2023 MassTrails Grant in the amount of \$200,000. Town Engineer Lisa De Meo and Friends of the Lynnfield Rail Trail members Vincent Inglese, Richard Kosian and Ken MacNulty attended a gathering in Billerica in June where the awards were officially announced. The project has also received \$150,000 in ARPA funds from the federal government.

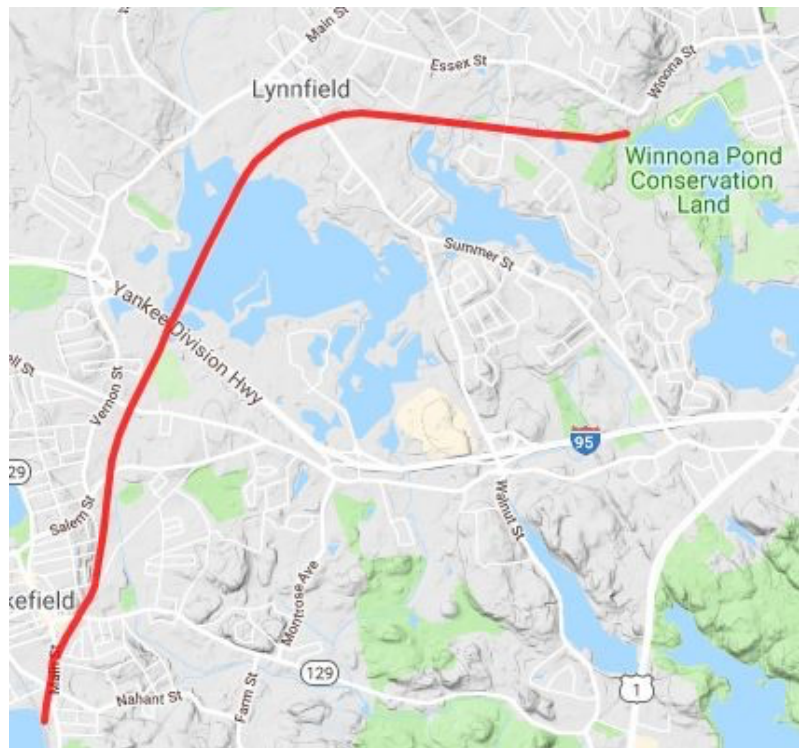
The Massachusetts Department of Transportation is funding the trail and overseeing construction, but designing it is a strictly local job. City Engineer Lisa DeMeo is working with the design firm Stantec on the project.

When it is completed, the Lynnfield Rail Trail will be a pedestrian and bicycle path that will run through Lynnfield, connecting Reedy Meadow, the Lynnfield Middle School, Bethlehem School at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and Lynnfield High School, while running close to the Summer Street School, Town Hall, and the central commercial district. The recreational path will be ADA compliant, and part of it will be a boardwalk that will allow users to walk or bike through the wetlands without disturbing the protected species there.

"By connecting important sites in Lynnfield, the rail trail will provide not only recreational opportunities but ways for people to get around town without using their cars," De Meo said.

"Children will be able to use it to walk or ride their bikes to school, and commuters can take the trail to the train station in Wakefield. This is also Lynnfield's piece of a much larger network Borders to Boston, which when it is completed will run all the way to New Hampshire."

For more information, check the [Rail Trail](#) section of the Lynnfield website.



LHS Students Accepted to Colleges Around the Country

The letters are in! Lynnfield High School students have their college acceptances, and the results are outstanding. Not only were our students offered spots in a wide range of colleges and universities, but many accepted more than one. Here's the list:

Adelphi University
Anna Maria College
Arizona State University
Assumption University
Bard College
Boston College
Brandeis University
Bridgewater State University
Bryant University
Chaminade University of Honolulu
Coastal Carolina University
College of Charleston
Connecticut College
Columbia College
Colby-Sawyer College
Curry College
Dartmouth
Dean College
Drexel University
East Carolina University
Elon College
Emmanuel College
Endicott College
Fairfield University
Fitchburg State University
Florida Atlantic University
Fordham University
Framingham State University
Gordon College
High Point
James Madison University
Johnson and Wales

Pace University
Penn State
Plymouth State University
Providence College
Quinnipiac
Regis College
Rivier University
RIT (Rochester Institute of Technology)
Roger Williams University
Rutgers University
Saint Anselm College
Saint Michael's
Salem State University
Seton Hall
Simmons
Skidmore
Southwestern University
St. John Fisher University
St. John's University
Stonehill College
Suffolk University
Temple University
UCLA
U Mass Amherst
U Mass Boston
U Mass Lowell
University of Arizona
University of Delaware
University of Miami
University of Michigan
University of New Hampshire
University of Rhode Island

Lasell Univeristy
Loyola Marymount
Marist College
Mass. College of Pharmacy
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Merrimack College
Michigan State University
New England College
Northeastern University
Norwich University
Oklahoma University

University of South Carolina
University of Southern California
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
University of Washington (Seattle)
Villanova
Wake Forest University
West Chester College
Westfield State University
WPI (Worcester Polytechnic Institute)
Worcester State University

Congratulations to all our graduates! And special congratulations to Principal Bob Cleary, who retired at the end of this school year after many years of service to Lynnfield.