



MEMORANDUM

TO: Select Board

FROM: John C. Curran, Town Manager

CC: Clancy Main, Assistant Town Manager
Robert Maynard, Director of Administrative Services

SUBJECT: Town Manager's Report, March 4, 2024

DATE: March 1, 2024

OSHA Certification

The Facilities Department has recently become OSHA-certified. All members of the department passed the test after completing the course. This idea was driven by Facilities Director Bob Sallese and Human Resources Director Michele Rivera.

PHR

The Facilities Department and the Parks and Trees Department are currently working at PHR to get the complex ready for the next round of youth sports. The Town is exploring additional storage in that area for the user groups.

Black History Month

The Town had Muqeedah Salaam do a presentation last week on the Tuskegee Airmen and other well-known African American scientists. The presentation had about twenty people attend. Next year the Town will be holding a similar event, but either at the COA or Library.

Citizens Police Academy

This past fall the Billerica Police ran its first Citizens Police Academy. The six week course introduced community members to the various resources provided through their Police Department, including training in the areas of traffic enforcement, communications, criminal investigations, crime prevention, emergency medical services, special operations (K9 and SWAT), Behavioral Health Response, School Resource Program and Training Division. The participants also got to participate in multiple scenario based training events, where they interacted with role players in real life scenarios that police face on a daily basis. There were 15 community members that signed up for the program and 12 graduated through the entire course. We will be running another CPA in the fall of 2024. Please keep your eye out on the Billerica Police Department website for more information and applications.

Calabrese Stadium Bleachers

The Town is soliciting quotes to demolish the bleachers at the Marshall Middle School. They are currently un-safe and making permitting of that field difficult due to safety concerns. Creating new bleachers in that area may be a CPC project in the future.

North Billerica Fire Station

Programming meetings will be taking place with the Fire Department in the next few weeks. A warrant article will be proposed for the Fall Town Meeting.

Local Government Reimagined – International City / County Managers Association

My office will be attending a conference in Boston in April put on by the ICMA. Attached is a blurb about the upcoming event.

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