



**TOWN OF NATICK**  
**Spring 2007**

# NEWSLETTER

Issued by the Town Administrator

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## **SPRING TOWN MEETING**

Spring Town Meeting begins on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at Wilson Middle School, and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays until its business is finished. The Town Meeting Warrant includes articles to adopt an annual operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year 2008, an increase in the amount of tax relief offered to senior citizens who meet certain eligibility requirements, an article to establish an Affordable Housing Trust Fund, an article to establish a noise by-law as well as many other topics that will affect the operations of the Town. A full copy of the Warrant may be viewed at the Morse Institute Library, the Town Clerk's Office or on the internet at [Natickma.gov](http://Natickma.gov).

## **NATICK 360 UPDATE: *Town of Natick Vision and Value Statements***

With more than 500 people participating, Natick 360 has produced a set of vision and value statements to guide future long range planning for the community. These statements have been voted unanimously by the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, School Committee, Planning Board, and Conservation Commission.

### **As citizens of Natick, we value:**

- Natick's "small-town" sense as a safe, interconnected community fed by its heritage, pride and spirit of volunteerism, and by its diversity, derived from its tradition of affordability and welcoming nature;
- Natick's stewardship of its diverse open spaces, and natural resources;
- A high-value education for students at all levels and abilities, and continuing educational opportunities for all Natick citizens;
- A variety of businesses that create a wide range of jobs and provide support to the community in many ways;
- Natick Center, a vibrant focal point of our community;
- Natick's abundance of cultural, recreational and educational facilities, wide array of municipal services, and proximity to major transit and transportation resources that contribute to our high quality of life.

### **As citizens of Natick, we aspire to create a future in which:**

- Natick is a healthy community of diverse and interconnected citizens, businesses, organizations and neighborhoods, where citizens of all ages, backgrounds and income levels can live, work and thrive;
- Natick's natural resources are preserved and accessible to the community;
- Natick Center is the vibrant core of the community, a unique and accessible destination for commerce, community and culture, day and night;
- Natick's public schools and programs are recognized as among the best;
- Natick's self-government, supported by informed and engaged citizens, is fiscally sound, delivers services efficiently and communicates effectively with the public;
- Natick's public infrastructure and buildings fulfill their function efficiently and effectively to the satisfaction of the community, and are maintained in good working order;
- Natick is a desirable and accessible destination that marshals local and regional partners and resources to solve problems and enhance the quality of life for all its citizens.

**For more information about Natick 360, please visit [www.natick360.org](http://www.natick360.org)**

## **PUBLIC WORKS UPDATE**

April is the beginning of spring cleanup! The Department of Public Works crews will be out in full force sweeping streets, sidewalks and municipal parking lots. In addition, as the weather gets warmer, crews will begin repainting street lines and crosswalks. April is also the beginning of the annual pothole season. DPW will have crews out patching potholes on a regular basis. If you are aware of any potholes, you may report them to the Department of Public Works at 508-647-6550 or on-line at [www.natickma.org](http://www.natickma.org). Select "town departments", then "Public Works", then "report a problem". You may also report streetlight outages in the same manner.

With the coming of spring, our street and utility construction program begins. The final phase of reconstructing Speen Street will get underway in the next few months as will the water main re-lining project on Union Street. In addition, sewer construction work on Park Avenue and Pleasant Street will be finished and the roadwork completed.

As a reminder, the Town provides a "bulky waste pick-up" service on Mondays (except holidays). When you do your spring clean-up and have oversized items or large amounts of trash to dispose of, contact the DPW to schedule a pick-up. There is a fee for this service. On a further note, the semi-annual curbside yard waste pick-up is scheduled for the period of May 1 through May 11.

## **ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY**

Natick's 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday May 5, 2007, at the Natick Courthouse/Senior Center parking lot from 9:00 AM till 12:00 Noon. Please enter from East Central Street (Rt. 135 East).

Residents must register and purchase tickets **IN ADVANCE** at the Board of Health office in Natick Town Hall. The charge is \$5.00 per car and the event is limited to 300 cars.

Please call the Board of Health for additional information at 508-647-6460, or view the flyer on our website at [www.natickma.gov/health](http://www.natickma.gov/health) (click on "Health Department Notices").

## **GOLF COURSE SET TO OPEN**

The Sassamon Trace Golf Course located at 233 South Main Street is scheduled to open for the season at the end of March. Sassamon Trace is a nine hole executive length public course designed by the nationally renowned architectural firm of Cornish, Silva and Mungeam in the classic tradition with the beginning golfer in mind but also offering an appealing challenge to the low handicap golfer. This spring begins the seventh season of operation and plans are underway to build the new clubhouse thus positioning Sassamon Trace for many decades of service to the residents of Natick and the surrounding communities.

## **TOWN ADMINISTRATION**

As many of you may be aware Natick will begin searching for a new Town Administrator. I am confident the current management team will be lead in the transition period in an exemplary fashion by Deputy Town Administrator Martha White. Ms. White is a consummate public servant with many years of municipal management experience. Ms. White has the skills, experience and dedication to assume the challenge of continuing Natick's long history of public service excellence. It has been an honor to serve the citizens of Natick. Thank you, Phil Lemnios, Town Administrator.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Town Meeting begins and continues every Tuesday and Thursday until concluded

May 5<sup>th</sup> - Household Hazardous Waste Collection day

June 8<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> – Natick 360 Strategic Choices Weekend at Kennedy Middle School, [www.natick360.org](http://www.natick360.org)