



Fellow Residents,



**First and foremost, I would like to thank residents and businesses for maintaining their properties.** Would you like to see our community grow and prosper? Well-kept properties attract much needed businesses and appeal to people looking for a place to make their home.

**School is back in session. Be vigilant as you drive around town.**

Traffic laws are in place to protect motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. We continue to receive many calls and reports of speed limit and stop sign violations. Our police officers continue to write citations but they can't be everywhere at all times. Did you know the people speeding and running the stop signs are often doing it in their own neighborhood?

At long last, **a new grocer for the former Island Foods space is "at the finish line"** and hopes to start remodeling soon. We have been working diligently with the developer of the property; a new restaurant may be on the horizon in the former hardware store space. Stay tuned for their official announcements and be ready to *shop local*.

**Senior Lofts 55+ apartments on Beech Street** should be ready to open by end September. In another at long last, the revitalization of this property will be an asset to our community.

**The 2024 Newbury Village road repaving project** is scheduled to begin in September. Assessment of 2025 projects is in process with our engineers and PW Director Carlsen.

**In parks news**, the first 9 holes of the 18-hole disc golf course at Puri Family (behind Walgreens) and Veterans Parks will open in a week; the last nine holes will follow by the end of September. Thanks to the many volunteers and our Public Works Department for their work on the project. The first payment of the grant money from the State should arrive soon. This will allow us to add to the new equipment at Converse Park.

**Generous donations from businesses, community members and friends of our community** help us fund events and items that we might not otherwise afford. Special thanks to the Springers for the 55" television for the Senior Center. Watch for details about afternoon movies on the new TV.

**The Water Meter Replacement Program** continues and will improve billing efficiency. Title 4, 4-4-8 B stipulates: *Type of Meter All meters and metering configurations shall be approved by the superintendent of water.* Thank you all who have cooperated; so far, nearly 500 have been replaced of over 3,000 meters on our water system.

**Lock your cars!** The Village and neighboring communities have had an uptick in vehicle break-ins. Unsecured vehicles are, unfortunately, inviting to thieves.

**Mark your calendars for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Oktoberfest** on September 27, 28 and 29. This year's Dachshund Derby will be on Saturday, September 28.