

LONGMEADOW LINES

Meet Senator Candaras' Aide

Janice Hassett

Monday, April 6th, 11- 11:45 AM

LONGMEADOW ADULT CENTER VAN VAN AROUND TOWN

Tuesday, April 14th, 10—Noon

ENFIELD SQUARE MALL

Note week change

Friday, April 17th
10—1 PM



LONGMEADOW ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, April 28th at 7:00 pm at the High School Auditorium. If you need a ride please call the Adult Center one week prior to the meeting date.

Annual Rabies Clinic sponsored by the Board of Health

Saturday, April 4, 2009

1:30-2:30 P.M.

Longmeadow Police Garage
(end of driveway between
Town Hall and Police Station)

Fee: \$10.00./animal

Both dogs and cats are required by state law to be immunized.

The Clerk's Office will be available to sell dog licenses during the Clinic

HOME ENERGY SAVINGS

Wednesday, April 29th, 1:00 PM

Do you want to know how to reduce your energy costs? The Longmeadow Adult Center SALT Council in conjunction with the Massachusetts Municipal Association is sponsoring a seminar on Home Energy Savings. The presentation will cover the basics to reducing home energy costs. The key elements include:

- Identifying air sealing and insulation as the most cost-effective investment for reducing home energy costs.
 - Providing information on cheap, do-it-yourself solutions to reducing cost of water, electricity and heat
 - Identifying available rebates, tax credits and grants to reduce cost of home alterations and appliance purchases
 - Referencing Energy Star ratings as indicator of product energy efficiency
- Providing information on MassSave home energy audits.

Please register at 565-4150.

Town News:

The **Recycling and Yard Waste Center** will open fully again starting Saturday, April 4th. The hours are Saturday, 8am – 5pm, Sunday, 10am – 5pm and Wednesday, 10am – 5pm. A Town sticker is required for the use of this facility.

The DPW will start **street sweeping** on Monday, March 23rd. Sweeping this year will start in voting precinct A then go to precinct B, then C, then D, then E.

Monday, April 20th is Patriot's Day, trash collection **WILL NOT** be delayed.

How to Apply for an Absentee Ballot

I can't get to the polls on election day. Can I vote?

You may vote by absentee ballot if you:

- will be absent from your city or town on election day, and/or
- have a physical disability that prevents your voting at the polling place, and/or
- cannot vote at the polls due to religious beliefs.

How can I apply for an absentee ballot?

Apply in writing to your city or town clerk or election commission and include your:

- name,
- address as registered,
- ward and precinct (if you know them),
- address where you wish the absentee ballot sent,
- in a primary, the party ballot you want,
- your signature.

Application forms are available at your local election office, senior center or online. You may also send a letter or note. Whichever method you choose, the application must be made in writing and signed.

Can anyone else apply for me? Family .

When should I submit my application? If you wish to vote by absentee ballot for more than one election in a year you may make one application. If you vote by mail, make certain the application arrives at your local election office early. Remember, the ballot will be mailed to you. You may mail or hand-deliver it back to the election office but must arrive before the close of the polls on election day.

If you cast your ballot at the clerk's office before election day, plan to visit the office two or three weeks before the election. You can make your application and cast your vote in one visit. Call the clerk's office to make certain that the absentee ballots are available. Absentee ballots should be available three weeks before an election. The deadline for applying for an absentee ballot is noon of the day before the election.

WATER EFFICIENT LAWN

WATERING PRACTICES

Summer lawn watering creates large demands on local water utilities. Water users and communities can save money by using water more efficiently. Efficient lawn watering practices can help save money, maintain a beautiful yard and conserve valuable water supplies. Decreased irrigation usage will also help the Town comply with the terms of our water supply agreement with the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission. The SWSC has limitations on water withdrawal rates placed by the Mass Department of Environmental Protection which are in turn are passed to Longmeadow by our Agreement.

Most people are unaware that lawns only need about 1inch of water per week. Ironically, many typical lawn care practices can actually result in unhealthy lawns and unneeded costs for consumers. By becoming more aware of better ways to develop and maintain one's home landscaping and instituting these practices, many benefits can be realized by the homeowner, community, and regional water resources. Beginning this month, an insert will be included with Longmeadow's water/sewer bills that will identify reasons and techniques for better lawn watering practices. The link to the DPW Web Page for this informational sheet is www.longmeadow.org/dpw/watering. for those who wish to read this information prior to receiving their water/sewer bill. This educational flyer will also be posted on the Public Works page of the Town's website. These tips will help you save money, have a nice yard and help conserve a precious resource.