

Echoes from Somers Seniors

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Message from 1st Selectman Lisa Pellegrini

Hello Everyone,

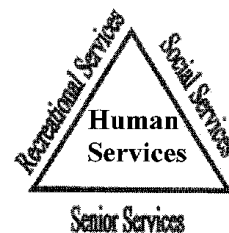
As I write this letter I look out the window and all I see is 3 feet of snow piled in ice drifts and lots of sleet which is eventually turning into black ice. That's something I will definitely not be looking forward to as I drive home. However, Spring is right around the corner and I can't stop thinking about all of the Spring Projects I look forward to ...getting the gardens ready, digging new flower beds, rearranging other planting beds, outdoor painting projects, and a massive Spring Cleaning on all things inside and outside my house and garden. I get psyched to start new projects and incorporate new ideas I have been thinking about over the winter. It is official...I have Spring Fever.

We have all managed to emerge from a very tough winter. While the snow storms have disseminated our public works department budget we were very fortunate not to have had \$300,000 in bills stemming from the snow removal of the roofs of Town Buildings. I was very careful about that. The total bill for snow removal on Town Building roofs totaled \$31,750; a substantially lower amount. We used only licensed and insured contractors. We also did not utilize volunteers as some Towns did. I was concerned that someone would be injured and/or property would be damaged which would no doubt end up burdening the taxpayers with expensive and lengthy litigation. The roofs of our Town Buildings did not cave in, however we did sustain some damage with regard to a few leaking roofs and one broken window. Most importantly no one was injured and no one fell off the roof.

Soon all the snow will melt and we will be diligently working on repairing the roads affected this winter.

I recently found out that I have over \$300,000 in LoCip Funds. I plan on applying for this funding and plan on using the money to pay for some much needed road repairs. The Somersville Streetscape Project breaks ground in a few weeks and construction will be starting very shortly. New England Concrete Services was chosen to do the work. Their bid was much lower than anticipated and we will have additional monies for a few extra improvements. The sidewalk project on Battle Street will begin shortly as will the expansion to the Senior Center.

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