



July Ward Two Newsletter

Hi everyone!

I hope that everyone is gearing up for an enjoyable July 4th and hopefully a long weekend. I know for some, the holiday is not so fun due to the lighting of illegal fireworks that is lit off in neighborhoods. I know that it is everyone's hope that people will act responsible but that is not always the case especially in densely populated neighborhoods. I think that most people remember the fire on Congress St last year that burned down a multi-family house because of illegal fireworks.

This year I noticed that there are not as many block parties as there were last year especially with the absence of the Tracey Ave block party which has gone on for years. I know that it is difficult to take on the responsibility of continuing the tradition but thank you to those that do. For many kids in particular, 4th of July block parties and getting together with neighbors create memories that last a lifetime. Of all of the block parties that I approved last year, there was only one that I denied this year following complaints that I received from neighbors because of late night noise and fireworks last year.

Last month I mentioned a neighborhood meeting related to a one acre lot being marketed at the end of Western Ave at the Salem line. While the site is zoned for single family residences, there was interest by a potential buyer to build townhouses. The meeting was pretty well attended by many of those in the area who made their sentiments known. I have not really heard another word since then so while the lot is still being marketed, the interest in the property may have changed.

There was also another neighborhood meeting last week related to a potential cannabis dispensary to be located at 233 Western Ave in the old Ingram's Garage which presently is not the most appealing property in the area. The meeting was well run with former Essex County Sheriff, Frank Cousins speaking on behalf of the applicant. If approved, this will be the seventh out of eight dispensaries approved and the only East Lynn location to date. While the building is located in Ward One, Precinct 4, it is directly across the street from Ward Two, Precinct 2. While the majority of Lynn voters voted in favor of recreational cannabis, a few precincts did not. In this case the majority of residents in the area where this dispensary will be located voted in favor of recreational cannabis. As the chairman of the City's Recreational Cannabis Site Committee, I have learned more about marijuana in the past 18 months that I ever thought I would learn or really cared to learn but the science behind it is fascinating.

We also had our Ward Two meeting last Wednesday night with Park Ranger Dan Small. Dan did an outstanding job talking about how to address wildlife in our neighborhoods. Dan spoke about dealing with coyotes, turkeys, rodents and birds. He also went into great depth about the animals that can be found in and around Lynn Woods. I think that all in attendance would agree that it was a great topic and Dan is one of the most knowledgeable in the city about it. The city is lucky to have Dan as the ranger and he has done great things to help clean up the woods and draw interest in it. Our next meeting will be in September.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fays Ave cleanup in preparation of the Fay Estate's July 4th festivities. We hauled four truckloads of waste to the compost yard which didn't include all of the debris and tree limbs that the DPW hauled away. Photos

below.

About two weeks ago, a young man was unfortunately killed in a motorcycle accident at the intersection of Waitt St and Eastern Ave. What has made this even worse has been the friends of the victim who has basically used this site as a hangout to memorialize their friend. Unfortunately, their behavior has been appalling and they have made the lives of those who live around there miserable with their antics which has also been a drain on city services. I don't think that I have received as many complaints about any one thing as I have about this site including today and I feel terrible for those that have had to endure this behavior. I have been up there many times as have the police to continue to move these people along and now DPW who has to keep cleaning up the area every time it is re-decorated. I have asked the Law Dept to look into what we can do to prevent this going forward. I have also asked the Traffic Commission to look into what we can do to improve the safety of the intersection. With the redesign of the Western Ave from Buchanan Bridge to Market Sq. on the horizon, we may be able to get some more elaborate changes made at this intersection.

Thank you to everyone who signed my nomination papers and offered to help with that. I am happy to say that I am the only candidate running to be the Ward Two councilor. To be honest, no one is happier than my wife. So unless you want me to come to your home, you don't have to worry about me ringing your doorbell in the middle of dinner or the game. The other races in the city are contested so I know that you will be hearing from those candidates and we have some quality candidates running. I have to say that it has been an absolute pleasure to work with each one of my council colleagues who I have learned so much from especially Council President Cyr. My council colleagues and the members of the school committee all work extremely hard and much of it goes on behind the scenes and goes unnoticed. It has been a great experience to work with each one of them.

I am leaving up the Summer Youth Theater Workshop info. I have one person who submitted a name and if you would like your child to attend, please let me know as the next name that I receive will round out the two.

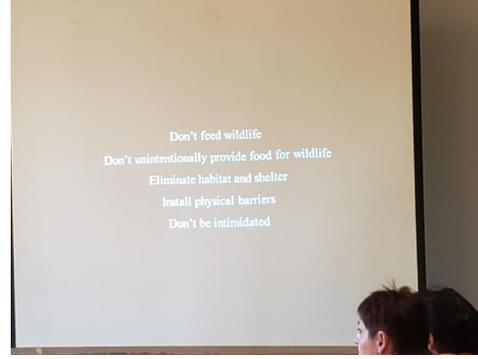
I will be going away on the afternoon of the 4th returning on Monday the 8th. I will have email access so if there is anything that can't wait, I will get back to you as soon as I can.

Have a fun and safe 4th of July and start to the summer season!

Rick

Meeting and Cleanup Photos





Announcements and Events



Youth Theater Initiative SUMMER THEATRE WORKSHOP

Ages 8-18

**JULY 22-26, 2019 9AM-12PM, Monday through
Friday**

Neal Rantoul Black Box Theater, Lynn

The cost for this week-long program is \$150.

I will be sponsoring two Ward Two kids to attend at no charge. This is a great way to open up your kids minds to the performing arts whether on stage or back stage. If you would like to enter the name of a

Ward Two youth for a chance to attend for free, please email me the name and I will enter them into a raffle to be drawn in June. For more info., please check out the link at: [Arts After Hours Youth Theater](#)



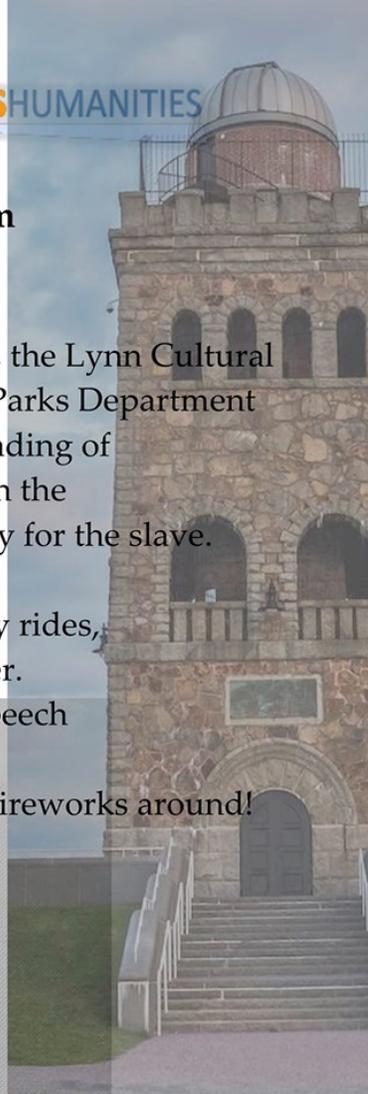
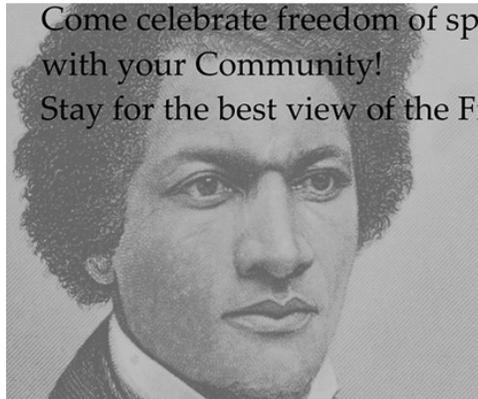
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**Wednesday July 3rd at 6pm
at High Rock Tower!**

Please join Mass. Humanities, the Lynn Cultural Council and your hosts, The Parks Department of Lynn for our 9th Annual reading of Frederick Douglass' speech on the meaning of Independence Day for the slave.

Bring a picnic, enjoy free pony rides, music, and a tour of the Tower.

Come celebrate freedom of speech with your Community!
Stay for the best view of the Fireworks around!



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