



June Ward Two Newsletter

Hi everyone!

I hope that everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather. I would like to start off by congratulating all of this year's graduates and families. It is such a great time of year to see so many great kids move on to the next adventure in their life.

Last month I touched on the upcoming budget a little. The mayor has presented a balanced \$328 million dollar budget that requires no borrowing. While it is balanced, it has no raises for employees and does not include the amounts that the state feels that we need to put toward our capital improvement plan. It also did not account for the ongoing negotiations with the various city unions to come to agreement on new contracts. While the council is not part of the negotiation process, the Mayor and union leaders did come to an agreement that made some changes to health care coverage and offered a small raise. We are awaiting the ratification of these contracts by the bargaining units which is now taking place. It is unknown at this point what the overall savings will be and how that will impact the budget. It is my hope that we will realize a savings significant enough to fund the capital improvement plan as well as provide enough funding to the police department so that they can hire some additional officers.

During our budget meetings with the various city department heads, Chief Mageary presented a sobering view of the Lynn Police Department and the challenges that they face with short staffing. With summer coming we all wait and wonder when the next event may take place that requires calling in other communities for support such as the melee on Union St a few weeks back or worse. I think that even as short staffed as they are, it is a miracle that there has been a drop in almost every crime category this past year. The men and women of the Lynn Police Department do an amazing job trying to keep us safe but it is getting increasingly difficult.

This morning I attended the Firefighters Memorial service and procession at Pine Grove Cemetery. For those that haven't seen the firefighters plot at the cemetery, it is quite impressive. Witnessing this service brings to light just how much respect firefighters have for each other and the fallen. While we all realize that these individuals go running into places that the rest of us run away from, it is easy to forget the lingering effects of running into situations where their lives are at risk at that very moment or thirty years later when the result of being around dangerous toxins and gasses rears its ugly head, I think that we all owe a debt of gratitude to all of our first responders and I believe that Lynn's first responders are second to none.

I got a little off track from my original budget topic but there will be a public hearing on the proposed FY 2020 budget on Tuesday evening at 8:00 PM in the council chamber. You can also watch it and all council meetings live on channel 22 for Comcast and channel 37 for Verizon customers. You can now also watch all council sub-committee meetings as well as city board and commission meetings which are recorded by LCTV and shown on their website at www.lynnvtv.org.

Last month I posted the announcement below about the youth theater work shop at Arts After Hours. I had offered to sponsor two ward two youths to attend this one week workshop at a cost of \$150 each but got no responses. Please take a look again and

send me names of ward two youth who you think would enjoy learning about the performing arts. I would hate to see it go to waste.

There will be a neighborhood meeting tomorrow for residents near the one acre lot on the Salem line which has some interest for development. I hope to see those who were sent letter so that any questions that you have can answered.

Our next Ward Two Meeting will be on Wednesday June 26th. See announcements below for details. When I brought up the topic of wildlife a while back particularly about bird feed attracting rodents, a resident from Bullfinch Terr. who is a bird aficionado reached out to me about how many birds that he has identified just in his backyard. I think he has identified about 40 different bird species and has sent me a few photos. While my wife is more of a bird nerd than I am, I think that it is pretty cool that we have so many creatures like this in our own backyards. He has offered to host backyard birding workshops if anyone is interested.

If you are looking to do something different on the evening of July 3rd, consider going up to High Rock Tower for the 9th Annual Reading of the Fredrick Douglas Speech. Residents take turns reading passages from the speech on the steps of the tower while others enjoy food-trucks, pizza and pony rides with an unbelievable view, especially of the fireworks. While I try to attend every years, my wife and I stayed two years ago and watched the fireworks from the tower. There is no better viewing spot in the city. It is such a great event, you should check it out if you can.

For residents in the Fay Estate neighborhood, we have scheduled a cleanup of the park area at Spring Pond in preparation for the 4th of July festivities. The cleanup is going to take place on Saturday, June 22nd at 9:00 AM. While my shoulder is healing nicely, I am still limited on heavy lifting and one of our super star workers on Fays Ave is injured so the more help that we have, the easier the work will be. I hope to see a large crew which will once again include Rep. Dan Cahill.

Thank you to those who have opened your doors to me as I collect nomination signatures. I have a few more to get so I may be in your neighborhood.

Please take a look at the announcements below.
Have a great week everyone and GO BRUINS!!

Rick Starbard



Announcements and Events

Lynn Public Schools End of Year Schedule

With hardly any snow days this year, the end of the school year will be here

before many of us realize or are used to. I can't remember the last time that our high school graduations took place in May. The link below will bring you to Lynn School's end of year and graduation schedule: [Lynn Public School Graduations](#)

Congratulations to all of our graduates!!

**Next Ward Two Meeting
Wednesday, June 26th 6:00 PM
Solimine Community Room
583 Chestnut St.**

Living Among Wildlife

Lynn Woods Park Ranger Dan Small will join us to discuss the uptick in wildlife sightings in our neighborhoods. Seeing coyotes or encountering turkeys can be unnerving for some. Ranger Small will provide information on how we can better co-exist with our "other" neighbors

Thank you again Councilor Field for helping secure the meeting space.



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](#)



Block Parties

If you are planning a block party for your neighborhood, you must submit a block party application that must be approved. You can download a copy here: [Block Party Application](#)

No Fireworks!! Please be considerate of your neighbors.



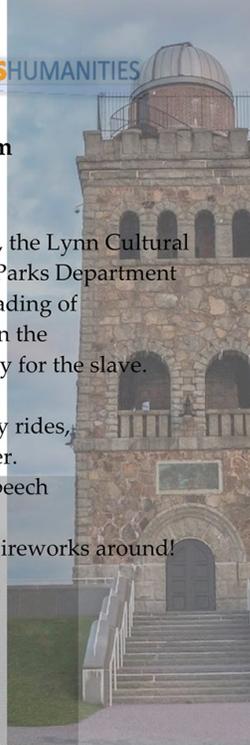
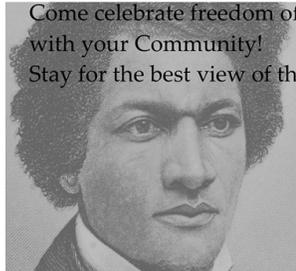
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Wednesday July 3rd at 6pm
at High Rock Tower!

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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What's Your Secret?

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ASSASSINS**

Book by John Weidman Directed by Nathan Fogg DeSisto June 14 - 23, 2019 25 Exchange Street, Lynn, MA
Music by Stephen Sondheim Music Directed by Shawn Gelzeichter Neal Rantoul Black Box Theater ArtsAfterHours.com

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Please tell your neighbors to
"GET CONNECTED" at www.rickforlynn.com to
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