



Special points of interest:

- New pool for all ages is moving forward.
- The design will accommodate babies to competitive swimmers to those who exercise in water.
- The pool will close in late summer of 2017 to accommodate the construction process.

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THE FUTURE OF ROSEMARY POOL

Rosemary Lake opened for swimming in the 1930's but closed in 1969 for health reasons. The "temporary" pool was installed in 1972. We are about to open the pool as it was then but plans have been made to upgrade the entire area. Although it won't be done until the closing of the pool in 2017, steps are being taken to get the designing and permitting in place. Already the feasibility study has been done and a public survey has revealed what the townspeople think about what is needed in a new complex.

The plans are exciting: The Commission studied all the options and chose to rebuild the outdoor pool, improve and expand the parking area, improve access to the pool, add outdoor recreation opportunities to the lake and surrounding property and renovate the building to include a year-round recreation

programming space.

The design has two pools– a recreation pool, with zero depth entrance, play features, slides and long lanes for water walking and fitness laps; a fitness/competitive pool with eight regulation lanes, a diving board and increased deck seating.

A splash pad/ spray park with availability before and after the pool season would be added next to the pool

The first level of the building will be for access to the pool. The second floor will have 2,200 s/f year-round programming space and offices. The parking lots will be rebuilt with more than 100 spaces.

Construction funds will be requested at the May 2017 Town Meeting. The future is in sight!



Beautiful and exciting improvements are planned!

SUMMER EXPLORATIONS

Needham Community Education's Summer Explorations program offers over 60 workshops for children grades 1-9. Each are a week long half day and full-day classes: July 5, 11, 18, and 25.

There are classes in science, sports, cooking, fine and perform-

ing arts, math, culture, crafts and technology. All classes are taught by Needham Public School staff and other professionals and held at Newman and High Rock schools. All families should have received information about these classes including discounts and free classes

For information contact: Amy Goldman, Community Education Program Director at amy_goldman@needham.k12.ma.us or call 781-455-0400 ext. 214.

Same contact for sports clinics as well. Enjoy summer in Needham.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT GOING GREEN IN NEEDHAM

Needham is making an effort to go greener and greener. Here are some facts that show our progress:

Recycling: 2010: Needham recycled 65% of trash

Composting:

Our RTS accepts food waste and brush and yard waste. Food from the Plainville Casino and Patriot Place produced an income stream from fees charged and sale of resulting compost. In 2015, 927 tons of food waste was turned into com-



post at the RTS.

Solar Panels:

There is a 12 acre solar array on the capped landfill which produces 1/3 of municipal electrical usage. Tax revenue, lease payments, savings on electricity add up to \$11 million over a 20-year period.

Solarize Needham 2014:

130 solar arrays in homes and small businesses.

“One Trusted Installer”, Astrum Solar, with a tiered pricing struc-

ture that increases the savings for everyone as more home and business owners in town sign up.

Houses of Worship:

Christ Episcopal: The solar panels meet 85% of the church’s energy needs saving \$1,500 annually.

First Parish: With the addition of the solar system ,45% of electricity was produced. The Energy Star rating is 98% among 250,000 houses of worship. The annual utility bill is now \$6,000/yr compared to \$25,000/yr in 2006.

VISIT FROM NEWMAN SCHOOL May 31st/CHAMBERS

The residents of Linden/ Chambers will again have the opportunity to visit with some charming second graders from Newman School. Pauline Teng, a teacher at the Newman contacted Penny Kirk last fall and made the offer to schedule several visits over the course of the year. The residents responded enthusiastically and the first visit was a big success. A classic story about snow and how it feels and looks was read aloud and then every-

Mrs. Teng played her violin and everyone sang holiday songs. At the next visit, a new group of second graders arrived and a lovely story about a mitten and a grandmother who made it was read aloud. Then everyone made mittens and decorated them with their own designs.

Unfortunately the third visit had a schedule mix-up and although there were many residents waiting, the school bus never came. However in March the children

did arrive and had a nice visit with several residents. There was no time in April for a meeting, but this month on the 31st, the children will again come. Everyone should plan to attend. There will be a surprise for the grownups from the children.



Our monthly meetings are marked by camaraderie and creative energy.

We need your voice!

WE NEED YOUR VOICE

The Needham Human Rights Committee is inviting residents of the Needham Housing Authority to consider serving on the Committee. All residents of the Town of Needham are welcome to participate in the Committee’s activities and meetings and are eligible to apply for membership. In volunteering for the Human Rights Committee, you will not only help others but strengthen your connection to the Needham Community, gain new skills and enrich your personal and professional life.

The Committee was created by the Board of Selectmen in 1995 and includes representation of the Housing Authority, Needham Public Schools, Police Department, Needham Clergy Association and senior citizens. Committee members represent a wide range of backgrounds.

The mission of the NHRC is to reaffirm the worth and dignity of every human being. We organize and sponsor Community Outreach events and Educational Forums that

celebrate and promote the diversity of our community. We advocate appreciation and respect for human and civil rights and we respond to issues that challenge the human rights of any individual or group in our community. Would you join us in our mission? We need your voice! For more information go to: www.needhamma.gov/humanrights.

May 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
					10-11:30AM: Computer help/Sr. Center	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	10AM: Mothers Day Breakfast/C	11AM: Story time/ Library 12:30: Bingo: L/C			10-11:30AM: Computer Help/Sr. Center	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	11:30AM: Sr. Center lunch bunch	10AM: Creative writing/Sr. Center 12:30: Bingo L/C		7:30: Board meeting/ Chambers	10-11:30AM: Computer help/Sr. Center	4PM: Relay for Life starts/ Newman School
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	11:30AM: Sr. Center lunch bunch	12:30: Bingo L/C			10-11:30AM: Computer help/Sr. Center	
29	30	31				
	11:30AM: Sr. Center lunch bunch	10AM: Creative writing/ Sr. Center 12:30: Bingo L/C		Want a 5th grade pen pal? Contact Joan DeFinis: 781-455-7555.	Support Group for caregivers: call 781-455-7555 x.212.	Blood pressure screenings Monday-Thursday 8:00-8:30 AM/ Sr. Center/ all ages.

NEXT SCHEDULED BOARD MEETNGS

MAY 19/ CHAMBERS COMMUNITY ROOM

JUNE 16/ SEABEDS WAY

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND START AT 7:30 PM



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COOKS AFTER SCHOOL NEWS

As of the last week of April the Babson Tutors finished their commitment to Cooks After School for the year. There will be an entrepreneurial program presented by Babson the week of July 18-22 for anyone 12 or older.

The Nobles tutors are going to be coming until May 26th which will be the last day of Cooks for the school year.

The participants of the program enjoyed a field trip on April 19th to the Eco-Tarium in Worcester. A school bus picked them up at 10:00 AM. After a two hour tour of the Eco-Tarium they had lunch at a nearby Burger King and then rode home to Cooks Drive arriving at 3:00 PM. The entire trip was funded by Jack and Brenda Gei-

shecker who made a very generous donation as Friends of Cooks. Their gift will fund other events over the next year as well. The trip was a nice finale to a very productive year. The annual Police sponsored cookout is scheduled for mid-June as a celebration of a school year and the beginning of summer. Everyone is looking forward to the special dishes several of the parents always donate.

A special thanks goes out to Victoria Preston, a senior at Olin College who has provided interesting science projects every available Monday since December. Her gracious and enthusiastic demeanor adds a special dimension to the program. A special thanks also to the First Parish members who filled in for the Nobles tutors



**EVERYONE LOVES A
FIELD TRIP!**

during their month long break. Many thanks to Phil Lynes, Jackie Shepherd, Gail Lehman and Elinor Brady. They too, added an important dimension to Cooks After School.