

# TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

## JULY 12, 2022

### **1. JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY**

Despite the weather, we had a very busy July 4th weekend here in Dennis, the beaches, harbor, golf and DNR were all very busy with activity. Overall, all reports are that it was a very busy and crowded weekend.

Specifically, From the July 1<sup>st</sup> to July 5<sup>th</sup> at 0800 the Dennis fire department responded to 93 calls for service. This was a 28% increase over last year during the same time period.

Calls for service included, 2 reported structure fires, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 1 brush fire, 1 boat rescue, 1 watercraft rescue and many EMS medical calls and assists.

July 4<sup>th</sup> night, the fire department stood vigilant at both stations to assist the police department during beach closures. This was attributed to social media encouraging participation in partying activities.

The Dennis Police Department responded to 131 calls over the holiday weekend ranging from locations checks, noise complaints, traffic incidents, fireworks, alarms and other assistance as needed. It was a very busy weekend and the department staff did an excellent job dealing with multiple difficult incidents; **260 parking citations** were written this holiday weekend from Friday to Monday, and an unattended vehicle that was creating a hazard near Mayflower Beach was towed. Last year town departments wrote a total of 796 for the period of May to September 2021. The Town is working on after action reporting and will commence operational planning for next year immediately – a number of recommendations will be brought forward to the Select Board including but not limited to citation increases and increases to departmental budgets.

I want to thank all the employees for everything they did leading up to the Holiday weekend and all throughout. Much appreciation to all our Town teams that worked through the holiday weekend, away from their own families, it was a busy weekend here. Simply stated, the staff are all commended for maintaining a safe environment and excellent service to the Community and our visitors.

### **2. SAVE THE DATE!**

The Town of Dennis coordinated by the Dennis Police Department will hold National Night Out on Tuesday, August 2, 2022 from 4-7PM at Mike Stacy Park in Dennisport. The Town will close off Hall Street as we have done in the past, so we will have room to display trucks/equipment. Please stay tuned for more updates as the event gets closer.

### **3. EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (EOHED) MASS DREDGING PROGRAM**

Great work by Harbormaster Dawson Farber for his work in writing and receiving a grant for maintenance dredging of Sesuit Harbor in the amount of \$87,000.

Dear Town Administrator Sullivan:

Thank you for submitting an application for the 2022 Grant Round of the Massachusetts Dredging Program. This year, the Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHED) received over \$3.2 million

in requests to support dredging in the Commonwealth. Applications were thoroughly reviewed by EOHED in collaboration with staff at the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) and the Seaport Economic Council. On behalf of the Baker-Polito Administration, I am pleased to inform you that a grant in the amount of \$87,000 has been approved for the Town of Dennis (Grantee). We are excited to support the Sesuit Harbor Maintenance Dredging Project FY23. Thank you again for your participation in the Massachusetts Dredging Program. We look forward to working with you to advance this important project.

Sincerely, Mike Keneally, Secretary

#### **4. SUMMER LIBRARY HAPPENINGS**

*One-Woman Show “The Prince of Pirates and the Witch of Wellfleet” at Dennis Public Library*

On Wednesday, July 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Rona Leventhal brings us “The Prince of Pirates and the Witch of Wellfleet,” a show that she developed and performs. Wander the bluffs of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and you might hear whispers of the ghost of Maria “Goody” Hallet, calling for (or cursing) her lover, “Black Sam Bellamy.” Come hear their tale...this is not your average ‘happily ever after’ ending!

Set in the early 1700’s, the story is part legend and part history...and about truths that are factual and real. Do you think Puritan life in New England and today’s sociopolitical climate have anything in common? Watch and decide. Appropriate for ages 16 and up.

Space is limited, so please call the library to register: 508-760-6219.

Dennis Public Library is located at 5 Hall Street in Dennis Port. Go to our website to check out our other summer programs: [dennispubliclibrary.org](http://dennispubliclibrary.org).

*Exercise as We Age presentation at Dennis Public Library*

The Dennis Public Library, the Dennis Center for Active Living, and the Town of Dennis Health Department are pleased to join together to sponsor “Exercise as We Age” on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Our special presenter Nikki Courtney, Exercise Physiologist from the VNA of Cape Cod, will reveal how exercise can help everyone age gracefully. The hour-long program includes information on the aging process, exercise intensity, exercise guidelines, and some basic exercises to do at home. Please call the library at 508-760-6219 to register.

Transportation for Dennis residents can be provided by the Dennis Center for Active Living. Please call DCAL at 508-385-5067 to make those arrangements.

Dennis Public Library is located at 5 Hall Street in Dennis Port. Go to our website for the latest information: [dennispubliclibrary.org](http://dennispubliclibrary.org).

The Town of Dennis Health Department generously funded this event to benefit the community.

Thank you everyone, have a great week!

Respectfully,

Elizabeth C. Sullivan  
Town Administrator