

Community Services FY 22

Second Quarter Report

Library/ Community Services

I submitted the final 2 annual reports to the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. Library Assistant LouAnn Bankowski visited NMS to train classes on accessing e-materials through CWMars, and processed library card applications for any students who did not have a library card. I worked on the Library's FY 23 narrative and budget request. The Farmers' Market concluded for the season. Templeton's Scarecrows on the Common and Apple Pie Contest had a small turnout. A group met to discuss plans for Houghton Park. Community Services unit board & committee members and I attended the All-Boards meeting.

Senior Services

The Center held a highly successful flu shot clinic. Other new programs this quarter included: 'healthy necks', 'left, right, center', and 'the power of positive thinking'. Shine volunteer, Gail Noel was busy with dozens of appointments each week to assist seniors with Medicare and insurance questions. Many seniors were assisted with fuel assistance and snap applications, as well as other needs. Transportation requests continued to increase. The COA board began working of a 'code of conduct' for the Center. A turkey dinner was provided prior to Thanksgiving by the Templeton Lions Club and the Otter River Sportsmen Club. In addition to Christmas caroling, and a trip to Bright Lights, the Center offered a holiday movie and cocoa as part of the town's tree lighting ceremony.

Recreation

Soccer concluded with over 100 children participating. Preparation was underway for the basketball season. Opening day of basketball was postponed to January 8. Construction began on the ice rink at Houghton Park. The Commissioners pursued team sponsorships from local businesses.

Veterans' Services

1. Helped veterans with VA claims.
2. Sent out recertification notices.
3. Outreach to Legion. Handed over Coffee Social and Luncheons.

4. Delivered four Thanksgiving and Christmas food boxes to veterans in need.
5. Participated in Veterans Day ceremony as guest speaker.
6. Worked with Friends of Templeton Veterans to help stand up and plan future events.
7. Sent new Templeton Public property use policy to Veteran organizations.

TCTV

Business Development

Cypress Therapy sponsorship of Stay Fit with Liz program

Wachusett Business Incubator (WBI) sponsorship development

KRO's on the Common sponsorship of Photo Contests

MWCC Workforce Development discussions

Montachusett.TV website development

Program Production

33 meetings live-streamed

All-Boards Meeting

Fall Town Meeting

Farmers' Market Moments

Haunted Halloween

1st Annual Pie Contest

Tree Lighting Parade & Ceremony

NRHS/MS Winter Concert

Lucy Stone Suffragist Tea

Bad News Jazz Band

Motorpalooza (Cool Cars show)

Staff Development

All-around meeting training

Media Assistant hire

Remote crew formation/training

Webinars, research

Research & Development (R & D)

Remote systems for live-switched productions

Checking tech for possible use

Developing workflows

Tech

New fiber connector at broadcast location

Audio equipment upgrades

Computer/storage, other tech, supplies

Outreach/Admin

Streaming bill letter to Mass. legislators

ARPA funds research

Cultural Council

This quarter was very light with events.

The TCC met twice in this second quarter.

Both meetings took place in December as we reviewed the FY2022 grant applications - The council went through the "Panel Book" listings of FY2022 grant applications, discussing initial reactions to the requests. We then met to vote for 2022 grantees applications recipients. If interested in the applicants that have been granted or denied they maybe be reviewed on the Mass Cultural Council web site.

We welcomed a new member this quarter, Carol Clark. Our council still is in need of new members. We have several people that will be “aging” out of the council and will result in a low member count.