



TOWN OF TEMPLETON COMMUNITY SERVICES

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FY 23 Fourth Quarter Report

Library/ Community Services

This quarter saw good attendance at Story Hour, class visits from Templeton Elementary School and the newly formed Stitching Group, until all three concluded at the end of June. Community Services team members completed their conflict of interest and open meeting law trainings. 'United to Feed' of North Central Mass set up a food collection box at the library, with a generous response from our community. The DCR and Davis Farmland passes were borrowed 8 and 4 times respectively. Preparation was underway for the summer reading incentives. The Farmers' Market opened on May 25 with a small but enthusiastic group of vendors and visitors. Exterior trim painting was done on the library's exterior. I participated in the interviews for Director of Veterans' Services.

Senior Services

In addition to the regularly scheduled activities at the Center, a dinner theater event was held as well as a workshop on 17th century tools (in collaboration with the Historic Commission. Three meals sponsored with ARPA funds were well-attended and were accompanied by musical entertainment. A 'heart-healthy' lecture was conducted by Dr. Chandra, accompanied by a healthy breakfast. A 'welcome Summer' BBQ was held with outdoor games. 12 Seniors had a wonderful time at their trip to the Bridge of Flowers. The Center's roof replacement was completed!

Attendance at Activities:	1,234
Social Service Interactions	138
Volunteer Hours:	270.5
Rides Provided:	573

Veterans' Services

Nothing to report- search/interviews for a new Director of Veterans Services took place this quarter.

TCTV

April Highlights

- Staff development: Dottie Bresnahan (hired in March)
- TCTV News show is established and debuts

- Attended the North Central Mass. Economic Forecast breakfast sponsored by local Chambers of Commerce
- Lion's Club Easter Egg hunt coverage

May Highlights

- Hire of Ben Ford, training
- Comcast Gigabit upgrade for Internet service at broadcast location
- Annual Town Meeting coverage
- Memorial Day coverage

June Highlights

- Hire of Erin Bresnahan
- 360-degree Camera Class held at WBI in June
- Farmers' Market programming
- Attended MassAccess conference
- Arts & Culture programming, software systems contacts
- Planned MassHire Summer STEM internships

Ongoing

- Seeking Comcast quotes for Scout Hall broadcast location and passing 4 residences

Meetings Live-Streamed

- Meetings streamed in Q4
- 2 recorded
- 23 videos produced

Post Production Work

- Cabin Fever/Collector Time show videos
- Narragansett Craft Fair videos
- Motorpalooza/ Cool Cars shorts

TCTV YouTube Channel Q4

- 11.5K views
- 1,000 watch time hours
- +47 subscribers
- Biggest draw was Annual Town Meeting day
- Meeting views still are up across the board

Top videos:

Collector Time: Tonka Toys

Collector Time: Lanterns

Collector Time: Wedgewood Ceramics

Songbirds of the Northeast

*Select Board April 12 and April 26 broke into the Top 10

*Annual Town meeting

Facebook Q4

- 8,943 reach +40%
- 33 page likes, up 106%

Posts with most reach and engagement:

Farmers Market is Coming

Summer Concerts on the Common

Memorial Day scenes (photo compilation)

Lions Club Golf scenes (photo compilation)

Cultural Council

The Cultural Council held one meeting, in May, to review the status of 2023 grants and to discuss plans for upcoming events including the Summer Concerts on the Common, the Kite Festival, and the Garden Tea at the Historical Society.

In June, two of those projects -- the Crossroads Concert and the Garden Tea were postponed (and postponed again) due to rain. Both were rescheduled to August.

Programs receiving TCC grants that did take place included a performance about Zelda Fitzgerald, at the Senior Center; Winchendon Winds concerts; the Regional Exhibition at the Fitchburg Art Museum; and the GALA Spring Art & Music festival. Members of the Cultural Council have been attending the funded projects, whenever possible, and have conducted on-going surveys of attendees to help gauge interest in various kinds and locations of programs.