

Mayor's Update



A few updates that might impact your holiday plans!

Gath Pool Closed for Repairs Thursday, July 5 through Sunday, July 8

Our early season at the Gath Pool has been off to a complicated start. After we opened for the season, we discovered a water leak. Although the water quality is excellent and residents have been enjoying the pool, we have been struggling with significant water losses that are both environmentally and financially wasteful--we have been losing a lot of water at a cost of \$1,000/day. Our Parks & Recreation and Public Buildings departments have determined that the

filtration return line is broken and we will begin repair work on Thursday, July 5. We plan to have the pool reopen on Monday, July 9. We are sorry for the inconvenience, especially since the weather forecast is for high temperatures.

During the time that Gath Pool is closed, we invite swimmers to join us at Crystal Lake, located at 30 Rogers Street in Newton Highlands. Gath Pool permit holders have access to both sites throughout the summer. Information about day passes to Crystal Lake can be found [HERE](#).

Noise this Weekend on the MBTA Worcester Commuter Rail Line

We just got notified on Wednesday that this weekend the MassDOT and the MBTA will be doing overnight welding and rail work along the MBTA Worcester Commuter Rail Line in Newton. The equipment will be very noisy and the work will be done both during the day and overnight from Saturday at 5 am to Sunday until 5 pm. The good news is they are installing Positive Train Control (PTC) infrastructure which can significantly increase safety. This weekend's work will focus on one track and crews will return at a later date to complete the second track.

The work will take place just east of St. James Street in Newton Corner, at Walnut Street near Newtonville Station, and at Washington Street near West Newton Station.

For more information please visit: www.mbta.com/ptc.

Recognizing Newton's Officer Helms

On May 10th, 2018, Eric Stephens collapsed during a men's league baseball game at Albermarle Field. Officer Gregory Helms heard over his police radio that a man was unresponsive. After quickly arriving at the scene, Officer Helms immediately took appropriate action by performing CPR and administering the Automated External Defibrillator (AED). Working with other police officers, emergency medical technicians, and Newton Fire Department personnel, Officer Helms helped bring 26 year old Eric Stephens' pulse back and allowed him to regain consciousness.

On Thursday, Officer Helms was recognized for his actions and was



reunited with Stephens and his family at a ceremony at Newton City Hall.

Pictured: Officer Helms and Eric Stephens with both of their families, Mayor Fuller, and Chief MacDonald; Eric Stephens and Officer Helms with their mothers; Officer Helms' son Grayson at Mayor Fuller's desk.

Families Belong Together Prayer Vigil Monday at 6:30 pm at City Hall

Join me at the “Families Belong Together” Prayer Vigil sponsored by the Newton Interfaith Clergy Association, Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries, and the Newton Human Rights Commission on the steps of City Hall on Monday, July 2 at 6:30 pm. For more information about the vigil, click [HERE](#).

See You On the 4th!

I hope to see you on July 4th for our [Newton celebrations](#). Start at the Kids Morning from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Newton Centre Playground at Tyler Terrace, then head over to Albemarle Field off Watertown Street where there'll be an open air market and kids rides etc., starting at noon. Dancing starts at 6:00 p.m. with great fireworks starting at 9:00 p.m.!

Wishing you and yours a wonderful 4th of July!

Warmly,

Ruthanne

It's going to be a hot one!

High temperatures in the upcoming days could result in very high electricity use in New England. We don't expect any disruption in electricity supply, but you can help reduce the cost of electricity and the emissions of greenhouse gases and other pollution:

1. Turn off air conditioners if your home will be empty for much of the day.
2. Pull down shades on the sunny side of your house.
3. Set air conditioners at 74-76 degrees (or a mid-range setting) and make sure windows are closed when air conditioners are on!
4. Shut off lights when you can and unplug unused appliances.

Tips for staying healthy in the heat can be found at [Newtonma.gov](#).

