

## Mayor's Update



Garden Remedies today received its notice to commence operations from the Cannabis Control Commission. Adult use retail operations will begin on Saturday, May 25, at 10:00 a.m.

Many City departments are working together with Garden Remedies to ensure a safe and orderly opening.

### **Yard Waste Collection Delays**

We are experiencing an unexpected delay in yard waste collection this week. Please set yard waste out on your collection day and leave it at the curb. It will be collected as soon as possible. I apologize for the inconvenience.

### **New: No Cartons in Your Green Bin**

The recycling industry is changing, and because of that, milk, juice, cream and soup cartons now need to go in the blue bins.

Cartons were removed from the state recycling acceptance list. Recycling sorting centers don't want these cartons because:

- Cartons are difficult to recycle because they are multi-layered.
- Cartons can contaminate other recycling streams, such as paper and plastic.

The good news in Newton is that our recycling is getting cleaner because of careful sorting. Our recycling contamination level plummeted from 18 percent with a cost to the City of more than \$100,000 in fines down to 9 percent. This means that the penalty fee was eliminated as of Feb. 1 saving Newton an average of \$6,550 a month.

What are some other things that shouldn't go in the recycling bins? Plastic bags, black plastic food trays, food, Styrofoam, medicine bottles, wood, clothing, tissues and napkins.

Use Newton's Recycle Right tool (get the free app on your smart phone) to search for the best way to manage specific items.

### **The Swap Shop is Open**

The Recycling Depot Swap Shop is open- now on Fridays *and* Saturdays through the fall from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 115 Rumford Ave., Auburndale. Newton residents can drop

off usable items, and if you'd like, take home other items for free.

More information about what can and can't be left at the Swap Shop is [HERE](#), More general information about reuse is [HERE](#).

Interested in volunteering at the Swap Shop? Send an email to [recycling@newtonma.gov](mailto:recycling@newtonma.gov)



### **(Pepe's) Pizza with Police**

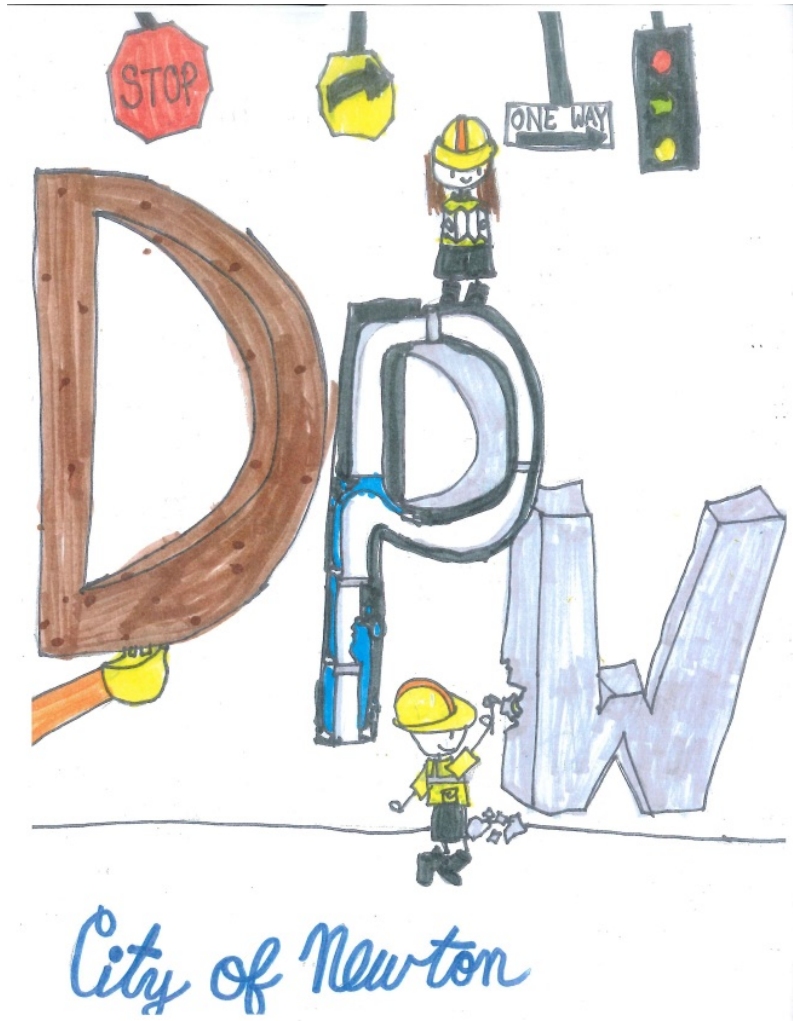
Newton Police Community Outreach Officers Brett Ferolito and Justin Lau will be at the Chestnut Hill Mall (in the corridor by Starbucks Coffee and Frank Pepe Pizzeria) on Thursday, June 6, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Officers from the department's Patrol Bureau will also be on hand. Stop by with questions and for conversation, and while you're there, get a free slice of pizza!

(Photo: The winning DPW t-shirt designed by Summer Gu, a third grader at the Peirce Elementary School.

### **DPW Contest Winners**

Other winners include:

- First Prize for Grades 6-8 -Rohan Biju
- Second place for Grades 6-8 – Julia Dun Rappaport
- First Prize for Grades Pre K -5<sup>th</sup> – Eleni Salles
- Second Place for Grades Pre K-5<sup>th</sup>- Karuna Tarafdar



It's not too early to start thinking of a t-shirt for next year. The 2020 drawings will be accepted from February 10 to March 31, 2020. The winners will be announced April 15, 2020.

(Photo: Electric box gets wrapped to showcase the entrance to Wells Avenue and the Innovation District.)

## Decorate Your Bike, Join the Parade!

Arrive at Newton North High School at 2:30 p.m. (457 Walnut St.) with your decorated bicycle to line up and bike in the Annual Memorial Day Parade. The parade starts at 3:00 p.m. at Newton North and moves down Walnut Street to Watertown Street, ending at the reviewing stand in front of Coletti-Magni Park in Nonantum.

If you don't want to bike in the parade, how about finding a free patriotic yo-yo, Patriot necklace, box of popcorn and more in Children's Parade Scavenger Hunt which starts at the Senior Center, 345 Walnut St., at 2:30.

### Porchfest

Join us on Saturday, June 1 from noon to 6:00 p.m. to listen to 81 different bands play on porches, in driveways and lawns in Auburndale, Waban and Lower Falls! Newton joins more than 100 communities across the country for this wonderful day of free music, camaraderie and community. More information on bands, locations and a map can be found [HERE](#).



Warmly,

Ruthanne

P.S. We want to hear from you about arts and culture in Newton. The Community Design for Arts & Culture Committee we started is creating a comprehensive plan for the City. Please give us your opinions. Take a quick survey [HERE](#).

P.P.S. We will honor those who lost their lives in service to our country at Memorial Day ceremonies on Sunday and Monday. We will be laying wreaths at memorial bridges and monuments this Sunday, May 26, starting at 9:00 a.m. at Forte Park. The Annual Parade is later on Sunday afternoon starting at 3:00 p.m. The Wreath Laying Ceremony is Monday, May 27, at 10:00 a.m. at the Newton Cemetery, and a new event will be held at City Hall after the wreath laying on Monday at 11:30 when we'll honor past and present veterans.

