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MEDFIELD DPW'S QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



# The Works

## MEDFIELD DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

\*\* The DPW presents "THE WORKS", a quarterly newsletter to inform the residents of Medfield on the happenings of their Public Works Department including updates on projects, current events, and upcoming developments \*\*

### Highway Division

Our Highway Division has been busy this spring with town-wide cleanup efforts in preparation for Memorial Day and beyond. From mowing and pruning to maintaining plantings and vegetation, the team has been working diligently to keep Medfield looking its best.

It takes a lot of planning, coordination, and dedication to stay on a rigorous schedule – and their efforts truly show. Thank you to the entire crew for helping to beautify our town and keep our public spaces safe and well-maintained.



### Road Improvements

Each year during the late spring and summer months, the Town begins scheduled road improvement projects as part of our ongoing maintenance and infrastructure plan.

The first project of the season is in the Gun Hill Park neighborhood, where a rubber chip seal surface treatment is being applied. This method is a cost-effective preservation solution that helps extend the life of the roadway while improving its surface.

As part of this process, loose chips may appear temporarily, but they are swept up promptly to minimize any inconvenience to residents.

Thank you for your patience as we continue working to maintain and improve our roadways throughout town.

### Sewer Division

It was an exciting day at the Wastewater Treatment Plant on Wednesday as the new influent screen was successfully delivered and installed. Weighing in at over 5,000 pounds, the installation required significant manpower and the use of heavy equipment to carefully set it in place. While the installation process is still ongoing, we're optimistic that the new screen will be up and running soon—helping the plant operate more efficiently and reliably for years to come.

Thank you to everyone involved for their hard work and coordination on this important upgrade!



# Pre-School Tour At the DPW Garage

In early May, Beginning Years Preschool visited the DPW garage for a special behind-the-scenes tour! The children were welcomed by Director Goulet, who guided them through the facility and introduced them to the many machines and tools our team uses to keep the town running smoothly each day.

One of the highlights of the visit was a stop at the sand and salt shed. While it might look like a giant sandbox, this isn't the place for building castles! The children learned that this special mix is used to help keep our roads safe during winter storms by providing traction and melting ice that builds up on our roads.

The young visitors were full of curiosity, asking great questions and getting an up-close look at our big trucks and equipment. We had a blast hosting them and hope we sparked some interest in future public works careers!



## Touch-A-Truck Event

Medfield DPW staff had a great time participating in the recent Touch-A-Truck event at Dale Street Middle School. Many children and their families had the exciting opportunity to climb aboard some of the vehicles we use every day, including a snow plow, excavator, and dump truck. Our team was on hand to answer questions and share insight into the important work the DPW does for the community. It was a fun and educational day for all, and we were thrilled to connect with so many curious young minds and their families!



## Employee Spotlight



Meet Bob Laplante, a familiar face around town known for wearing many hats. A valuable resource for the Highway Department, he brings years of experience as a heavy equipment operator. Having grown up in Medfield, Bob is incredibly familiar with everything the town has to offer—whether it's knowledge, activities, or local sights. Always on the move, he tackles any challenge or obstacle that comes his way. He's also a familiar face at the transfer station. In his free time, Bob enjoys going out for breakfast, his favorite meal of the day. He also adores his 12-year-old granddaughter and never misses one of her dance recitals. When he's not spending time with family, Bob enjoys going for walks with his grand-dog, Luna, a mini Australian Shepherd.

## DPW Fun Facts

Did you know? A single mile of road can require over 300 tons of asphalt during summer paving projects!

Summer is peak pothole repair season. Warm weather helps asphalt adhere better—so more repairs happen now than in winter.

DPW crews can mow up to 50 acres of public land each week during the summer to keep parks and roadside areas looking sharp.



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