

NOTES FROM TOWN HALL
Town Administrator Rosemary Cashman

Bridge. The State will hold a meeting about the Tyngsborough Bridge on Wednesday, September 19, at 6:30 p.m., in the Community Room at the Town Offices on Bryants Lane. The public is invited to attend. The design for the bridge is near completion, and it is expected that the project will go out to bid next year.

Campground. The Town is in the process of the removal and disposal of vehicles, trash, and other items from the so-called Campground off Frost Road. The Town purchased the property during this past year using the Community Preservation Fund. The goal is to have the property ready for use by residents during the next year.

Town Beach and Playground. Improvements have been made at the Town Beach off Lakeview Avenue. The Lake Mascuppic Association is commended for their donation of time and funding for new picnic tables, swings, horseshoes, tetherball, and other equipment. Our appreciation is also given to the following: Constantine Trucking Company for the donation of beach sand, Recreation Director Alison McNamara for the time that she has spent on this project, Selectman Kevin O'Connor for his assistance, and our Highway Department employees for their continued upkeep of this property.

Council on Aging Van. The Council on Aging has received a new van for transporting senior citizens to medical appointments, grocery stores, shops, and activities at the Community Center. The Lowell Regional Transit Authority has provided the van to the Town. The cost of approximately \$48,000 was paid by the Federal Transit Administration and the State's Executive Office of Transportation. We thank the LRTA and other government agencies for this much-used vehicle, as well as COA Director Barbara Reynolds and Selectman Kevin O'Connor for their efforts in obtaining the vehicle. Selectman O'Connor serves on the Advisory Board to the LRTA.

Highway Garage. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has been in the process of inspecting municipal public works departments, and recently inspected the Tyngsborough Highway Garage. Based on DEP's review, the Town will be installing a holding tank and oil/water separator at the garage to minimize the potential for soil and water contamination. At the same time, the Town will be installing a vehicle wash station so that any oil, salt, and debris from town vehicles will be washed into the holding tank. The Town's engineering consultant has estimated a cost of approximately \$200,000, and the recent town meeting approved funding for that amount. The consultant is in the process of developing bid specifications for this project.