

## **ASSISTANT TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT**

**January 18, 2012**

- Reminder to all Department Heads that Annual Reports were due January 15<sup>th</sup>. Please submit your Word document or text file to the Town Clerk. Reports can be emailed to [tclerk@ci.ashby.ma.us](mailto:tclerk@ci.ashby.ma.us) and the Town Clerk requests that reports please be concise.
- The Schedule for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Town Election can be viewed on the Town website [www.ci.ashby.ma.us](http://www.ci.ashby.ma.us) and is posted at Town Hall. Several positions are available (show flyers on camera). Nomination papers are now available in the Town Clerk's office.
- The Ashby Daisy Troop is holding a Cookie Drive in the Ashby Elementary School parking lot this Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please come to the "Daisy Drive Thru" Fund Raiser and support your local troop. If you cannot make it, please contact them at [AshbyTroop30163@live.com](mailto:AshbyTroop30163@live.com) and they will make arrangements to deliver to you in Ashby.
- The Council on Aging is looking for volunteers for the new Senior Lunch Program that will begin in January. Folks interested in cooking, serving or clean-up are asked to call the CoA Office at 978-386-2424, ex. 27.
- Habitat for Humanity is looking for new homeowners in North Central Massachusetts in 2012. You may be eligible to buy a Habitat house. An Informational Meeting will be held on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Fitchburg Fire Station, located at 33 North Street. Additional information regarding Habitat for Humanity may be viewed on the Town's website [www.ci.ashby.ma.us](http://www.ci.ashby.ma.us)
- Fuel Assistance and other benefits besides cash assistance are available to income qualified residents. For more information call the Ashby Council on Aging at 978-386-2424, ex. 27 or the New England Farm workers at 979-342-4520.
- The Selectmen have received the following mail, email, memos and faxes:
  - ❖ Ethics Online Training Reminder from Town Clerk
  - ❖ Conservation Commission December 21<sup>st</sup> Minutes
  - ❖ January Ashby Community Calendar
- Public Service Announcements:
  - + All eligible individuals (seniors and ADA qualified) wishing to participate in the Meals on Wheels Program should contact Kathryn Becker at 386-6880. Meals are only \$2.00 and are now delivered Monday through Friday around noon.
  - + MART Shuttle Service is available to all eligible (60 years or older, ADA qualified) individuals. Ashby residents may use the van Monday through Friday for medical appointments, social day care and shopping. Interested residents should call Jennifer Collins Monday through Thursday at 386-2501, ext. 11 to apply and schedule use.
  - + Current Board, Committee, and Department Vacancies: Board of Health, Cemetery Commissioner, Cultural Council, Historical Commission, Senior Tax Work-off Program, and ZBA