

ASSISTANT TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

February 24, 2016

- The Town of Ashby was awarded a \$5,000 Loss Control Grant from MIIA for new fire apparatus back-up cameras. Ashby received the grant from the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA), which provides property and casualty insurance to the Town. Thanks to Mike Bussell, Assistant Fire Chief for securing this grant for the Town.
- There will be a Rabies Clinic at the West Townsend Fire Station from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on March 12th. The cost is \$15.00. For more information call Annette Campbell at the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health at 978-772-3335, ex. 301. (Full schedule emailed to Broadcast Technicians)
- Nomination papers can be picked up in the Town Clerk's office for several positions available for the Annual Town Election. Last day to obtain nomination papers is Friday, March 4, 2016. The Annual Town Election will be held on April 25, 2016. A complete list of available positions is posted at Town Hall and on the Town's website www.ci.ashby.ma.us
- Absentee Ballots are now available for the Presidential Primary to be held on March 1st. Please call Lorraine Pease, Town Clerk for more information at 978-386-2424, ex. 10.
- Democrats in Ashby will be holding a caucus on Thursday, February 25, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m. to elect delegates to the 2016 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. The Caucus will take place at the Ashby Free Public Library. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for registration and election of delegates to the state convention will begin at 7 p.m. Candidates and those voting for them must have been registered as Democrats before January 31, 2016. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats in Ashby and the Democratic Town Committee welcomes participants. Ashby will elect 2 delegates and 1 alternate.
- The Devens Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center will be open Wednesday, March 2nd & Saturday, March 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- The Ashby Recycle Center and Transfer Station will next be open Saturday, March 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- The Ashby Food Pantry is open the second and fourth Tuesdays each month from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room on the 2nd Floor of Town Hall. For those seeking assistance please drop by or contact them at ashbyfoodpantry@gmail.com.

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- The Selectmen have received the following mail, email, memos and faxes:
 - ❖ Conservation Commission February 3rd Minutes
 - ❖ Invitation to Greater Lowell Community Foundation's Reception
 - ❖ Invitation to Mass for Public Safety Personnel and Families
 - ❖ Letter from Xfinity regarding Professional Installation Fees
 - ❖ MMA's *The Beacon*

- Public Service Announcements:
 - + All eligible individuals (seniors and ADA qualified) wishing to participate in the Meals on Wheels Program should contact the Council on Aging at 386-2424, ex. 27. Meals are only \$2.25 and are now delivered Monday through Friday around noon.
 - + MART Shuttle Service is available to all eligible (60 years or older and 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: Administrative Assistant to the Police Department, Board of Assessors, Conservation Commission, Council on Aging, Cultural Council, Dispatchers, Hazardous Waste Coordinator, Historical Commission, Historic District Commission, Senior Tax Work-off Program and Zoning Board of Appeals