# T-G-I-F-I-Y

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# The Main Event

# Yarmouth Water:

Roby Whitehouse introduced DPW Director Jeff Colby who gave an interesting talk on Yarmouth Water. "The Yarmouth we love exists because of the water that surrounds us" says Jeff. The same water that brings people to our beaches, powers our economy, recharges our drinking water wells, keeps our grass green and our environment healthy. The goal of the comprehensive wastewater management plan (CWMP) is to restore and both grow and protect all of Yarmouth's water resources. "All water in Yarmouth is Important".

Jeff went on to talk about how our water resources are impacted. Beaches, rivers and harbors are severely impacted by excess nutrients. Too much nitrogen from our septic systems allows algae to flourish. The algae clouds the water, blocking sunlight, causing aquatic grasses and other plant life to die.

Why is water quality an issue? Our population has increased over 400 percent since 1951. That growth has resulted in various water quality issues that now must be addressed.

There are five different areas of water that Jeff talked about. Drinking water, fresh water, wastewater, reclaimed water and storm water. Yarmouth currently has a daily capacity of around 14.5 million gallons of water from its water supply and uses about 10 million gallons of water each day. It's vital to our economy and our residents that we protect our wells and our drinking water form nitrogen and other contaminates such as phosphorus, bacterial and viral constituents and other contaminates.

Fresh water such as found in the ponds in our town are greatly impacted by phosphorus which creates significant plant and algae growth. In addition, septic system, runoff from impervious surfaces, excess fertilizer applications runoff from cranberry bogs, birds and other wildlife and the regeneration of phosphorus from the bottom sediments all effect the 70 ponds in Yarmouth.

Wastewater from our septic systems and allow nitrogen to enter the groundwater and eventually flow through the watershed into the salt water estuaries causing algae blooms and other negative impacts.

Reclaimed water has been treated from the septic treatment plant and used to irrigate the Bayberry Hills Golf Course on eight holes. Yarmouth has been recently permitted to add the remaining twenty holes to its watering plan greatly reducing our dependence on ground water to irrigate the golf course. A huge reduction in our daily fresh water usage.

Storm water cleanses impervious surfaces and sends contaminates like phosphorous and bacteria to ground water and surface water sources. As our population grows and develops, it' important to control sources of storm water pollution as more contaminates find their way into our bodies of water.

To learn more about our valuable water visit www.yarmouth.ma.us To contact Jeff email him at Jcolby@yarmouth.ma.us



**DPW Diresctor Jeff Colby** 

## **Vocational Service Award**

Nominations are being accepted for this years Vocational Service Award. The award is given to recognize and award a person, organization or business for outstanding work in their vocation which improves the quality of life in Barnstable County and inspires others to do the same. The nominee MUST:

- (1) Live or work on Cape Cod.
- (2) Reflect these high standards in his/her vocation.
- (3) Use his/her vocation to contribute to the growth and development of others ad or the community.
- (4) Be supported by letters from others who can attest to these accomplishments. Please remember these letters are a requirement for the nomination to be considered.

Nominations are due to Sally Bowles by March 23rd.

You can ask Sally for an application or get one from the club website.

DISTRICT 7950 **Annual District Conference** May 18—20 Hotel 1620—Plymouth, MA "Rotary Rocks Plymouth"

Weekly 50/50 Drawing The progressive pot continues to grow. John Gilligan's ticket was drawn for the 2nd week in a row but unfortunately for John he did not pull the winning card from the deck. The deck keeps getting smaller and the pot keeps getting bigger. Don't miss out this week on your chance to bring home the cash.

'Be the change that you wish to see in the world." Mahatma Gandhi

#### **TGIFIY Writers Needed**

If you would like to help with the TGIFIY by taking notes each week and helping to write the content, please contact John Cooke. It was noted last week that the Happy Bucks are no longer included in the TGIFIY. We can certainly bring back that section, but will need the assistance of club members who are willing to help out. If interested, please contact John Cooke.

> "Live as if you were to die tomorrow." "Learn as if you were to live forever." Mahatma Gandhi

# **CALENDAR**

Mar 8—10—PETS (For Kevin L. Sheraton Framingham MA Mar 9—David Kaplan—Affordable Housing for Adults with Autism Mar 31 RLI—Amica . Lincoln RI (Open to all members) Apr 12 Grant Training Seminar (Webinar) 6 pm Apr 14—District Assembly - Whites, Westport 8am—12:30 pm May 18—20—District Conference—Hotel 1620 Plymouth MA May 18-20 RYLA-Sea Camps-Brewster, MA June 18—Installation of Officers—Cummaguid Golf Club June 23-27—Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Canada Sept 20—Golf Tournament—Cummaguid Golf Club 1 pm

**Program Committees:** Please notify Curly Carey and Steve Albright of your speakers. You are responsible for providing the write up on the speaker for the following week.

March Water & Sanitation Ken Jenks

Happy Birthday!!!!

3/12 Barbara Adams

3/14 Jim Saben

Happy Anniversary!!!!

No Anniversaries

**BROWN BAG** 

April 6

May 4

June 1

July 6

August 3

September 7

October 5



3/13 Scott Vandersall & Ken Livingston 3/20 Ann Knell & Carol Woodbury 3/27 F. Mastromauro & Matt Johnson 4/3 Steve Albright & Bill Lemoine 4/10 Jill & Steve Albright 4/17 Liam Butler & George Davis 4/24 Rafi Chaprut & Charlie Adams 5/1 Fran Webb & Robert Kaull 5/8 Dave Aiken & John Gilligan **Substitutes Steve Albright** 

MEET

at the Yarmouth Senior Ctr. 528 Forest Rd., South Yarmouth 9:30 A.M.

Frank Mastromauro

# FRONT DESK

3/9 Ken Jenks & Bud Nugent 3/16 Steve & Jill Albright 3/23 George Davis & Bill Savicki 3/30 Tom Ulrich & F. Mastromauro 4/6 Ann Knell & Dave Botting

PLEASE be available at 6:30 AM on vour scheduled Friday. If you cannot attend, please swap with another committee member.

#### **GUEST POLICY**

**Prospective** members are the quests of the Club for their first meeting.

## **GREETER**

Mar 9 Phil Morris

Mar 16 Peter Murray

Mar 23 Bernie Nugent

Mar 30 Bud Nugent

Apr 6 Joe Potzka

Apr 13 Susan Provencher

Apr 20 Jim Quirk

Apr 27 Mike Riley

April Maternal and Child Health Kevin Lennon