



Town of
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TO: Chairwoman Angelides and Members of the Select Board
FROM: Lyn N. Simmons, Town Manager
DATE: January 21, 2020
SUBJECT: Town Manager Report

- **Annual Town Census**

The 2020 Annual Census Form was mailed to all residences in the Town of Longmeadow on Friday, January 10, 2020. Forms should be mailed back to the Town Clerk, 20 Williams Street as soon as possible.

Information should be reviewed and appropriate changes made. If there are no changes, someone in the household should simply sign and date the form and return the form to the Town Clerk's Office.

Failure to respond to the annual census shall cause registered voters to be added to the Inactive List. Inactive voters can still vote on Election Day, however, they will need to show ID and complete an Affirmation of Current and Continuous Residency form before being allowed to vote. Also, if you have a dog you can conveniently renew your dog license on the back of your census form. Dog license renewals are due April 1.

Questions should be directed to the Town Clerk, 20 Williams Street, 413-565-4103 or via email kingram@longmeadow.org.

- **GFOA Distinguished Budget Presentation Award**

The Town of Longmeadow has received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its FY2020 budget. This is the 5th consecutive year the Town has received this prestigious award. In order to receive the budget award, the Town had to satisfy nationally recognized guidelines for effective budget presentation. These guidelines are designed to assess how well an entity's budget serves as: a policy document; a financial plan; an operations guide; and a communications device.

- **MVP Grant**

Unfortunately I do not have good news on this grant application. The grant application for a tree inventory, watershed evaluation and a complete stormwater infrastructure mapping and condition assessment was not approved, however we were encouraged to submit in the next grant round this spring.

- **Community Health Assessment**

Earlier this fall both the East Longmeadow and Longmeadow Boards of Health were successful in receiving a grant to fund a Community Health Assessment of each community. Health Resources in Action (HRiA) was selected to conduct the assessment. A major component of this assessment will be a public survey, you can expect to see more on that in a month or two.

- **Final Report of the Special Commission-Crumbling Foundations**

The final report of the Special Commission was issued December 31, 2019. A copy is posted on the Town's website under [Select Board/Town Manager](#).