

# IN TOWN NEWS

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## From the Town Administrator



Kim Shipala was hired as the new director of the Fiske Public Library and began her new role on May 30. She will be responsible for overseeing and managing a wide spectrum of programs, services and resources at the library. She will also oversee the day-to-day operation of the facility and staff. Shipala, a long-time resident of Wrentham, grew up attending story times at the Fiske Public Library and continued to patronize the library throughout her teen years. Shipala's love for libraries shifted into a profession when she began her career in library services as a work-study student in the Library Director's Office at Emerson College in 1992. She then went on to obtain her bachelor's degree in mass communications from Emerson College before receiving a master's degree in library and information science from Simmons College. Shipala has held several positions within libraries. Most recently, she served as the deputy library director at the Franklin Public Library since 2015. In this role, she was responsible for adult programming and started the English as a Second Language and Adult Literacy Program. Outside of work, Shipala has been an active member of the Wrentham community, serving on both the Historical Commission and Community Preservation Committee for many years. The search committee, led by Assistant Town Administrator/Director of Human Resources Greg Enos, included Interim Library Director Steve Butzel, Library Trustees Chair Suzanne Bove and Library Trustee Judy Brown. The Committee conducted several interviews and unanimously recommended Shipala as the candidate to lead the Fiske Library into the future. We welcome Kim and wish her well in her new role!

*Kevin*



## May 29 Memorial Day Parade

From Left, Bill Harrington, Select Board; Greg Enos, Assistant Town Administrator; Marcus Vaughn, State Representative; Joseph F. Botaish, II Select Board Chairman; James Anderson, Select Board; Michelle Rouse, Select Board; Chris Gallo, Select Board Vice-Chairman; Kevin Sweet, Town Administrator

## Wrentham's 350th Anniversary

The 350th Committee has been busy planning events that will take place throughout 2023!

September 16 – Grand Parade

October 15 – Time Capsule Burial

December 2 – Gala at Lake Pearl



Visit [wrentham350.com](http://wrentham350.com) for more information

## Important Dates

September 4 – Labor Day Town Offices Closed

September 9 – Wrentham Day and Wrood Wrace

September 16 – 350th Grand Parade

## Staff Updates



Amanda Vasapollo (center)

Congratulations to Executive Assistant Amanda Vasapollo and Town Accountant Christine Dupras both recent graduates of the MMA-Suffolk Certificate in Local Government Leadership and Management. This graduate-level academic program provides a solid grounding in public management. Classes take place over 25 Fridays covering topics such as budgeting and financial management, challenges in human resources management, and strategic leadership.



Christine Dupras (center)

Welcome new Assistant Director of Public Works Chris Cassidy (L). Chris has rejoined Wrentham from Tisbury where he was Director of Water Operations. He previously worked for Wrentham Water Department several years ago.



Welcome new Firefighter/Medics Philip Cicala (L) and Patrick Fagan (R) who joined the Wrentham Fire Department



Captain Robert Harrison retired from the Fire Department after more than 40 years of service! His last shift sendoff was held July 12. Enjoy your retirement Bob!



From Left: Select Board members Michelle Rouse and Joseph F. Botaish, II; Sergeant Steve Eaton; Sergeant Derick Cassidy; Select Board members James Anderson and Bill Harrington

Congratulations new Sergeants! Steve Eaton and Derick Cassidy were promoted to the rank of Sergeant at a ceremony on July 13th at the Public Safety building. The event was attended by town officials, friends, and families of the officers.



## Staff Updates



Welcome Brianna Hopkins, new Collections Office Assistant, who joins the office of the Treasurer-Collector. This position was previously held by Sue McGloughlin who transferred to the Assessor's Office.



Welcome to Kathy Ahern, new Accounts Payable Coordinator in the Accounting Department. This position was previously held by Annemarie Foley who transferred to the Fire Department.



Welcome Austin Champagne (L) and Samuel Mejia (R) who recently joined the DPW Water Division



Welcome Sam Dickerman (L) and Adam Doucette (R) who joined the DPW Highway Division during the winter.



## Upcoming Events!

### September 9 Recreation Presents 38th Annual Wrentham Day



Live music, Kids activities, Local Vendors

Touch-a-Truck

Food, beverages and snacks

Famous Lions Club banana split

Pat the Patriot and the Patriot Cheerleaders

Benjamin the Clown - magic tricks, juggling, balloons and much, much more!

#### WRENTHAM WROAD WRACE

Race starts at 9am

\$25 by Sept 8th; \$30 day of race  
check-in opens day of race 7:30am

Click link below to register:

<https://runsignup.com/wrenthamwroadwrace>

## September 16 the 350th Committee Presents the Grand Parade



Chad Lovett (R) Director of Facilities with Chris McKeon (L) prepare the banner to be carried by the Select Board in the Grand Parade on Sept 16.

The Wrentham 350 Grand Parade is set to take place on Saturday, September 16th. The festivities will commence at 12pm and are expected to wrap up around 2:30pm. The parade will start at the William A. Rice Recreation Area located at 54 Emerald St, and will end at the intersection of South Street and Randall Rd (at the Mobile Station). Find more information and the route map at [wrentham350.com](http://wrentham350.com).

## July 28 Boston 25 Zip Trip Broadcasts Live from Wrentham Common



Early morning set up began at 3:30 a.m.!



Greg Enos(L) Assistant Town Administrator and Kevin Sweet (R) Town Administrator interviewed for the lottery segment.



Elizabeth Hopkins interviews Select Board, from left: Joseph Botaish, Chris Gallo, Michelle Rouse, James Anderson, Bill Harrington, with Town Administrator Kevin Sweet.



Representative Marcus Vaughn (2nd from R) presents citation to Zip Trip staff.



Kelsey Boch of Music Drives Us presents a check for \$2,500 to the Wrentham Elementary School after the chorus sang "Wrentham Oh Wrentham" an original song written for the 350th Anniversary..