

MAYOR'S UPDATE
January 8, 2024
Mayor Sean R. Reardon

Inauguration:

Last week, I had the honor of attending the Inauguration Ceremony for the City Council and School Committee. I'd like to welcome the newly elected members of each and look forward to your fresh perspectives. Thank you to Clerk Jones and staff for putting a wonderful program together and Congratulations to Ed Cameron for being elected Council President and Sarah Hall for her re-election to Vice Chair. I look forward to working with all of you.

Winter Storm:

Thank you to the Department of Public Services for their response to the winter storm that hit the area over the weekend. Snow totals measured around a foot. I want to remind residents not to throw snow out on our streets and to please clear the sidewalk in front of your home so we may have a clear path for residents, especially our ways to school.

Whittier Information Session:

The Regional Whittier Information Session will take place at the Nock Middle School tomorrow night January 9th from 6-8pm. When Whittier canceled the remaining public forums on this half billion dollar school building project, we wanted to plan a night where people from all the communities could come and learn about this project. Whittier declined our invitation to attend. Elected officials from 9 of the 11 participating communities will be in attendance. Come hear directly from them how this project could impact the region for decades.

Newburyport Recreation Center:

We are now at 100% Design Development for the Newburyport Recreation Center and we would like to show the community what we have been working on these past several months. The City will hold a public forum on Thursday, January 18th at 6:30pm in City Hall Auditorium in order to present the design and a 3D walkthrough of the space. To remind everyone, last year we submitted three concept options for the Newburyport Recreation Center: an \$8M version, \$5.6M version and a \$3M version. We moved forward in design of the middle option after approval of design funds from the City Council. We are excited to show the public the results of the design development before we move ahead with construction documents. This will be a wonderful facility for all ages to enjoy.

Thank you very much.

Mayor Sean Reardon