

MAYOR'S UPDATE
June 26, 2023
Mayor Sean R. Reardon

Juneteenth:

I want to thank everyone who came out to our Juneteenth celebration on Friday June 16th. Thanks to DEI Coordinator Tina Los and the DEI Alliance for putting together a wonderful event filled with music, poetry and some great speakers. I also want to thank Walter Sills for helping me raise the flag.

FY24 Budget:

Thank you for passing the FY24 budget and CIP. I know this budget is a result of a lot of hard work by City staff and I appreciate the process that was put together by the chair of the Budget and Finance subcommittee. I believe we put forth a fair budget for FY24 and I think that was reflected in the voting last Tuesday. We will go back to the drawing board on the Planning department position and decide if we will bring anything back to Council in a supplemental budget this Fall.

Schools:

I want to add a special shout-out for the 2023 NHS Girls Track, Girls Lacrosse and Girls Tennis teams who all won State Championships this Spring. Along with the NHS Boys Soccer team, Newburyport won 4 State Titles this year. Congrats to all.

Tall Ships:

The Custom House Maritime Museum is bringing a Tall Ship into Newburyport this coming weekend and it will stay for 10 days. The Nao Trinidad is an 85-foot vessel from Seville, Spain and is a replica of the flagship from the Magellan-Elcano expedition that was the first to circumnavigate the globe between 1519-1522. The Nao Trinidad will be open to the public for tours starting Saturday through July 9th 10am-6pm.

Market Landing Park:

I am asking the Chair of the Market Landing Ad Hoc to please consider bringing the latest funding request out of committee tonight for a vote. The administration believes this is the cleanest path forward to get Phase 1 of the project started this year. Costs continue to rise and securing these state grant opportunities will help us move this project forward. A vote tonight will let us know where we stand and will give us time to pivot if needed.

Newburyport Youth Services:

Summer programming began this morning for NYS. Over 2500 registrations and over 1400 kids, are taking part in 239 summer sessions put on by NYS all across the city.

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