

AnyTown, USA

Community Connections - News & Announcements

Welcome to the AnyTown Community Connection, here you will find updates, news, announcements; information about projects, programs and services, as well as success stories and employee highlights.



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Spring Town Meeting

Mark your calendars, Town Meeting begins April 10, 2023.

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A Message from the Town Administrator

First and foremost, Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a fantastic holiday season, and that everyone is excited for a fresh start.

As we welcome this New Year, we welcome our much-anticipated unveiling of our updated Strategic Plan. I am proud of the work that the Leadership Team has produced and could not be more thankful

for our highly professional team. The Strategic Plan was developed to allow for the most efficient and effective use of public resources, provide the highest quality customer service and create a supportive, rewarding work environment.

I want to personally thank Manuel Silva for overseeing the implementation process, as well as our Leadership Team for all their hard work with making the Strategic Plan a reality. Moving forward I challenge everyone to put their best foot forward, and let's have another great year!



Snow Storm Superheros

Many thanks and appreciation to all the plow operators and contractors that are keeping our roadways and sidewalks safe.

They work long, difficult and grueling hours — sometimes around the clock, moving snow so we can more or less go about our regular lives.

Plowing snow is not a mindless task, the operators and drivers must be constantly alert, aware of many factors and make instant decisions — this is stressful work. They must exercise extreme care with what is essentially a very blunt instrument — yet they can do so with surgical skill.

My thanks and gratitude go to all plow operators and our snow storm super heros.



Hector Ruiz Promoted to Water Department Director

We are excited to announce that Hector Ruiz was promoted to the Water Department Director! Hector is passionate about the water and wastewater industry and has over 20 years of work experience with AnyTown working his way up throughout multiple technical areas. He has proven experience in leadership, public service, backflow and cross-connection program management, asset management, process improvement, and he is an effective team builder with a strategic mindset.

Hector has served in multiple leadership roles within AnyTown including, Plant Manager, Project Manager, Lead Operator, and most recently as the Operations Supervisor overseeing a team of 30 employees. Please join us in congratulating and supporting Hector in his new role.



Happy Retirement Joan English!

Congratulations Joan English on her 36 years at AnyTown, and her last day will be February 2nd. Joan started out as an administrative assistant and worked her way up to Project Manager in the Public Works Department. We cannot thank Joan enough for the hard work, commitment, dedication, and leadership that she brought to AnyTown.

Community Calendar

Upcoming Events

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

AnyTown Offices will be closed in the observance of the holiday.

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AnyTown Select Board Meeting

AnyTown Town Hall, William Blake Conference Room, 1 Main Street, AnyTown, State

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Public Records Training

AnyTown Town Hall, William Blake Conference Room, 1 Main Street, AnyTown, State



Empowered Employees

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Employee Spotlight



Inez Hernandez, Youth Program Coordinator
Inez has been working for the AnyTown Parks and Recreation Department for over 10 years. Inez connects individuals, youth and families with Parks and Recreation programs that increase their overall physical and mental health.

"I love making a difference in people's lives. I enjoy connecting them with a resource that will increase their overall health and wellbeing and watch them flourish both physically and mentally," said Inez Hernandez.



Inez is engaging, and enthusiastic with the individuals and families she supports. She researches the right program for each individual that contacts her to ensure that they will benefit from all the program has to offer. Thank you, Inez, for embodying the AnyTown motto - *excellence in public service!*

Featured Employment Openings



Local Building Inspector

AnyTown seeks a qualified professional to serve as a part-time Local Building Inspector. Hours are Monday through Friday between the hours of 9AM and 2PM (20 to 24 hrs/wk).

The Local Inspector shall perform work related to enforcement of the Mass. building code, architectural access regulations, local zoning bylaws and other related authorities.

Minimum of five years' experience in supervision of building construction or design, an associate's degree in a field related to building construction or design, or combination of education and experience. This position requires the operation of a Town vehicle. All applicants must have a Class A Driver's License in Good Standing.

Starting rate: \$29.98 to \$33.74, DOQE.

Send resume and cover letter to humanresources@AnyTown.gov or by clicking on the button below by 2 p.m. on March 23, 2023 for priority consideration. Open until filled. EOE/AA.

Apply Now



Town Accountant

AnyTown is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Town Accountant. This position is responsible for performing technical accounting, financial and computerized functions in maintaining the municipal

accounting system. Responsible for development and maintenance of the annual and capital budget.

Oversee the municipal financial management for the town. Process town, and utilities warrants and bills. Checks for sufficient funds, mathematical accuracy, proper vendor and account numbers, accurate approval and procurement compliance. Process real estate, motor vehicle and personal property refunds received from Treasurer's Office. Process budget transfers and amendments for town, approved by Chief Financial Officer.

Salary range is \$90,000-\$110,000, DOQ.

Send resume and cover letter to humanresources@AnyTown.gov or by clicking on the button below by 2 p.m. on March 28, 2023 for priority consideration. Open until filled.

Apply Now

Life in AnyTown Through the Lens Photo Contest



Lake Washington

Submitted by Samuel Jackson



Eastleigh Farm

Submitted by Suzanna Davis



A walk in the park

Submitted by Emily Little



Downtown Sunrise

Submitted by Stan Bigalow

Every year, our community shares their best photos for the "AnyTown Through The Lens" photo contest! The contest is open to AnyTown residents of all ages. All photos must have been taken in AnyTown.

We can only accept photos submitted through the online link www.AnyTown.gov/Lens or by clicking the "Submit Your Photos" button. Mailed and emailed photos cannot be accepted. The 2022 contest runs January 1, 2023 through March 1, 2023. Photos may be submitted in the following categories:

- People
- Landscapes or Nature
- Sunrises and Sunsets
- Historic Louisville
- Youth entries (ages 18 and under)



East Main Street Sunset

Submitted by Carey Jean Mayberry

[Submit Your Photos](#)

Town Clerk Announcements



We serve in the role of custodian of official public records; communicator of public policy; organizer of public business; recorder of the community's history, performer of many varied tasks that assist in the smooth operation of local governance.

Our office is the central hub of local government, linking citizens with the documentation of their town's business and events. We look forward to serving you.



Don't Forget to License Your Dog for 2023!

As a reminder, all dogs within the AnyTown are required to be licensed. The dog license application can now be done online. Proof of rabies vaccination is required at time of application. Spayed/neutered dogs licenses are \$13 per dog. Intact dog licenses are \$19 per dog.

If you need assistance, or to pay for your license fee, please call 555.123.4567 or email clerksoffice@AnyTown.gov.



AnyTown Agendas & Meeting Minutes

AnyTown maintains and documents its meetings in accordance with the Commonwealth's Open Meeting Law requirements.

All meeting agendas and minutes can be accessed through the button below or by visiting the AnyTown Clerk's Office.

[Agendas & Meeting Minutes](#)

Be the Solution to Stormwater Pollution

Remove Snow & Ice Responsibly

Winter deicing, or de-icing, is a common practice to manage ice and snow in cold climates by businesses and homeowners alike. Winter weather often leaves us dealing with snow and ice on our sidewalks and driveways. Currently the most common substances used for this are salts. However, the salts can be harmful for the environment; as they kill plants, ruin soils and are toxic to many species within stream ecosystems. Shoveling is the best form of snow and ice removal. The old standard of using sand for traction is good but must be used sparingly. The sand can clog storm drains, destroy habitat in streams through the increase in sedimentation in the waterways.

Homeowners do have some choices when it comes to the kinds of deicing chemicals but the important thing to remember is to choose carefully and use sparingly.



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A Reminder from Waste Management



Recycling

Reminder, the AnyTown Waste Management Department will be adding an additional day to its recycling schedule. Residents should place all recycling containers curbside on Mondays and Wednesdays by 7AM for pick up. Recycling conserves energy, reduces air and water pollution, reduces greenhouse gases, and conserves natural resources.

The Recycling Center Hours of Operations:

- Monday - Friday: 8 AM - 3 PM
- Saturdays: 8 AM - 2 PM

The Recycling Center is closed for all State and Federal Holidays.



Free flu shots available for your whole family, ages 3+!

AnyTown Health Department has FREE Flu shots for all residents, ages 3+. Stop by the Health Department located at 55 Main Street in AnyTown between the hours of 9AM and 2PM to protect yourself and your family against the flu this season. If you need assistance, or would like to schedule an appointment, please call 555.123.4567 or email health@AnyTown.gov.



For more health tips and resources, visit: www.AnyTown.gov/Health or click on the button below:

Visit our the Health Department
Webpage



Public Works Obtained \$100K in Grant Funding through the State of Good Repair Grant!

The State of Good Repair Grant assists in financing capital projects to maintain public transportation systems in a state of good repair and to ensure public transit operates safely, efficiently, reliably, and sustainably so that communities can offer balanced transportation choices that helps to improve mobility, reduce congestion, and encourage economic development.

This grant will fund the Downtown Improvement Project, addressing safety concerns including pedestrian crossings that meet ADA guidelines at every crossing location, signaling the intersections of Main Street with Pleasant Street and Union Street for streamlined traffic flows.

To learn more about Public Work's Department projects that are in design or under construction, visit: www.BuildingAnyTown.com or click on the button below:

Visit the BuildingAnyTown.com
Webpage



AnyTown Fire Department - Reminds you to check your batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors!

Test every carbon monoxide detector and smoke alarm in your home once a month. It won't take more than a few minutes. Just press the test button on your alarm, and after a second or two, it will make a loud siren or alert. Check the batteries in your alarms every six months.



Your AnyTown Fire Department is always available to provide you with assistance. For more resources, visit: www.AnyTown.gov/Fire or click on the button below

[Visit the Fire Department Page](#)



AnyTown Police Department Announces - FREE Self Defense Course Starting on March 1, 2023!

This is a free course that teaches you how to predict, identify, prevent and avoid violent situations. This course aims to introduce individuals to an array of subjects that concern their personal safety, from sexual assaults to potentially abusive partners (both emotionally and physically). Each module looks at a separate issue of self-protection and personal safety. At the end of the course, you should be empowered to predict, identify and avoid violent situations and the individuals who design and orchestrate them.

Courses begin on March 14, 2023 and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 PM in the AnyTown High School Gymnasium located at 25 Bolton Street. Register today by using the online by visiting, www.AnyTown.gov/Police/SelfDefense or by clicking on the button below. Applications are also available at the AnyTown Police Department located at 1 Safety Way.

[Register for Self Defense](#)



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