

Around Town Newsletter
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Erving, MA 01344

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An Erving Community Newsletter

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2021-22 Sign-Ups Starting in October

Kindergarten – Grade 2: Instructional
Grades 3 & 4 Coed Team
Grades 5 & 6 Coed Team

Registration opens October 1 at <https://ervingma.myrec.com>

- Practices start in November, Grades 5 & 6, at EES. Dates TBA
- Practices start in December for K-2 & 3-4, at EES. Dates TBA
- Games for grades 3-6 typically played Saturday mornings.

We are seeking Parent Coaches.
Please contact us if you are interested! & spread the word,
please! Our programs aren't possible without you!

Sponsored by Erving Recreation Commission
recreation@erving-ma.gov

Don't Get Left in the Dark!


Keep both eyes peeled
(not literally please)
for upcoming news about
Erving's 2021



HALLOWEEN RAG SHAG PARADE

Sunday, October 31 in Erving'side

Time, meeting place, and other ghastly information will
mysteriously appear on the Erving Recreation
Commission's Facebook Page imminently.
Follow us for Portentous Posts:

 <https://www.facebook.com/ervingmarec/>



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The Town of Erving Highway Department
will begin leaf collection on
Monday, November 01, 2021.

What: The leaf collection program is a free service for Erving residents. Leaves should be raked into piles along the curbside.

The Department begins collection on Erving-Side and will continue east through town. The Department works as quickly as possible, but depending on several factors, the collection could take up-to two (2) weeks to complete.

Important: The Department asks that residents ensure that leaf piles **do not** include sticks, pet waste, garden waste, glass, or any other household waste. Piles that include these waste items will not be collected.



This is because sticks and other items can clog the collection unit and damage the equipment. Pet waste is a biological hazard that should be disposed of through other means. This collection is only for tree leaves and the Town appreciates your cooperation.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Erving's Residential Trash Curbside Collection Program Update

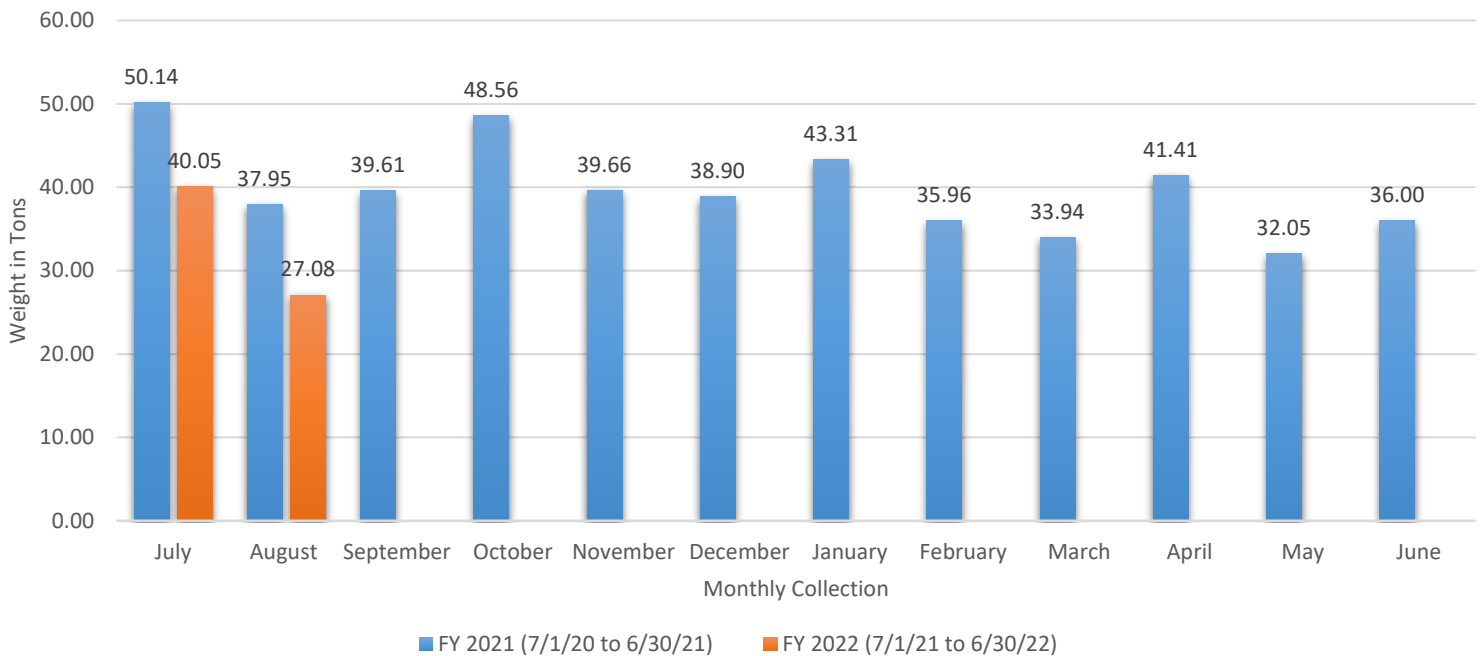
Erving's new trash sticker program began on Friday, August 6, 2021. This program requires that every bag of residential trash have a Town sticker affixed to it in order to identify it as being generated by an Erving household.

The trash and recycling weights have been tracked for each Friday collection in August 2021 and compared to August 2020. The total trash tonnage in August 2020 was 37.95 tons. In August 2021 it was 27.08 tons. In the first month of the sticker program trash tonnage was reduced by almost 11 tons or 29%! This is a very dramatic and positive change and reduces the Town's trash disposal expense. Residents are to be commended for successfully implementing the trash sticker program!

Recycling tonnage in August was expected to increase. However, it actually went down 2.35 tons when compared to August 2020. At the present time, Erving is getting paid \$32 per ton for its recyclables so every ton diverted from the trash results in income to the town. For a list of what can be recycled visit www.springfieldmrf.org.

The chart below is a graphic representation comparing trash tonnage in Fiscal Year 2021 with trash tonnage tracked for Fiscal Year 2022. This chart will be updated regularly so residents can monitor the impacts of the trash sticker program.

**Erving Curbside Collection of Residential Trash
Fiscal Year Comparison by Month**



If you have any questions about the sticker program or recycling, residents can visit: www.erving-ma.gov/solid-waste or send e-mail to info@erving-ma.gov.



Poplar Mountain Conservation Area Update

This summer has found more work being done at the town conservation area on Old State Road. In addition to those who have maintained trails and blazes and put up signs for years additional recruits have cleared trees, brushed out overgrown areas, added new sections of trail and put up additional signs. A number of times this summer trees came down which needed to be cleared off trails but few were very large or required major work.

As fall progresses, I recommend a hike along the Yellow Trail and up the White Trail to look out across the valley once the leaves start to turn. And of course, once there is some frost a hike up the Blue Trail to the "Weeping Wall" to see the ice curtain is very worthwhile. I know I'll be hiking these trails.

Currently all the trails have been recently walked and are clear well marked. This summer trees blocking trails were cleared and limbs and brush removed by volunteers. This includes brushing out even the overgrown area under the power line which should reduce worries about ticks there. Be aware that the White trail on top of Poplar Mountain does not connect all the way across yet and the trail ascending at the East end of the White Trail is not finished.

You should be able to find the West entrance more easily as the area around the sign has been brushed out and is easier to see from the road. A potential new parking area is in the works although this will take time. It will be off the road and have room for several cars, a kiosk, and maps.

Additional ideas regarding closing or relocating the East entrance, adding a trail through town land to the cemetery, adding a side trail off the White trail for a North view, and or the addition of benches are ideas that have been discussed by individuals who visit the land or have come up in conservation commission meetings, but no steps are not planned at the moment.

Volunteers are the mainstay of town conservation lands around the region, and everyone is welcome. Even just taking a hike on Poplar Mountain and reporting a downed tree or other need is appreciated. The Conservation Commission meets on the first Tuesday evening of the month and suggestions, volunteers, and ideas can be left through Town Hall or the town web site.

Thanks to Harry and Sue Sharbaugh, Rob Fletcher, volunteers from WMCC, Bill Morris, Quincy Dewing, Mike Schaffer and Maureen Black and anyone I have missed for efforts this summer and spring.

Mark Blatchley



An Update from the Planner's Desk

The upcoming season is a busy one in the Town of Erving; there is a long list of projects to complete before the ground freezes and snow falls. Some of these projects may temporarily disrupt vehicular or pedestrian traffic. Your patience and understanding is appreciated.

Arch Street & Route 2

A sewer main will be upgraded starting September 20. Expect alternating one-lane traffic on Route 2 east and west bound in Erving Center for approximately 1 week. Police details will be utilized to direct traffic as efficiently and safely as possible.

Papermill Road

The sewer will be upgraded and a pump station will be installed. The road will be closed for approximately 1 week in October and traffic will be detoured around it. More specific dates will be provided when available.

Flagg Hill Road

The sewer will be upgraded in October – November. The interconnection with the collection system on North Street may temporarily interrupt traffic.

Central Street, Park Street, Pratt Street, & Gunn Street

Work includes stump removal, tree planting, sidewalk replacement, and paving a small parking area off of Reynolds Street.

Church Street Bridge

Due to safety concerns from MassDOT the bridge will be reduced to **south-bound traffic only** & a 3 ton weight limit for vehicles. The commercial truck exclusion remains for Church Street and North Street.

Poplar Mountain Road

Temporary repairs will take place to mitigate the effects of July's wash out until permanent repairs can be engineered and proposed to the Town.

If you have any questions or concerns about these projects, please email projects@erving-ma.gov or reach out Mariah Kurtz at **413-422-1105**

Vacancy on the Erving Board of Health



The Town of Erving would like to announce one (1) vacancy on the Board of Health, effective October 1, 2021. This vacancy is for an elected position. In accordance with MGL Chapter 41, Section 11, the Select Board is seeking interested residents to serve in this position until the Annual Town Election in May 2022. To be considered, an interested resident must be a registered voter of the Town of Erving.

Boards of Health are made up of people from every walk of life who care about the well-being of their community. The Board of Health has been given the legal authority to set policies and make regulations to protect the public and environmental health.

If you are interested, please send a written letter of interest that identifies the position for which you are interested in serving and include your name, address, and contact information. Letters of interest should also include an explanation of your education, training, experience that would lend itself to the position sought. Letters of interest are due by **Wednesday, October 13, 2021**.

Letters can be sent by mail to:

Select Board
Attn: Volunteer Services
12 East Main Street
Erving, Massachusetts 01344

Or by email to: volunteer@erving-ma.gov.



Hello from Erving Public Library!

Visiting the Library

We are open Sunday-Thursday, 1pm-7pm. Closed all MA legal holidays, and Fridays & Saturdays.

We also offer:

- Curbside pickup (can't come inside the building or prefer not to? Call ahead during our open hours and we'll put your holds outside on our cart!)
- Locker pickup (Can't get here during our open hours? Contact us to make arrangements for your holds to be placed in a locker, for pickup anytime 24/7!)

LSTA "Dig In" Grant Awarded to Erving Public Library

We are pleased to announce that Erving Public Library is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) under the Federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) which is funded through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. With these funds, we will be installing raised garden beds and offering many programs for all ages related to gardening and food security, among many other things! The grant starts October 1, 2021 and concludes September 30, 2022. Library Assistant Jean Daley was the primary grant writer for this project – congratulations and thanks to Jean for her work!

STEAM Club (for kids in grades 4-7)

STEAM with Jean has resumed in our makerspace room, Wednesdays, 3pm-4:30pm. Join Jean for fun activities & a snack. Call ahead to register or just show up!



Pans

As the weather cools down, why not bake a cake for the family or a friend? We can help! Thanks to community donations, we have many cake pans available for checking out!

Meeting Rooms

Need a quiet place to work, study, or to hold a meeting? The Library has a large Community Room and two smaller meeting rooms available for use. Please contact us on library@erving-ma.gov or 413-422-1617 for full details.

Art Display Applications

The library invites local artists to apply to exhibit their work on the walls of the Community Room! Contact us about exhibiting your art.

We Want to Hear From You

If you're interested in offering a program at the library (or virtually on Zoom), let us know!

Please reach out to us at any time: library@erving-ma.gov or 413-423-3348.

Natane Halasz, Director

Erving Cultural Council Update

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our community input survey. Your input is important to us and will be used to update our priorities over the next year.

The deadline for grant applications for the upcoming cycle is October 15, 2021, and applications will become available on September 1, 2021. A snippet from the Massachusetts' Cultural Council website is below. Please go to <https://massculturalcouncil.org> to find out all you need to know on how and when to apply. We encourage local artists to apply and strongly support programs for the community!

There is also a need for more members, and we would love to welcome you to join the team. Contact Town Administrator, Bryan Smith or one of the Cultural Council members listed below for more information.

Michele Turner	Member (6/30/2023)
Sarah Vega-Liros	Member (6/30/2022)
Jean Galbraith	Member (6/30/2022)
Jason Robinson	Member (6/30/2022)
Leslie Brown	Member (6/30/2023)

Sincerely,

Michele Turner, Chair Erving Cultural Council

Local Cultural Council Program

The largest grassroots cultural funding network in the nation, the Local Cultural Council (LCC) Program enriches the cultural life of all cities and towns in Massachusetts. Led by municipally appointed volunteers, LCCs award over \$4 million every year, supporting 6,000 cultural programs that include everything from field trips to lectures, festivals, and dance performances. Contact your LCC to apply for a grant.

How to Apply

1. Read more about the LCC Program (below), [FAQs](#), and download the [LCC Program Guidelines](#) (PDF).
2. [Check out council profiles](#) to learn about local priorities.
3. [Join an information session about the new online application](#) on September 9, 2021.
4. Register for the new grants management system and complete the online application by October 15, 2021. Application opens September 1.

Please note: grants from most LCCs are reimbursement-based. (The applicant expends their own money, and if approved for a grant, then submits paperwork for reimbursement.)



Atlas Farm Pop - Up Summer Market
Will be taking place the Wednesday
October 13th in the parking lot of the
Erving Senior Center. 11:30 am to 2:00



For more
information,
please call
413-423-3649



The Market is
open to all it is
not just for
seniors 

Organic

































SNAP/HIP welcome
If you have SNAP, you
already have HIP!
HIP = free extra SNAP
money up to \$40.00 or
more for fruits & Veg.





Erving Senior Community Center

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<p>Open weekdays 8:30am - 3:00pm 413-423-3649</p> 	<p>Atlas Farm Oct 13th 11:30 Parking Lot Senior Center</p>		<p>Halloween Lunch 12:00 10/27/21 \$4.00</p> 		<p>1 9:00 to 2:00 Quilting Workshop Fitness room open Cards & Coffee</p> 	 <p>Your always welcome here</p>
 <p>Get Your Flu Shots</p> <p>OCT 5th</p>	<p>4 9:00 Re-store & Re-emerge 10:00 TBD Fitness room open</p> 	<p>5 9:00 Good for YOU 10:00 Line Dancing 1:00 Flu Clinic by Appointment only</p> 	<p>6 9:00 Strength & Conditioning 10:00 TBD 11:30 BINGO 1:00 -3:00 Veterans</p> 	<p>7 9:00 Restore & Re-Emerge 10:00 Stretch & Bal BROWN BAG</p> 	<p>8 9:00 to 2:00 Quilting Workshop Fitness room open Cards & Coffee</p>	 <p>THE SHINE PROGRAM Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone</p>
<p>Don't forget your Flu shot if made an appointment! with us.</p>	<p>Columbus Day</p>  <p>Closed</p>	<p>12 9:00 Good for YOU 10:00 Line Dancing Fitness room open Cards & Coffee</p> 	<p>13 9:00 Strength & Conditioning 10:00 TBD 11:30 BINGO ATLAS FARM</p> 	<p>14 9:00 Restore & Re-Emerge 10:00 Stretch & Balance Cards & Coffee</p> 	<p>15 9:00 to 2:00 Quilting Workshop Fitness room open Cards & Coffee</p>	<p>We have a SHINE representative on staff to help you with all your Health Insurance Needs & questions Becky 413-423-3649</p>
<p>Currently looking for exercise Instructors for Monday & Wed.</p>	<p>18 8:30 -10:00 Foot Clinic 9:00 Restore & Re-Emerge 10:00 TBD</p>  	<p>19 9:00 Good for YOU 10:00 Line Dancing Fitness room open Cards & Coffee</p> 	<p>20 9:00 Strength & Conditioning 10:00 TBD 11:30 BINGO</p>  	<p>21 9:00 Restore & Re-Emerge 10:00 Stretch & Balance Coffee & Cards</p> 	<p>22 9:00 to 2:00 Quilting Workshop Fitness room open Cards & Coffee</p>	
 <p>Fall Back Time change Nov. 7th</p>	<p>25 9:00 Stretch & Balance 10:00 TBD Cards & Coffee</p> 	<p>26 9:00 Good for YOU 10:00 Line Dancing Fitness room open Cards & Coffee</p>	<p>27 9:00 Strength & Conditioning 12:00 Lunch & Halloween Bingo</p> 	<p>28 9:00 Restore & Re-Emerge 10:00 Stretch & Balance Coffee &</p> 	<p>29 9:00 to 2:00 Quilting Workshop Fitness room open Cards & Coffee</p>	

ERVING COMMUNITY AND BUSINESS NEWS



Dry Brook Garden

FROM: MAY TO OCT FRESH CUT FLOWERS
 105 Old State Rd
 Erving Ma 01344
 SEASONAL ROADSIDE STAND *grown* by **TERESA FOSTER**

WE FOCUS ON PROVIDING A LARGE VARIETY OF COLORFUL BLOOMS
 Offering Weekly Flower Subscriptions
 aka CSA Flower Shares

Treat yourself every week

drybrookgarden.com FOR A PRICE LIST

*Wednesday stores still available
 for pickup at The Great Falls Farmers Market in Turners Falls*



LIKE AND FOLLOW US ON
 FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM
 "DRY BROOK GARDEN"

See you there!



DAN'S VEGGIES
 OPEN JUNE - NOVEMBER
 151 NORTHFIELD ROAD
 ERVING MA 01344
 413-423-3242

Warren & Jacquelyn Boyden
 OWNERS AND GROWERS SINCE 2007

FACEBOOK: DAN'S VEGGIES AND
 POPLAR MOUNTAIN MAPLE

**DAN'S VEGGIES WILL BE OPEN UNTIL
 NOVEMBER 13, 2021.**
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 BUNDLE**
**WE ARE LOCATED ON ROUTE 63 NORTH
 IN ERVING!**
**OWNERS: WARREN AND JACQUELYN
 BOYDEN**
IN OPERATION SINCE 2007!

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ervingaroundtown@comcast.net

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STUDIO

413-230-9195

TOWN OF ERVING DUAL STREAM RECYCLING & TRASH SERVICE

2021-2022 CURBSIDE COLLECTION CALENDAR & DETAILS

- Trash is collected **every Friday**
- Paper & cardboard recycling is collected on the **blue shaded** Friday collection day
- Plastic, glass, & metal is collected on the **green shaded** Friday collection day

- Place trash & recycling at the curb by **7:00 AM** on Friday
- Weeks with a holiday have a one day delay in service, regardless of the day that the holiday falls on as depicted below
- The Town will notify you of any delays in service

JULY 2021							AUGUST 2021							SEPTEMBER 2021							OCTOBER 2021							NOVEMBER 2021							DECEMBER 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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■ = Paper & Cardboard ■ = Plastic, Glass, & Metal ■ = Holiday

Sorting your recyclables is quick and easy. Just focus on tossing all paper and cardboard into one bin and plastic, glass, and metal containers into another. Please **EMPTY** and **RINSE** all containers and **flatten** and **break down** cardboard boxes.

BLUE SHADED DAY



Paper & Cardboard
Clean papers, magazines/catalogs, greeting cards, gift wrap & gift tissue paper (no foils or metallics), calendars, paperbacks & phonebooks, paperboard, empty pizza boxes (Paper clips, staples and metal spirals are ok)

GREEN SHADED DAY



Plastic Bottles, Jugs, Tubs, Lids, & Containers
Empty kitchen, laundry, & bath containers

Cartons
Milk & Juice

Glass Bottles & Jars
Empty food & beverage bottles & jars

Aluminum & Steel Cans
Foil & empty food & beverage cans

NOT ACCEPTED

Plastic bags or trays, black plastic, bagged recyclables, clothing/textiles, food waste/liquids, tanglers such as rope or hoses, scrap metal, batteries of any kind, electronics, wood, medical waste, hazardous materials, explosives, toys, hangers, shoes, waxy cups or plates, frozen food packaging, food bags or wrappers, plastic wrap or film, shrink wrap, tarps, diapers, human/pet or yard waste, tires or rubber, Styrofoam™, napkins, paper towels, tissues, plastic utensils, register tape, condiment packets, straws, stirrers, coffee pods, ceramics



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Town of Erving
MASSACHUSETTS

413-422-2800
info@erving-ma.gov
www.erving-ma.gov

TOWN HALL OFFICE HOURS		12 East Main Street
Town Hall is opened to the public on Tuesday and Thursday from 10 - 2 p.m. or by Appointment.		
Selectmen's Office	Monday thru Thursday Friday	9:00am – 5:00pm 9:00am – 1:00pm
Town Accountant	By Appointment	
Assessor	Monday Tuesday & Thursday	9:00am–5:00pm
Treasurer	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday	9:00am – 3:00pm
Tax Collector	Tuesday & Thursday Wednesday	10:00 am - 3:00 pm 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Town Clerk	By Appointment	
Emergency Mgmt Director	By Appointment	

POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT HOURS		
Police Department 71 French King Highway	Monday thru Thursday	7:00am – 4:00pm
Fire Department 10 East Main Street & 18 Moore Street	Monday thru Friday	7:00am – 4:00pm & by Appointment

SENIOR & COMMUNITY CENTER AND PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS		
Senior & Community Center 1 Care Drive	Monday thru Friday	8:00am – 4:00pm
Erving Public Library 2 Care Drive	Sunday thru Thursday	1:00pm – 7:00pm

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE		
<i>Note: Subject to change. Always use the official posting board at Town Hall for meeting dates, times, and locations.</i>		
Board of Health at Town Hall	By Appointment	
Board of Library Trustees at Public Library	As posted	
Board of Selectmen at Town Hall	Mondays	6:30pm
Conservation Commission at Town Hall	1 st Monday of the Month	6:30pm
Council on Aging at Senior & Community Ctr	2 nd Tuesday of the Month	9:30am
Finance Committee at Town Hall	As posted	
Historical Commission at Pearl Care Bldg	As posted	
Open Space Committee at Town Hall	As posted	
Planning Board at Town Hall	3 rd Thursday of the Month	7:00pm
Recreation Commission at as posted	As posted	
School Committee at Erving Elementary School	3 rd Tuesday of the Month	
Senior Housing Committee at 1 Care Drive	As posted	

Upper Pioneer Valley Veterans Services: (413) 772-1571
U.S. Post Office- Erving, MA Branch: (413) 423-3600

ERVING OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION

Town Hall Office Number and Extensions

(413) 422-2800

- 1101** Administrative Assistant & BOH - Betsy Sicard
- 1102** Town Administrator – Bryan Smith
- 1103** Town Accountant - Deborah Mero
- 1104** Tax Collector/Water Collector- Michele Turner
- 1106** Town Clerk – Richard Newton
- 1107** Assessors Office – Principal Assessor Jacquelyn Boyden
- 1108** Assistant Town Planner – Mariah Kurtz
- 1112** Treasurer – Jennifer Eichorn
- 1114** Assistant Treasurer – Jean Fountain

TOWN OFFICES

423-3649 Senior Center

423-3348 Library

422-1187 Recreation

423-3310 Police

423-3500 Public Works

423-3326 Erving Elementary

423-3866 Fire Station

Check out the Town of Erving's website and our Facebook pages for updated news on what is going on in the Town of Erving!



Town of Erving, Erving Senior Center, Erving Recreation Commission, Erving Public Library and Erving Historical Commission

Or on the web @

www.erving-ma.gov

