



**SIXTEEN ACRES CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC  
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**FEBRUARY 2020 NEWSLETTER**

**WELCOME BACK FOR ANOTHER YEAR OF INFORMATIVE CIVIC ASSOCIATION INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CITY AND NEIGHBORHOOD.**

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The postponed December Christmas Party to January 21, 2020 was an overwhelming success “Thanks” to our 60 members attending and the “Great” donations from our local business as follows: John McCarthy/Johnny Mac Liquors, Walgreens, 16 Acres Optical, Fresh Acres, Big Y, Stop & Shop, Bob Bolduc/Pride Stations, Fran Cataldo/C&W Realty, Kim Marion/New Valley Bank, Sophia’s Pizzas, Leone’s Restaurant, Chmura’s Bakery, Western New England University, Auto Zone, Planet Fitness, 16 Acres Garden Center, City Councilor Tim Allen, Denny’s, Hot Table, Hair 2000, D’Angelo’s/Boston Road, Nails Model, Applebees, Fronterras Mexican Restaurant, Graziano Gardens, Boston Market, Lortie Real Estate/Leo & Dot Lortie, and to all the individual members that contributed to the Raffle “Thank You” too. If there is any business overlooked, they will be so noted in the March/April newsletter. To all of the wonderful “Helpers” that assisted in putting this event together, you were fantastic and deserve a well-deserved “Pat on your back” from your president to you, gently ofcourse.

**FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>** 6:30 pm Social time with coffee. 7:00 pm Very short business meeting. 7:10 pm We are very pleased to announce that the two speakers for that evening will be from the Springfield Dept. of Code Enforcement Building Division – Commissioner Steven Desilets and Zoning Administrator Michael G. Jachym. This department is responsible for the enforcement of the state building codes – handicapped access regulations, zoning ordinances, etc. It issues permits for all building requirements i.e. plumbing, wiring, gas, signs etc. I am sure if you have been involved in new or renovation construction, you know what this department does. Q & A to follow. This will be your chance to speak directly to the people in charge regarding your own projects or possible code violations.

**16 ACRES LOCAL NEWS:**

- Lots of activity happening at the former Pizza Palace location in the area of Walgreens, 16 Acres Optical, etc. stores. It is my understanding that a Stone Hearth Pizza restaurant will be the new occupant. An opening date is unknown at this time.
- Our Vice President Jim Aubin & Carol Aubin are working on the possibility of having the Springfield Police Commissioner Cheryl Claprod for our March 17<sup>th</sup> guest speaker. As this is also St. Patrick’s Day, the association will also plan something special that evening. The March/April Newsletter hopefully to be mailed to members by the end of February, will have all of the current information for that evening.
- Starting with the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting, applications for the 2020 College Scholarship \$1000. award will be available. You can start the process of applying with plenty of time to complete the form by the May deadline.

