

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope that everyone had especially good holidays. You and your families are wished a wonderful, healthy 2015 each and every day. A big Thank you goes to our board members for your hard work in: securing those great door prizes, creatively handling the raffle drawing and numerous other challenging details. All of which had made our December holiday party such a big success. The generous raffle donations from our neighborhood businesses were also greatly appreciated, many thanks to all of you!

Safety: Use caution whenever driving or walking-the ice has been treacherous since the beginning of the year.

I do want to have the long pending project at the entrance to Greenleaf completed soon, which will afford better lighting for us, our friendly library workers and their patrons. Finally I have acquired \$800,000 from the state, after working diligently with Patrick Sullivan and members of our legislators for nearly eight years to accomplish this lengthy, sought after endeavor; however as of now this funding for the Greenleaf entrance and a traffic light has not been released by the governor. Once again I am pursuing together with our election commissioner to change the often difficult-to-access voting location from Duggan Middle School, to The Church in the Acres. The proposed senior center at Blunt Park is also taking much longer than I would like, but be assured that it is definitely not forgotten. The money is now also available for Echo's, an environmental school where children learn about nature and survival skills outside of the classroom. Monies have been allocated for upgrading Balliet Park in Pine Point, scheduled to begin in June 2015.

2015 Winter-into-spring civic association happenings at our Clodo Concepción Community Center:

January 20-Neighborhood watch, 6:00pm. NO JANUARY CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETING.

February 17-Springfield Police Commissioner John Barbieri

March 24-Kirk Smith, President and CEO of the Springfield YMCA. Note: the March meeting date-change from the 17th to the 24th because of St. Patrick's Day. Laura Gentiles, clerk of courts has been invited to speak at our April meeting.

Our address has changed to Sixteen Acres Civic Association, Inc. 1187 1/2 Parker Street, Springfield MA 01129. Use this address for mailing in your dues (see on reverse).

Keep this letter either on your refrigerator or in your favorite handy place, where you can easily see when we meet at a glance, and be aware of who will be speaking next.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU TO SEE YOU AT THE MEETINGS