

Perspective on Lynnfield

COMMUNITY: Lynnfield, Massachusetts is a beautiful residential community of 12,500 residents located approximately 15 miles north of Boston and ideally situated near the junction of Interstates 93 and 95, Massachusetts Route 128 and U.S. Route 1.

Beginning in 2001, Lynnfield residents embarked on a significant capital improvement plan and rebuilt its middle school and completely renovated its two elementary schools, high school, and senior center. The schools consistently perform in the top 10% on state assessments, with the high school recognized as a Commendation School by the Massachusetts Department of Education in 2018.

In September 2013, MarketStreet, a premier lifestyle center for shopping dining and entertainment, opened in Lynnfield and now has 100 plus establishments. It is currently undergoing another construction project to add an urgent care center and medical offices with a projected completion date of Fall 2018. While enhancing residents' lifestyle, MarketStreet has also significantly added to the commercial tax base.

Since 1892, the Library has been an integral part of the culture of Lynnfield's historic town center providing support and programming to the community. Lynnfield has numerous organizations devoted to families, sports, cultural diversity, and leisure. The Library works in concert with these various groups to provide a welcoming and friendly atmosphere for its residents.

OUR LIBRARY: The present collections (print and media) total 72,950 items. Our collections include a Regional History/Genealogy Collection which is one-of-a-kind and among the best in New England. Overall circulation is approximately 122,000 with about 93,000 visits to our Library last year. Governance is provided by a 5-member elected Board of Trustees. There is also a very supportive and active Friends of the Lynnfield Library. The annual operating budget is approximately \$860,000.

The Library is a member of the North of Boston Library Exchange (NOBLE) consortium which allows for direct user access to local, state and national collections as well as sharing of digital media resulting in cost savings, value and accessibility. The staff consists of the Assistant Director and Head of Public Services (one position), Department Heads for Youth Services, Circulation, Reference, and Technical Services (MLS required for all positions), two (2) full- and twelve (12) part-time staff and four (4) Library Pages.

THE LIBRARY'S FUTURE: The Lynnfield Public Library has undergone two additions and one renovation (last renovated in 1991) which have served as temporary solutions to an ongoing problem of inadequate space. Our Library Building Program analysis projected that we will need 25,874 square feet moving forward. To address this need, the Library applied for and received a Provisional Construction Grant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners to use toward building a new library. The grant is for \$8,193,792 of an estimated \$21.4M total project cost. Our Library is 15th on the waiting list for grant monies. Town funding for the project will be considered when the funds are available from the state.

The incoming Library Director will be expected to actively lead and participate in the process of overseeing the execution and vision set forth in the Library's original grant application.

To view the complete construction grant please visit our website, lynnfieldlibrary.org, under *Building Project*.