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The Duxbury Senior Center continued to grow and flourish during fiscal 2006 by providing a wide variety of programs and services to our seniors. With the support of the community, we provided Educational and Recreational opportunities, Outreach Services, Home Delivered Meals, Congregate meals, Respite Services, Transportation and Volunteer opportunities.

Our Educational and Recreational programs have expanded. We currently offer eight different exercise classes; several creative programs including our new wood carving program; movies; computer classes; health screenings; educational programs; senior safety programs including DECIDE, a popular offering presented by Lt. Susan James and Sgt. Kristin Golden of the Duxbury Police Department. As of the end of the year, we offered 45 different programs each month with 184 opportunities to participate monthly.

Outreach Services were available 35 hours weekly to provide information, referral and serve as advocates for our steadily expanding senior population. The Outreach staff makes referrals to in-house programs and support groups, as well as those found on the South Shore. They also visit homebound and isolated seniors on a regular basis. These visits foster positive relationships and assist in placing services that help seniors maintain a high quality of life and independence.

The Food Service program also grew in fiscal 2006. Over 6,000 meals were delivered to Duxbury Seniors during the year and over 4,100 meals were served at the Senior Center as part of our congregate meal program.

In September 2005 we instituted the *Intermissions* program which is a social day program for individuals with early stage Alzheimer's disease and their caregivers. The program provides caregivers with six hours of respite while clients participate in meaningful activities. *Intermissions* has been so successful that we will offer it two days a week in FY 2007. Special thanks to the Carol Jankowski of the Library Department for her participation.

SADIE, our senior bus provided 12,262 rides for seniors for shopping, medical appointments, and to participate in activities at the senior center and in the community.

We are so thankful to our 230 dedicated volunteers who gave more than 25,500 hours of services to help us achieve our mission. This gift of time is so appreciated by the staff at the Senior Center and the seniors of the community.

In addition to our day programming we have offered several well-received community awareness events with the support of the Friends of the Council on Aging. These events included a jazz concert, the annual golf tournament, a high tea Christmas concert, and a dinner theatre event.

During the year our director, Joanne Moore, completed the requirements to be director certified by the Massachusetts Councils on Aging. Certification awards will be presented during the MCOA conference in October 2006.

A special note of appreciation also has to be extended to the Friends of the Duxbury COA, which continued their generous support to our programs and services. Their contributions allow a significant enhancement in what we can offer to our seniors. Additional thanks are extended to the Health Agent, the Fire Department, other Duxbury Town Departments mentioned above, as well as to Lt. Chip Chubb for his contributions to our computer training courses.

FY 2006 was a very successful and productive year for the Duxbury Council on Aging thanks to the dedicated support of a large number of Duxbury residents of all ages, and we look forward to another successful year in FY2007. If you haven't yet taken advantage of your senior center, drop by, pick up a copy of our resource guide and newsletter, and join us in volunteering and participating in our numerous activities.

Respectfully submitted:

Dick Whitney, Chair, Niky Savage, Chair Elect, Woody Woodruff, Chair Emeritus, Jim Taylor, Patti Ryan, Shirley Oktay, Betsy Stevens, Beverly Walters, Don Mickells, Barbara Kiley, Jack Hill Jennifer Reid

DUXBURY CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Duxbury Cultural Council (DCC) awards funds from the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC) to support the arts, humanities and interpretive sciences in the community. In FY 06, the Duxbury Cultural Council received 26 grant applications with requests totaling \$15,100. DCC awarded to the following 10 applicants grants totaling \$3,950 based on preference to multigenerational and culturally diverse programs.

Project	Applicant	Approved
<i>90 Years Young</i>	<i>The Plymouth Philharmonic Orchestra, Inc</i>	\$250
<i>Japanese Tea Ceremony</i>	The Duxbury Art Complex Museum	\$250
<i>Festival of the Arts Entertainment</i>	North River Arts Society	\$300
<i>Midsummer Art Show</i>	Duxbury Art Association	\$500
<i>Community Dinner Theatre</i>	Duxbury Council on Aging	\$500
<i>Miss Julie</i>	Gurnet Theatre	\$750
<i>Nutcracker Ballet</i>	Jose Mateo's Ballet	\$350
<i>51st Annual Arts Festival</i>	South Shore Art Center, Inc.	\$200
<i>The Mikado</i>	South Shore Conservatory	\$500
<i>2005-2006 Concert Season</i>	Fine Arts Choral, Inc.	\$350

The award's total reflects the MCC-FY 06 allotment of \$2,500 (an increase of \$500 over FY 05 allotment) plus \$1,490 from both the most recent fundraiser and from the generous gifts of individuals. In addition to awards, DCC administration and postage expenses totaled \$125.

The Duxbury Art Complex Museum's Japanese Tea Ceremony received the Gold Star Award from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. Each of the commonwealth's 329 cultural council chairmen nominated one funded program for this award. MCC recognized the Japanese Tea Ceremony and five other nominees with the Gold Star Award as outstanding community art programs that build common ground among people, provide a sense of celebration and contribute to the quality of life in the community. The award program itself highlights the role of the cultural council in promoting programs in arts, humanities and interpretive sciences that foster collaboration and impact our town.

Throughout the year, DCC processes reimbursements to successful applicants. On September 19, the DCC conducted the Annual Community Input and Grant-Writing Meeting. Following the community input session, members of the council met individually with potential grant applicants to review council guidelines and expectations. Mid-October marked the deadline for applications for the current granting cycle. The Duxbury Cultural Council met to award the grants on October 24. By the January 15 deadline, DCC submitted to MCC all successful applications with supporting material.

The Duxbury Cultural Council receives funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, from individual contributions and from fundraising events. The state legislature, through the MCC, determines the allocation of state funds to each of the local councils. In March, representatives of local cultural councils from across the commonwealth met at the state house for the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Lobby Day. DCC members, Cary Johnson, Janet Ritch, Lynn Smith and Alice Vautrain, met with Representative Daniel Webster's staff to discuss the work of the Duxbury's council.

The Duxbury Cultural Council is grateful for the wise council and diligence of three of its members who have completed their terms on the council. Janet Ritch was the council's school liaison. Allison Cowan served as DCC Treasurer and Lynn Smith as DCC Chairman. The committee welcomes Rebecca Chin, Barbara Kiely and Marybeth MacQuarrie to the council for its 2007 granting cycle. Alice Vautrain has agreed to serve as chairman and Marybeth MacQuarrie as treasurer.

The Duxbury council is indebted to the Massachusetts Cultural Council's representatives for their continued guidance and support. MCC continues to designate the DCC as a "streamlined council," a classification given to cultural councils that have demonstrated a history of sound judgment in granting practices, and whose members have completed all required training courses.

The members of the Duxbury Cultural Council are pleased to encourage such an important part of community life. The council invites inquiries and applications from organizations and individuals. Citizens wishing to join in the

support of the arts, humanities and the interpretive sciences are encouraged to contact the Duxbury Cultural Council through the Office of the Board of Selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Smith, Chairman
Allison Cowen, Treasurer

Alice Vautrain, Secretary
Robert Burgess

Catherine Sturgis
William Holmes

Janet Ritch
Cary Johnson

LOCAL HOUSING PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

During the fiscal year 2006, the Duxbury Local Housing Partnership continued its efforts to create lower cost housing options for the community. Our efforts have been measured by some modest successes.

At the spring Town meeting, we succeeded in obtaining Community Preservation funds to retain the services of a Housing Consultant to develop a plan for the creation of Affordable Housing. The plan forms the first step in a definitive plan to meet the mandate from the state to have 10% of Duxbury's housing stock considered affordable. Another positive action was the approval of a resolution supporting the creation of affordable housing. We led a successful effort to remove a no further development restriction on the housing at Island Creek. This should lead to a major step forward in the creation of lower cost housing. We have met with developers to discuss opportunities to create the lower cost housing. Some of these proposals will soon be forthcoming.

However, there is still much to be done. Sadly, there is a widespread misunderstanding by many in Duxbury about the definition and need for lower cost housing options. There is also a lack of understanding about the economic and social consequences of the town's inaction for the creation of lower cost housing. While many home owners have seen rising home values, they have also seen the even faster rising tax bills. There has been a subtle but steady exodus of older residents.

Their taxes help support the school, but these older residents are replaced by younger families with school aged children. While these new families bring new life to Duxbury, unfortunately, the taxes they pay do not fully support the cost to educate their children. Needed is the tax support of those without school aged children to cover the costs of education. Also every year, the poor performance by the town to create lower cost housing reduces the amount of state reimbursements we could receive.

Our community is changing and it is ever so slowly drifting away from the character we once knew, a community of small homes, small shops and extended families. Soon we will enter the fifth century of Duxbury's history and we need to rethink just how we wish to accommodate the challenges of this new century and still continue to preserve our Duxbury. We need to consider what we are to become and how to meet everyone's needs.

R. Wm. Campbell, Chairman
Local Housing Partnership Committee

MUNICIPAL COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

The Municipal Commission on Disability for the Town of Duxbury is tasked with advocating for our citizens with disabilities. One facet of that is insuring that a disabled person can enter and use public buildings as they are meant to be used and to participate fully in community life. We assist where possible in the development of plans for new construction or alterations to existing buildings. We had a role in resolving issues at the Wright Building and are monitoring developments at the Tarkiln reconstruction. A new preschool is under construction and we contributed toward solutions there. We try to get in the review process before the project gets final approval for construction.

There is an ongoing program of monitoring the voting accessibility.

Parking issues continue to plague us. Did you know there is a \$100 fine for parking on the diagonal striped area between the handicapped spaces? We are constantly encouraging increased enforcement.

The Commission wishes to thank Jennifer Niles for her work and the many contributions she made to this committee. Jennifer had to step down for personal reasons. We hope she can return someday.

Bridget O'Keefe, Chairperson
Patty Cristoforo

Jerry Nightingale
Joe Shea

Pat Randall
Marcia Solberg