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Sudbury is thinking about its future!

SUDBURY, MA – September 26, 2019 – We’re coming back to you! The Town of Sudbury will be hosting a series of events as part of its Master Plan update process. As a follow up to the public forum in May, a series of **community conversations** throughout October will dig deeper into issues that shape the quality of life in town. Attendees will be able to talk with neighbors about specific challenges Sudbury will face in the next 10 to 20 years, and brainstorm ways to build on its strengths and overcome barriers to meet those challenges.

“These conversations will be topic-specific, so residents can have a meaningful discussion about the issues,” said Stephen Garvin, Chair of the Sudbury Planning Board. “We want residents to tell us what the Town is doing well to address current needs, what it can do better, and what new projects it should consider to prepare for the future.”

The Master Plan Steering Committee has been busy since it started meeting monthly in January, looking at data and trends, assessing how Sudbury has changed in the last decade, and what can be anticipated in the future. As it was put by Steering Committee Chair John Sugrue, “Now’s the time to start putting pen to paper. Ideas generated at the community conversations will help create a Master Plan that doesn’t sit on the shelf, but has real actions with public support.”

All community conversations will be held in the Lower Town Hall, 322 Concord Road from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Topics and meeting dates are as follows:

Transportation, Mobility, & Connectivity (Including Complete Streets Projects): Thursday, October 10

Economic Resilience, Town Services, & Infrastructure: Tuesday, October 15

Public Health, Housing, & Equity: Thursday, October 24

Historic & Cultural Assets: Monday, October 28

Natural Environment, Open Space, & Recreation: Tuesday, October 29

At the community conversations, attendees can expect a short presentation on the current status of the Master Plan update process and an overview of data and trends, followed by small group discussions.

The Master Plan is a document written by the community and expresses what makes Sudbury a unique and special place to live and work. It covers a wide range of topics, such as neighborhoods, parks, public infrastructure, and commercial development. Therefore, ensuring all residents have a say in the plan is vital to the success of the planning process.

The Master Plan Steering Committee’s next meeting is October 25th from 8:45 to 10:45 AM at the Sudbury Police Station, 75 Hudson Road. All meetings are open to the public and generally held on the third Friday of every month.

Visit our website for public event listings and other information about the update process:

<https://sudbury.ma.us/masterplan/>. If you have questions, please contact Adam Duchesneau, Director of Planning and Community Development, at 978-639-3398 or DuchesneauA@sudbury.ma.us.

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