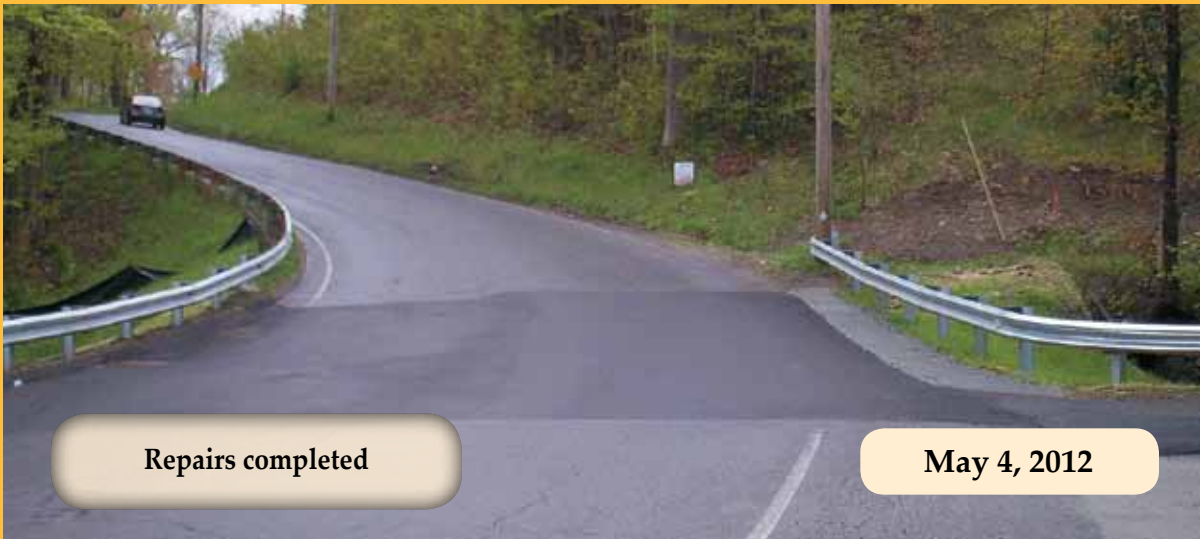




Damage on East Road at the corner of Lime Street caused by Southwick Brook during Tropical Storm Irene

August 31, 2011



Repairs completed

May 4, 2012

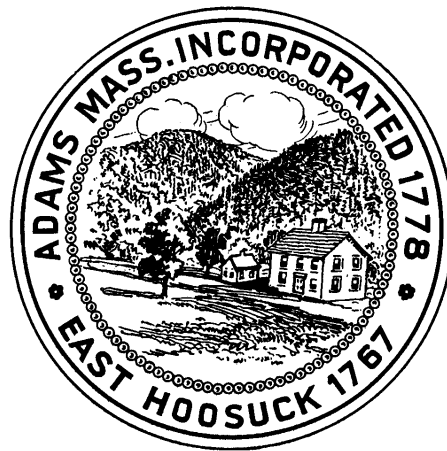
TOWN REPORT 2011

Adams Massachusetts

Town of
ADAMS

MASSACHUSETTS

**REPORT OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS**



**FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2011**

Compiled and Edited by the
PERMANENT TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE

As Authorized by the Special Town Meeting
June 24, 1963

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Incorporated in 1778 as the Town of Adams in honor of Samuel Adams.

Population:

Town Census 2011	9,183
Town Census 2010	9,414
Town Census 2009	9,657
Town Census 2008	9,488
Town Census 2007	9,370
Town Census 2006	9,311
Town Census 2005	9,307
Town Census 2004	9,213
Town Census 2003	9,213
Town Census 2002	9,212
Town Census 2001	9,369
Federal Census 2010	8,485
Federal Census 2000	8,809
Federal Census 1990	9,445
Federal Census 1980	10,385

Number of Registered Voters as of May 2011 5,334

Area	23.02 square miles
Altitude	799 feet above sea level
Latitude	42° - 37"
Longitude	73° -7"
Miles of State Road	2.73 miles
Miles of Town Road	57 miles

Tax Rate FY11	Residential & Open Space	\$ 16.00
	Commercial, Industrial & Personal	\$ 18.97

Total Taxed Assessed	\$8,197,966.30
Total Valuation	\$ 496,897,189.00

Town Hall - Open 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Selectmen's Meeting – Every Wednesday @ 7:00 pm

Adams Town Hall – 8 Park Street

Town Election – First Monday in May

State Senator, Berkshire District

BENJAMIN B. DOWNING. – Pittsfield

State Representative, 1st Berkshire District

GAILANNE M. CARIDDI – North Adams

Governor's Councillor, 8th District

PETER VICKERY – Amherst

United States Senators:

EDWARD M. KENNEDY of Boston *Deceased 2009*

JOHN F. KERRY of Boston

Representative in Congress, 1st Congressional District

JOHN W. OLVER of Amherst

POINTS OF INTEREST

Mount Greylock, the highest point of land in Massachusetts overlooks Adams from the west and is part of the Taconic Range, a spur of the great Appalachian Mountain system. From Mount Greylock's 3,491 foot summit rises a ninety foot granite memorial beacon tower "erected by Massachusetts in grateful recognition of the loyalty and sacrifice of her sons and daughters in war".

The **Bellows Pipe**, a part of the gap between Mount Greylock and Ragged Mountain, often produces a roaring sound when whistling winds and storms blow through it from the north.

Pecks Falls is a cataract of wild natural beauty to be found on the upper reaches of Pecks Brook which flows toward Adams from Mount Greylock.

Susan B. Anthony's Birthplace is located on the East Road at Bowen's Corners. Miss Anthony (1820-1906) was a pioneer in advocating suffrage for women.

A **Quaker Meeting House**, preserved as closely to its original structure as possible, may be seen in the Maple Street Cemetery. The meeting house, built in 1784, is still used for an Annual Quaker Meeting on the last Sunday of August.

The **Birthplace of George N. Briggs**, a Adams native who served seven terms as governor of Massachusetts (1844-1851), still stands at 11 Weber Street.

The **Thunderbolt Ski Trail** which begins near the summit of Mount Greylock has a vertical drop of 2,150 feet and is 1.6 miles long. It is classified as an Expert Class A racing trail.

McKinley Square is the location of the Adams Free Library, Notre Dame Church, the Armory and the monument to President William McKinley. He visited Adams for several days on three occasions, once as Governor of Ohio and twice as President of the United States. His statue was created by Augustus Lukeman who also worked on Stone Mountain in Georgia.

Greylock Glen is the area at the base of Mt. Greylock which was formerly farm land the future site of potential economic development. This location has many beautiful vistas of mountains, streams and fields.

ADAMS INDUSTRIES

ADAMS PLUMBING & HEATING, INC.

ALADCO

ATLANTIS EQUIPMENT CO.

BROWN PACKAGING

BURKE CONSTRUCTION CO.

HOLLAND CO., INC.

LANE CONSTRUCTION

MRA LABORATORIES

MULLEN MOVERS

POWDER SHIELD TECHNOLOGIES

SHINE WIRE PRODUCTS, INC.

SOMMER ELECTRIC, INC.

SPECIALTY MINERALS, INC.

T & A TOOLS

DEDICATION

To the Public Safety Professionals who helped Adams overcome Tropical Storm Irene

Being situated in New England and at the foot of Massachusetts highest peak, the Town of Adams is no stranger to harsh weather. From cold, windy winter blizzards to hot, humid summer thunderstorms, the people of our community have come to understand well the unpredictability of a four season climate. Despite this familiarity with weather extremes, a hurricane has never been a weather event that the average Adams resident comes to expect. On the morning of August 28, 2011, everything changed as Hurricane Irene was downgraded to a high level Tropical Storm and came to sit directly over Berkshire County.

For three days prior to the event, weather forecasters hinted at the possibility of this massive storm actually making a direct hit on New England. While surprised by such a bizarre forecast, the Town's Emergency Management Team took the forecast very seriously and met as early as Friday morning the 26th to begin making preparations for an event unseen by any current public safety staff in Town. Arrangements were made for public service announcements to inform the public of the ensuing threat and steps being taken to mitigate harm and damage. Included in these were the opening of an emergency shelter at the Adams Memorial School to house people displaced during the storm, updates on ways to secure a home or one's yard to prevent unnecessary damage and appropriate contact numbers for all types of storm related concerns. In addition to these steps, all hands were prepared to be brought on board including staff and volunteers from the Adams Police Department, Alert Hose Company, Adams Forest Wardens, Adams Ambulance, Department of Public Works, Water Department, Building Inspector and Health Department Offices, as well as Members of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator. A state of emergency was officially declared on Saturday afternoon.

Despite sound preparation and awareness of the ensuing storm, the morning of August 28, 2011 lived up to its billing by weather forecasters. Calls to the Adams Police Department and Alert Hose Company began as early as 6:00 AM, and would continue at a frenzied rate throughout the day. Initial damage and flooding reports ranged from flooded basements to a collapsed culvert that would eventually cause the closing of East Road at Lime Street. By 10:00 AM the Town's Emergency Management Team was fully organized and meeting hourly while staff and volunteers of all public safety organizations responded to calls and made rescue efforts around Town. Dozens of volunteers and representatives from the Adams Ambulance staffed the Memorial School Emergency Shelter, which saw its largest peak in numbers of about 40 people at around 10:30 in the morning. Flooding in the Charles Street and Davis Street neighborhoods as well as from the Pine Street Brook behind Columbia Street caused the largest temporary displacement of residents during the storm.

As the event continued, the Alert Hose Company would eventually register 131 responses to calls that ranged from the pumping of basements to the rescue of over 80 individuals threatened by rising water levels. The Police Department assisted in rescues while scurrying about Town in full force to close roads that were badly damaged and keeping the general public away from dangerous situations on bridges and over culverts where violent, raging water attracted hundreds of folks attempting to take pictures and view the extreme conditions. The Department of Public Works and Water Department crews worked around the clock to repair damaged infrastructure while the Adams Forest Wardens assisted in a multitude of ways by adding much needed additional skilled manpower.

By early the following morning, the storm had subsided and the Town was able to quietly close down the shelter at the Memorial School. Just 24 hours after the initial onslaught of Tropical Storm Irene, it was proudly reported that all residents had been able to return to their homes while no major injuries or fatalities were sustained. However, the damage to our community had been done. Town Officials spent the next week documenting and photographing damage in all corners of the community, while working closely with both state and federal emergency relief agencies. In total, the Town suffered damage that counted in the millions, and forced several major projects to immediately convene. Included among these projects was the complete reconstruction of the East Road Culvert at Lime Street, the full excavation of the Pine Street Brook, the rebuilding of the Charles and Davis Street neighborhoods, a complete reconstruction of a slope along East Road at the Susan B. Anthony House intersection along with countless other minor projects that took months to repair.

When the waters recede from a storm like Irene, it's humbling to look at the aftermath and understand just how vulnerable we all are to nature's hand. Fortunately, in this small community we have a competent, capable and committed public safety system that we can turn to in these moments of greatest need. The Town of Adams will recover fully from Tropical Storm Irene throughout the next year. But the true testament to our strength as a community was the willingness of all of those who risked their health and well-being in order to assist others and ensure that all Town residents were able to return home safely after the storm.

The Town thanks our Public Safety Staff and Volunteers for their sacrifice and leadership during Tropical Storm Irene. This year's Town report is dedicated to their heroic, selfless efforts.

In Memoriam



MARGARET ANTHONY
Co-founder of Susan B. Anthony Days

RALPH ANTHONY JR.
Forest Warden
Hazardous Waste Coordinator
Town Meeting Member
Personnel Board Member
Civil Defense Director
Emergency Management Director

ANGELO DECENSI JR.
Finance Committee Member
Town Meeting Member

RAYE MARIE DEMLMOLINO
Adams Board of Health Member
Adams Police Department Police Woman & Matron

DANIEL FORTIER
Adams School District Custodian

LORRAINE HORTON
Town Meeting Member

UNA KALISZ
Adams School District Teacher

SHARYN M. KLEIN
Adams Fire District Employee
Adams Retirement Board Member
Town Meeting Member

PATRICIA KORZENDORFER
Adams School District Teacher

LEONARD KOWALSKI
Town Meeting Member

CHARLES LITTLE
Adams School District Principal & Teacher
Zoning Board of Appeals Member
Town Meeting Member

SUSAN MARTEL
Adams School District Teacher

DAVID OSTERHOUT
Adams Housing Authority Member
Adams Redevelopment Authority Member
Town Meeting Member

MILDRED PINSONNEAULT
Adams School Librarian

ROGER RIVERS
Finance Committee Member
School Building Needs Committee Member
Town Meeting Member

BERNARD ROLLAND
Adams Department of Public Works Employee

STANLEY RUSEK
Adams Department of Public Works Employee

RICHARD SHEA
Adams Free Library Trustee
Town Meeting Member

GEORGE VOIGHT
Adams School Committee Member
Town Meeting Member



Town Clerk

Adams Town Election Results May 2, 2011

MODERATOR	for a term of One Year
JOSEPH R. DEAN, Jr., Eight hundred ninety four	894*
Write In Votes, Three	3
Blanks, One hundred seventy	170
Total	1,067

TOWN CLERK	for a term of One Year
HALEY A. MECZYWOR, Nine hundred twenty eight	928*
Write In Votes, Five	5
Blanks, One hundred thirty four	134
Total	1,067

SELECTMAN	for a term of Three Years
MICHAEL G. OUELLETTE, Five hundred thirty four	534*
RICHARD BLANCHARD, Five hundred twelve	512
Write In Votes, One	1
Blanks, Twenty	20
Total	1,067

ASSESSOR	for a term of Three Years
LYNN D. AVERY, Eight hundred forty seven	847*
Blanks, Two hundred twenty	220
Total	1,067

BOARD OF HEALTH	for a term of Three Years
RICHARD E. FROST, Six hundred thirty	630*
PAUL A. TRZCINSKI, Three hundred fifty	350
Blanks, Eighty seven	87
Total	1,067

LIBRARY TRUSTEES	for a term of Three Years
JOSEPH F. GREENBUSH, Seven hundred thirty eight	738*
DAVID M. STRZEPEK, Seven hundred eighty three	783*
Blanks, Six hundred thirteen	613
Total	2,134

PARK COMMISSIONERS	for a term of Three Years
Write In Votes, Quinn Louise Gladu, Twelve	12*
Write In Votes, Jacob N. Schutz, Fourteen	14*
Write In Votes, Twenty eight	28
Blanks, Two thousand eighty	2,080
Total	2,134

PLANNING BOARD	for a term of Five Years
DAVID B. RHINEMILLER, Eight hundred sixteen	816*
Write In Vote, One	1
Blanks, Two hundred fifty	250
Total	1,067

CEMETERY COMMISSIONER	for a term of Three Years
JOHN J. SWISTAK, Eight hundred nineteen	819*
Blanks, Two hundred forty eight	248
Total	1,067

HOUSING AUTHORITY	for a term of Five Years
CAROL A. ROBERTS, Eight hundred four	804*
Blanks, Two hundred sixty three	263
Total	1,067

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE	for a term of Three Years
DANIEL J. MALONEY, JR., Eight hundred fifty one	851*
Blanks, Two hundred sixteen	216
Total	1,067

ADAMS CHESHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE	for a term of Three Years
Adams Representative	
REGINA A. HILL, Eight hundred fourteen	814*
Write In Vote, One	1
Blanks, Two hundred fifty two	252
Total	1,067

ADAMS CHESHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE	for a term of Three Years
Cheshire Representative	
EDMUND R. ST. JOHN, IV, Eight hundred twenty seven	827*
Blanks, Two hundred forty	240
Total	1,067

Results of the Annual Town Elections held for the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District

Adams Representative – Three Year Term	ADAMS	Cheshire
REGINA A. HILL	814	93
Write In Votes	1	0
Blanks	252	34
TOTAL	1,067	127

Cheshire Representative – Three Year Term	CHESHIRE	Cheshire
EDMUND R. ST. JOHN, IV	827	120
Write In Votes (other)	0	0
Blanks	240	7
TOTAL	1,067	127

**Elected Official*

Elected Town Officers

	Term Expires		
Moderator		Cemetery Commission	
Joseph R. Dean, Jr.	2012	Robert J. Ciempa	2012
		Lawrence A. Clairmont	2013
		John J. Swistak III	2014
Town Clerk		Housing Authority	
Haley A. Meczywor	2012	State Appointee - Vacant	2009
		Edward E. Roberts	2013
Selectmen		Mark Alan Covert	2014
Arthur W. Harrington	2012	Mary A. Robert	2015
Jason Hnatonko	2012	Carol A. Roberts	2016
Paula I. Melville	2013		
Scott F. Nichols	2013	Redevelopment Authority	
Michael G. Ouellette	2014	Lawrence A. Clairmont (<i>State Apt.</i>)	2005
Treasurer-Collector		Joseph W. Allard	2012
Holly M. Denault	2013	Steven M. Blanchard	2013
		Jaymie L. Butler	2014
Assessors		Ryan Biros	2015
Donna Aitken MacDonald	2012		
Charles J. Welch	2013	Northern Berkshire Regional Vocational School	
Lynn D. Avery	2014	Committee	
Board of Health		Aaron M. Dean	2012
Patricia A. Clairmont	2012	Joseph W. Allard	2013
Roy J. Thompson	2013	Daniel J. Maloney, Jr.	2014
Richard E. Frost	2014		
Library Trustees		Adams-Cheshire Regional School District Committee	
James R. Loughman	2012	Elected At-Large	
Eugene F. Michalenko	2012	(Adams)	
Karen L. Kettles	2013	Carol A. Corrigan (<i>Resigned 8/15/11</i>)	2012
Juliette Wilk-Chaffee	2013	Paul K. Butler	2013
Joseph F. Greenbush	2014	John E. Duval	2013
David M. Strzepek	2014	Regina A. Hill	2014
		Stephen J. Vigna (<i>Appt. 9/26/11</i>)	2012
Park Commission		(Cheshire)	
Willard Bard (<i>Resigned 4/20/11</i>)	2012	Darlene Rodowicz	2012
James J. Fassell	2012	Gloria Lewis	2013
Aimee L. Sinopoli	2012	Edmund R. St. John IV	2014
Quinn Louise Gladu	2014		
Jacob N. Schutz	2014		
Planning Board			
Sandra H. Moderski	2012		
Martha J. Stohlmann	2013		
Barbara Ziemba	2014		
Michael P. O'Brien	2015		
David B. Rhinemiller	2016		

Appointed By Moderator

Finance Committee

Timothy R. Burdick	2012
Craig R. Corrigan	2012
Paul S. Demastrie	2012
Fred S. Hobart	2012
Gregory E. Tremblay	2012

David Allen	2013
Edward J. Driscoll	2013
Charles H. Foster	2013
Amy A. Giroux	2013
Brian R. Johnson	2013

Sandra D. Kleiner	2014
John Lawson	2014
Leon S. Parrott	2014
Joan Smigel	2014
Rachel Tomkowicz	2014

Town Report Committee

Mary Beverly
Donna Cesan
Haley Meczywor
Melissa Schaffrick
Patricia Wol

Adams Memorial Day Committee

John Bordeau
Paul Hutchinson
Joseph Kus
John J. Lennon
Clement St. Hilaire
Ralph Schwarzer
David Smachetti

Appointed At Annual Town Meeting

Fence Viewers

Stanley J. Ziemba, Jr.	2012
Victor Ziemba	2012

Measurer of Wood And Bark

Donald Delmolino	2012
Walter Slosek	2012

Appointed Town Officials

AdHoc Committee on Solid Waste

Joseph R. Dean Jr.
Gregory DeBlois
John Swistak
Edward Driscoll
Leon Parrott Jr.

Agricultural Commission

Gary Alibozek
Joseph Nowak
Michael Ziemba
Peter Levesque
Sharyn Alibozek (Alternate)
Terry Ziemba (Alternate)

American with Disabilities Coordinator

Jonathan W. Butler

Animal Control Officer

Terence E. Moran

Animal Control Officer (Weekend)

Daniel Lefebvre

Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission

Sandy Moderski
Jason Hnatonko (Alternate)

Berkshire Regional Transit Authority

Michael G. Ouellette

Capital Improvement Planning Committee

Edward Capeless
Carol Corrigan (Resigned 8/15/11)
Michael Mach
Robert Belanger
David Rhinemiller
George Haddad
Michael Ouellette
John Duval
Jeffrey Lefebvre

Chief Procurement Officer

Jonathan W. Butler

Code Enforcement Officer

Scott Koczela

Community Development Director

Donna E. Cesan

Conservation Commission

James Fassell
Anthony McBride
Thomas Robinson
Jason Krzanowski
Douglas C. Burnett, Jr.
Joseph J. Nowak
Corey Bishop

Constables

John J. Lennon
Frederick Kurpiel
Anthony P. McBride
Thomas A. Satko
Herman Bishop
Francis Wojtaszek (*Deceased 1/21/12*)

Council on Aging Director

Erica Samson

Council on Aging Board of Directors

Rose Belisle
Michelle Wellspeak
Robert Joppich
Karen Matthews
MaryEllen Cyrulik (*Deceased 4/29/12*)

Department of Public Works Director

Thomas A. Satko

Emergency Management Director

Richard Kleiner

Employee Insurance Advisory Group

Mary Beverly
Beth Wojtaszek
Richard Biros
Lorraine Kalisz
Barbara Lewis
Kathleen Fletcher
Shawn Briggs
Erica Samson

Fair Housing Officer

Donna E. Cesan

Forest Warden

Richard G. Kleiner

Hazardous Waste Coordinator

Joseph R. Dean, Jr.

Historical Commission

Jody Fijal
Bruce D. Dumochel
Eugene Michalenko
John R. Cowie, Jr.
Ryan Biros

Housing & Building Inspector

David J. Pelletier

Information Technology Consultant

Rob Wnuk

Inspector of Gas Piping & Appliances

Albert Hugabone (*Resigned 1/2/12*)

Inspector of Plumbing

Albert Hugabone (*Resigned 1/2/12*)

Mt. Greylock Advisory Board

Joseph R. Dean, Jr.

No. Berkshire Solid Waste Management District

Edward Driscoll

Parks, Grounds and Recreation Superintendent

David Nuvalle

Preservation Officer

Eugene Michalenko

Registrar of Voters

Timothy Rowley

John J. Nowicki

Frances Meier

Haley Meczywor

Retirement Board

Francis Wojtaszek (*Deceased 1/21/12*)

Patricia Wol (*Appointed 4/18/12*)

Right to Know Coordinator

Jonathan W. Butler

Safety Committee

Scott McWhirt

Scott Koczela

Joseph Fijal

Donald Poirot

Deborah Bruneau

David Nuvalle

Special Police Officers

Allen Mendel

Superintendent of Insect Control

Thomas A. Satko

Town Accountant

Mary Beverly

Town Counsel

Edmund St. John, III

Town Scholarship Committee

Holly Denault

Alfred Skrocki

Paul Hutchinson

Paula Schrade

Bernard Pinsonneault

Traffic Commission

Scott McWhirt

Richard Tarsa

Thomas Satko

Michael O'Brien

Tree Board

Thomas A. Satko

Tree Warden

Thomas A. Satko

Trench Board

Thomas A. Satko

David Pelletier

Scott Koczela

Veterans Agent

Stephen Roy

Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendent

Joseph Fijal

Weighers of All Commodities:**Hoosac Valley Coal & Grain**

Keith Hayden

Mullen Movers

Arnie Solis

Martin Mullen, Jr.

Craig Raymond

Mark LaVigne

Specialty Minerals, Inc.

William Donovan

Alan Giroux

James Alibozek

Tim Sutliff

Derek Masse

Barbara Gomeau

Patricia Markland

Lane Construction

Mark Schaffrick

Joe Catrambone

Wire Inspector

David Rhinemiller

Assistant Wire Inspector

Les Rhinemiller

Zoning Board of Appeals

Michael Mach

Anthony Donovan

Peter West

Brian Tenczar

Joseph Greenbush

Patricia Folino (*Alternate*)

Corinne Case (*Alternate*) (*Resigned 1/9/12*)

Robert Krzanik (*Alternate*) (*Appointed 9/21/11*)

Town Meeting Members – Annual Town Meetings – 2011

Precinct 1	April 26	June 27	Dec 5	Precinct 2	April 26	June 27	Dec 5	Precinct 3	April 26	June 27	Dec 5
Baker, Patricia A.	X	X	X	Biros, Richard		X	X	Aitken, Paul	E	E	E
Baker, Starr D.	X	X	X	Biros, Ryan	X	X	X	Blanchard, Richard	X	X	X
Blanchard, Heather A.	X	X	X	Butler, Jaymie L.				Boccia, Theresa M.	X		
Blanchard, Scott A.	X	X	X	Cardin, Bruce E.				Case, Corrine J.		X	
Blanchard, Steven M.	X	X	X	Chittenden, Mark J.			X	Conroy-Shepley, Patricia		X	X
Bush, James	X	X	E	DeBlois, Gregory A.	X	X	X	Corrigan, Craig R.	X	X	X
Clerc, Bruce	X	X	X	Delmolino, Donald L.	X	X	X	Cowie, John R. Jr.	X	X	
Daunais, James F.		X		Driscoll, Edward J.	X	X	X	Dumouchel, Bruce D.		X	
Fijal, Jody A.	X	X	X	Duval, John E.				Frost, Richard E.	X	E	X
Jette, Richard A.		E		Gardner, Albert S.				Frost, Susan K.	X	E	X
Kiline, Sarah JP	X	X		Grandchamp, Jeffrey P.	E		X	Heritage, David L.		X	X
Kolis, David	X	X	X	Janik, Edward S.	X	X	X	Kalisz, Lorraine M.	E	X	
Kolis, Patricia M.	X	X	E	Kolis, Dolores J.	X	X	X	Keen, William E. (Term Ex. 5/1/11)	X	-	-
Kupiec, Anne E.		X	X	Kolis, Theodore J.	X	X	X	Kolis, Marilyn Phelps	E	X	
Kupiec, Neil		X	X	Kozik, Michael A.			X	Kopala, Stanley J.	X	X	
Meczywor, Haley A.	X	X	X	Kurpiel, Frederick T.				Lawson, John L.	X	X	X
Meier, Frances O.	X	X	X	Lefebvre, Jeffrey M.	X	X	X	Mach, Michael J.	X		
Moran, Terence E. (Elected 5/2/11)	-	X		Lentine, Joseph A.		X		McBride, Anthony P.	X	X	
Morin, Norma P.	X			Loughman, James R.	X	X	X	Melville, Paula I.	X	X	X
Moyer, Christine A.	X	X	X	Meczywor, Paula	X	X	X	Moderski, Sandra H.	E		
Moyer, John D.	X	X	X	Merlini, Donald J.		X	X	Nichols, Scott F.	X	X	X
Mucci, Erin			X	Michalenko, Eugene F.	X	X	X	Paciorek, John S.		E	
Nimmons, Jacqueline F.	X	X	X	Romaniak, Ann L. (Elected 5/2/11)	-	X	X	Parrott, Leon S. Jr.	X	X	E
Nowak, James F.	X	X		Romaniak, Thomas A. (Elected 5/2/11) -		X		Parrott, Nancy A.	X	E	
Poirot, Dayne P.	X	X	X	Schutz, Jacob N. (Elected 5/2/11)	-	X	X	Powers, Michael J.	X	X	X
Robinson, Brenda	X	X	X	Schutz, Norman K.		X	X	Shepley, Bruce Dale		X	X
Robinson, Thomas	X	X	X	Skrocki, Mary				Silvia, Veronica A.	X	X	X
Taylor, Judith L.	X		X	Taber, Candice N.				Stohlmann, Martha J.	X	X	X
Taylor, Marshall			X	Taber, Michael Paul				St. Pierre, Barbara	E	X	
				Turoczy, Lawrence	X	X		Wilk-Chaffee, Juliette J.			
				Wilk-Chaffee, Juliette J. (Elected in Pct 3 5/2/11)	X	-	-	(Elected Pct 3 5/2/11)	-	X	X
								Ziembra, Barbara	X	X	X

Precinct 4	April 26	June 27	Dec 5
Alibozek, Elizabeth		E	
Blanchard, William T.	X	X	X
Bosworth, Kathryn (Term Ex. 5/1/11)		-	-
Bourdon, Beth L.	X	X	X
Bourdon, Wilfred R. III		X	X
Clairmont, Lawrence A.	X		
Davenport, Susan	E	X	
Deeley, Susan			
Demastrie, Jacqueline M.	X	X	X
Demastrie, Paul S.	X	X	X
Denault, Ronald	X	X	
Halek, Jeremy C.	X	X	X
Hayer, Joseph P.	X	X	X
Koscinski, Joseph P.	X	X	X
Lennon, John J.		X	
Lillie, Dolores	X	X	
Meczywor, Leona	E	X	X
Mendel, Bruce W.	X	X	
Mendel, Lisa A.	X	X	
Pansecchi, John M. (Elected 5/2/11)	-	X	X
Pedercini, Timothy J.			
Rymarski, Kateri A.	X	X	
Schrade, Paula G.		X	
Sommer, Donald R. Jr.			
Sommer, Michael J.			
Strzepek, David M.	X	E	X
Swistak, John J.	E		
Taylor, James	X	X	E
Taylor, Patricia	X	X	X
Wilk, Myra L.	X	X	
Ziaja, Mark D.	X	X	

Precinct 5	April 26	June 27	Dec 5
Bassi, Michael E.		X	X
Berti, Katrina M.			
Burdick, Timothy R.	X	X	X
Byrd, Colleen M.			
Corrigan, Carol A.	X	X	X
Corrigan, Thomas J.		X	E
Cuttillo, Dianne M.	X		E
Dean, Aaron M.	X	X	
Dean, Joseph R. Jr.	X	X	X
Doyle, Ann Marie	X		X
Doyle, Joseph B.	X		X
Fassell, James J.	X	X	X
Gigliotti, Debra Lynn	X	X	X
Haddad, George J.	X	X	X
Hellquist, C. Barre (Term Ex. 5/1/11)	E	-	-
Hutchinson, Doris M.	E	E	E
Richard G. Kleiner (Elected 5/2/11)	-	X	X
Christopher T. Koperniak (Elected 5/2/11)	-	X	X
Daniel P. LaPlante (Elected 5/2/11)	-	X	X
Lennon, David J. Jr.	X	X	
Levesque, John Joseph		X	X
Levesque, Lauryn B.		X	X
Levesque, Tami M.	X	X	X
MacDonald, Donna Aitken (Term Ex. 5/1/11)		-	-
MacDonald, Edward (Term Ex. 5/1/11)	E	-	-
MacDonald, Thomas	E		
Meczywor, Donna	X	X	X
Moran, Frederick D.	X	X	
Moran, Marilyn A.	X	X	
Noyes, Nicholas G.	X	X	X
Pinsonnault, Bernard	X		X
Satko, Thomas A.	X	X	X
Whitman, Mary E.	X	X	

Board of Selectmen / Town Administrator

2011 was a year likely to be remembered for its adverse challenges and obstacles. Beginning with a demanding budget season and concluding with an historic tropical storm, it is safe to say that the strength of our small community was put to the test. Meanwhile, growth still persevered in the form of new projects and initiatives that will make the Town a better place to live in future years. Overseeing these challenges was a Board of Selectmen that remained unaltered in 2011 after the re-election of Member Michael Ouellette in the spring.

The theme for 2011 was laid out early on with the commencement of a budget process that forced the Town to slash a deficit of nearly \$400,000, created due to declining state aid and local receipts. However, the approach of the Board of Selectmen and Town Administrator focused far less on cuts and much more on regionalization, restructuring and the integration of new technologies into the way business is done in Adams. In the end, the Town was able to get through the budget process without having to drastically alter any specific services, while also becoming better positioned for future growth. The idea of spending less while doing more began to take shape in a tangible way around Town.

Not long after solving the budget question, the Town was hit head-on by Tropical Storm Irene in late August. The storm itself was devastating, bringing record rainfall and high force winds, while being considered a 100-year storm by many weather experts and historians. For a full day, the Town was assaulted by severe weather resulting in floods, mudslides, erosion and wind damage. By the end of the storm event, the Town had been battered from east to west and was left with a damage bill in the millions of dollars. Fortunately for the community, not a single fatality or major injury was reported during the day's events - a testament to the skill, commitment and professionalism of our public safety personnel in Adams.

Despite the adversity faced in 2011, the Town continued on its strategic path to becoming a bigger player in Berkshire County. The \$40.5 million renovation and rebuilding of Hoosac Valley Middle and High School broke ground early in the year, kicking off what is intended to be roughly a 13-month project. Once completed, this facility will be among the finest middle and high schools in Western Massachusetts. The Town's Greylock Glen Project also saw continued progress by being awarded a \$2 million MassWorks infrastructure grant from the Commonwealth. This money will be used to begin the process of extending Town

water and sewer through the site while also revitalizing both Gould and Thiel Roads. An additional \$822,660 was awarded to the Town through the annual Community Development Block Grant program. These funds are intended to be used for the continuation of the Town's housing rehabilitation program, as well as the demolition of blighted properties and the construction of a new parking lot off of Summer Street.

The Thunderbolt Ski Race was held for a second straight year, managing to grow in popularity while increasing in both its number of participants as well as attendees brave enough to make the trek up the slopes of Greylock. Additionally, the

Town positioned itself for a 2012-2013 construction season for the extension of the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail from Hoosac Street to Lime Street. These initiatives, along with continued success of such events as the "Pedal and Plod" race, the George Coop Race, Bike Night and the Mount Greylock Ramble, continue to help establish Adams more and more as the "Recreational Hub of Berkshire County."

If one word had to be used to describe 2011 in Adams, that word would be "community." The term is appropriate because it takes a community to fight through and overcome the types of challenges and

adversities faced during 2011. It also takes a community to make Adams what it is today - a beautiful place to live with ambitions of becoming an even better place to visit, work and raise a family in the coming years.



Back: (l-r) Selectman Scott F. Nichols and Town Administrator Jonathan Butler. Seated: (l-r) Selectmen Arthur W. Harrington, Jason Hnatonko and Michal G. Ouellette. Absent - Paula I. Melville.



The swollen Hoosic River during Tropical Storm Irene

Town Clerk

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED

Resident Fishing.....	78
Resident Fishing Minor.....	7
Resident Fishing 65-69.....	23
Resident Fishing Over 70.....	30
Non-Resident Fishing.....	6
Non-Resident Fishing - 3-Day.....	0
Non-Resident Fishing Minor.....	0
Resident Fishing - 3 Day.....	1
Resident Trapping.....	1
Resident Trapping - Minor.....	0
Resident Trapping - 65-69.....	0
Duplicate Fishing.....	1
Resident Citizen Hunting.....	16
Resident Hunting - 65-69.....	1
Resident Hunting Paraplegic.....	0
Non-Resident Hunting, Big Game.....	2
Non-Resident Hunting, Small Game.....	0
Resident Citizen Minor Hunting.....	0
Resident Sporting.....	54
Resident Sporting 65-69.....	16
Resident Citizen Sporting Over 70.....	52
Resident Minor Sporting.....	6
Duplicate Hunting.....	0
Duplicate Sporting.....	3
Archery Stamp.....	31
Waterfowl Stamp.....	7
Primitive Firearms Stamp.....	61
Total.....	396

PLEASE NOTE:

The above total reflects licenses and stamps sold from January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2011. Due to circumstances out of the Town's control, as of January 1, 2012, the Town Clerk's Office will no longer be selling Hunting and Fishing Licenses.

Payments

To Division Of Fisheries And Wildlife\$ 6,925.00

To Town Treasurer-Collector For: Dog Licenses &
Fees, Sporting Fees, Marriage Permits, Certified
Copies, Gasoline Permits, Pole Locations,
Cemetery Lot Deeds, Abstracts,
Miscellaneous,(Includes Late Dog Fees),
Raffle Permits, Application Fees-Zoning
Board Of Appeals, Fines-Non-Criminal20,741.61

Total **\$27,666.61**

2009 - \$39,120.79

2010 - \$37,851.38

Vital Statistics	2011	2010	2009
Births Reported	37	70	56
Marriages Reported	44	52	61
Deaths	89	106	113

Gas Station Renewals 11

Number of Dog Licenses Issued

Males.....	84
Neutered Males.....	312
Females.....	34
Spayed Females.....	371
4 Dogs Kennel License.....	10
10 Dogs Kennel License.....	1
25 Dogs Kennel License.....	1
Transfer Licenses.....	0
Total	813

Town Census — 9,183

VOTER REGISTRATION Annual Town Election — May 2, 2011

Prec.	Dem.	Rep.	Unen	Green/ Rain J	Lib.Reform L	Green E	Green USA G	Totals
1	372	76	529	1	6	0	1	985
2	400	55	643	2	4	1	0	1,105
3	423	96	577	0	5	0	0	1,101
4	355	60	550	2	5	0	1	973
5	419	82	660	1	7	1	0	1,170
1,969	369	2,959	6	27	2	2	5,334	

Board of Health

The Board of Health has three elected members: Chairman Dr. Richard E. Frost, Ed. D., Vice Chairman Patricia Clairmont, and Member Roy Thompson. Each member serves for a three year term. Scott Koczela is the appointed Food Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer for the Adams Board of Health. The Board of Health conducted 12 regular business meeting in 2011.

Code Enforcement Officer Scott Koczela conducted 157 rental inspections as required by the Adams Town By-Law to ensure the dwelling units are in conformance with the Massachusetts State Sanitary Code and collected fees of \$3,935.00 for these inspections. Rental Inspection Correction Orders are issued for any unit that fails the inspection and reinspections are conducted after repairs are made.

The Board conducted the following activities:

- State Sanitary Code orders issued – 37
- Berkshire Housing Court cases, most requiring multiple trips to court – 11
- Soil Perk Tests conducted – 5
- Septic System Installations – 6
- Well Permits issued – 5
- Complaints received and acted upon – 136
- Variance requested – 0
- Non-Criminal Disposition \$50 Citations issued – 13

The following permits were issued:

- Food Service Establishments – 38
- Retail Food – 13
- Catering – 6
- Frozen Desserts – 8
- Milk Permits – 33
- Septic Hauler – 3
- Commercial Hauler – 9
- Septic Installer – 6
- Manufactured Housing – 1
- Mobile Vendors – 4
- Temporary Vendors – 17
- Funeral Directors – 4
- Body Art Practitioner – 2
- Body Art Establishment – 1
- Motel – 1
- Residential Kitchen – 2
- Tanning Salon – 1
- Syringe – 1

School Nursing

Nursing services at St. Stanislaus Kostka School are provided by contract with School Nurse Jean King, RN. Monthly reports for this program are submitted to the School Principal and the Adams Board of Health.

Services Provided

- Maintaining and updating state-required immunizations and physicals for every student.
- Required immunization surveys for Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 7 are completed every October and sent to Boston.
- Physical examinations must be done and documented for school entrance and every three years thereafter.

- A Confidential List of student medical information is given to each teacher at the start of school and updated throughout the year.
- Documentations of up-to-date Tetanus Boosters are required for entry into Seventh Grade.
- Strict adherence to the State Medication Administration Laws is required for all medication given in school. Written Doctor's Orders along with written Parent Permissions must be in place before any medication can be given, including over-the-counter medication.
- All students are screened for Pediculosis (head lice) in September and throughout the year as needed.
- Vision and Hearing screenings are done for all students and referrals sent if further testing is indicated.
- An Asthma Report is a yearly requirement sent to Boston DPH every May.
- Heights, Weights and Body Mass Index Calculations are done for every student.
- Scoliosis (Postural) screenings are done for all students Grades 5 through 8. Parents are notified ahead of time and referrals are sent if indicated. Boston DPH requires a yearly report.
- The Nurse is present in the school every day during recess and all day during gym day for the administration of First Aid.
- Classroom teaching topics include Illness Prevention, Dental Hygiene, Personal Hygiene/Sex Education (with written parent permission) and Prevention of Head Lice Transmission.
- Staff is apprised yearly of new immunization recommendations and requirements.
- Close communication with parent, staff and physician is a major part of total nursing care.

Public Health Nursing for Town of Adams VNA & Hospice of Northern Berkshire

Community Blood Pressure Clinics: 4 sites

Under age 65:	51
Over age 65:	156
Male:	42
Female:	165
Total residents:	207

Seasonal flu vaccine administered: 254 doses

Communicable Disease Investigation and Reporting:

Salmonellosis – No Active Infection
Giardiasis – 1 Case
Hepatitis C – No Active Infection
Pertussis – 1 Case

All reports were completed and forwarded to Massachusetts Department of Public Health for recording as required.

Adams residents also attended walk-in clinics held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the VNA office for blood pressure checks, medication teaching, TB screening and blood glucose testing. Health promotion information is offered at these clinics.

Inspectors Reports

Building Inspector

During 2011, the Adams Building Inspector issued 345 permits for construction, demolition, alterations, additions, repairs, change of use, woodstove/chimney installations, certificate of inspections and curb cut / driveway entrances. A total of \$28,489.33 in filing fees was collected during the year.

Numerous inspections were carried out on new permits as well as those requested for single-family, multi-family, and assembly buildings or by the Adams Board of Health, Adams Fire Department, Police Department, Adams Housing Authority, Office of Transitional Assistance, and the Town's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The Building Inspector addressed numerous zoning and building code violations, with some resulting in additional court action. Periodic inspections were performed on restaurants, bars, clubs, food establishments, schools, bed & breakfast inns, motels, apartment houses, day care centers, condominiums and churches. The Building Inspector also worked with the Zoning and Planning Boards by reviewing applications and organizing meetings.

Four permits were issued for new residential single-family dwellings in 2011. Some 296 permits were filed for residential alterations and renovations. Thirty permits were filed for new commercial / business / non-residential buildings. Eleven permits were filed for signs and four permits were issued for curbcuts.

Type of Permits:	# of Permits:
Single Family Dwelling	4
Residential additions, alterations, conversions, repairs, & insulation	296
Commercial/Business/Non-Residential additions, alterations, conversions, and repairs	30
Sign Permits	11
Curb-cut/ Driveway entrance	4
TOTAL BUILDING PERMITS	345

Gas Inspector

Number of Gas Fitting Permits Issued	116
Revenue Generated	\$3,365

Electrical Inspector

Commercial Rough-in	42
Final Inspections	210
Furnaces	12
Industrial Rough-in	27
Pools	6
Residential Rough-in	184
Services 100 Amp.	52
Services 150 Amp.	8
Services 200 Amp.	47
Services 400 Amp.	6
Services 600 Amp.	4
Services 800 Amp.	1
Services 1600 Amp.	1
Services Reconnection on Old	6
Services Temporary	5

Miscellaneous Inspections

Board of Health	10
Building Inspector	4
Complaints	52
Local Fires	3
Insurance Companies	24
Loan Agencies	23
MA. Small Cities Program	23
Power Company	31
State Inspectors Office	28
State Police	2
State Police Fire Marshal	2
Inspections Made	805
Permits Granted	150

Plumbing Inspector

Number of Plumbing Permits Issued	65
Revenue Generated	\$2,550

Planning Board

The Planning Board convened six (6) public hearings during 2011, at which it addressed five (5) Site Plan applications and five (5) "Form A" subdivision plans ("Approval Not Required" in the Town's Subdivision Regulations).

Specific applications reviewed included Site Plan approval for the following: East Road, Tecta Solar Quantum, LLC; Commercial Place, Berkshire Arts and Technology Charter School; Columbia Street, Neil Wong; Hoosac Street, Dufour Escorted Tours, Inc., and Pleasant Street, George Apkin & Sons, Inc.

In addition, the Planning Board approved three (3) Form A ("Approval Not Required" under the Subdivision Regulations)

for properties located at: Grove Street, David C. Horn, Harry T. Horn, and Thomas H. Horn; East Road, Louis A. Moser, Renelle M. Moser, Jeffrey M. Loholdt and Carrie Loholdt; and West Road, Peter R. West.

Members of the Planning Board are David Rhinemiller, Chairman; Michael O'Brien, Vice-Chairman; Martha Stohlmann, Barbara Ziembra, and Sandra Moderski.

Committees represented by the Board are: Traffic Commission, Michael O'Brien; Berkshire Regional Planning Commission, Sandra Moderski; and Capital Improvement Committee (CIP), David Rhinemiller.

Conservation Commission

The Conservation Commission has seven members. Jason Krzanowski serves as Chairman and James Fassell is Vice Chairman. The other members are Thomas Robinson, Anthony McBride, Douglas Burnett, Joseph Nowak and Corey Bishop.

Fourteen business meetings were held in 2011. The Commission acted on six Requests for Determinations and one Notice of Intent.

A Notice of Intent was filed and the Commission issued Order of Conditions for the following project:

1. Filed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation for the proposed extension of the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail between Hoosac and Lime Street.

Request for an Amended Order of Conditions:

1. This was requested by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation for adjusted plans after input from landowners along the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail.

Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD):

1. Filed by the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation to confirm as accurate the depicted resource area boundaries for the Greylock Glen Project as referenced in the ANRAD.
2. Filed by Specialty Minerals to confirm as accurate the depicted resource areas boundaries as referenced in the ANRAD.

Determinations of Applicability were issued for the following:

1. Request filed by the Adams Cheshire School District for road access work on Orchard Street.
2. Request filed by Pan Am Railways, Inc. for wetland review pending herbicide application.
3. Request filed by Peter West for septic system installation and brush work at 408 West Road.
4. Request filed by the Town of Adams for installation of perforated pipe at Russell Field.

5. Request filed by Peter West for 410 West Road work consisting clearing lot, installation of a rock wall, and additional fill.
6. Request filed by Tecta Solar Quantum LLC for a Solar PV Installation Project.

Certificate of Compliance:

1. Town of Adams for banking repair at 367 East Hoosac Street.
2. Town of Adams for work in front of 195 West Road.
3. Town of Adams for work in Miller Brook.
4. Adams Cooperative Bank for demolition of Sadlow Auto Body building and converting the property to a parking lot.

Emergency Certifications for Tropical Storm Irene Repair:

1. Southwick Brook at Charles Street Crossing
2. Southwick Brook, Lime Street to North Summer Street
3. Miller Brook along East Hoosac Street
4. Federal flood chute at Gilead Street
5. Pecks Brook at West Road
6. Pine Brook from Burt Street to Friend Street
7. Pine Brook from Columbia Street to Lime Street
8. Southwick Brook at Davis Street and adjacent properties
9. Southwick Brook at East Road & 90 Lime Street
10. Lost bridge at 112 East Hoosac Street
11. Landslide near and adjacent to 70 East Road, threatening Tophet Brook
12. Landslides/washouts along East Hoosac Street into Miller Brook
13. Landslide on East Mountain Road into Tophet Brook.
14. 27 East Road
15. Southwick Brook at 76 Lime Street
16. Southwick Brook at 66 Lime Street
17. Southwick Brook at 82 Lime Street
18. Southwick Brook at 86 Lime Street

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals hears issues and decisions for Variance applications under M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 10, and Special Permit applications to expand or alter a pre-existing nonconforming structure or use under M.G.L. Chapter 40A, Section 6. The Board of Appeals plays a key role in determining Special Permit applications under the Adams Zoning Bylaw. The Zoning Board of Appeals also hears appeals from an applicant who has been denied some or all of his or her building application. Typically, an applicant seeking the right to develop or build on a property, who has received a negative decision of the Building Inspector or the Planning Board, may appeal that decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Many issues came before the Board during 2011. Thirteen (13) Public Hearings were conducted involving nine (9) Variance requests and twelve (12) Special Permit requests, seven of which were "Home Occupations."

During 2011, the Adams Zoning Board of Appeals had five (5) permanent members and three (3) alternate members, who would replace a member of the Board in case of a temporary vacancy, absence, inability to act, or conflict in interest. Following the resignation of long-serving Chairman W. Peter Gutmann, who resigned in April 2011, the Board's permanent members were Michael Mach, Peter West, Anthony Donovan, Joseph Greenbush, and Brian Tenczar. Corinne Case, Patricia Folino, and Rob Krzanik serve as alternate members. Michael Mach serves as the Board's delegate to the Capital Improvement Planning Committee.



East Hoosac Street near East Road washout

Department of Public Works

Highway Division

Following the Pavement Management Plan the following streets were resurfaced or chip sealed in 2011 with Chapter 90 funds.

Streets Resurfaced:

980' Bob's Hill
410' Gavin Avenue
224' Marmon Street
894' Myrtle Street
2306' Summer Street

All sewer and drainage structures on the above named streets were repaired or rebuilt.

Streets Chip Sealed:

12375' East Hoosac Street
4600' Burlingame Hill (2 coats)
5800' Walling Road (2 coats)

There are presently seven (7) full-time employees in the Highway Division. Tasks performed by the Highway Division include:

- Street Sweeping
- Patching Streets
- Scarifying and shaping unpaved roads
- Maintaining street guardrails, culverts and surface drains
- Maintaining parking meters and regulatory signs
- Painting all crosswalks, parking spaces and centerlines
- Sanding, snow plowing and snow removal
- Repairing and rebuilding catch basins and sewer manholes
- Sidewalk repair
- Installation of new sewer connections (3)
- Planting of new trees
- Chipping brush on the sides of roads
- Chipping brush at the Recycling Center
- Sanding and snow plowing Hoosac Valley High School,



Charles Street Bridge off of Lime Street

Adams Memorial Middle School and C.T. Plunkett Elementary School

- Mowing grass at the Cemeteries

Equipment Maintenance Division

There are presently two (2) full time employees in the Equipment Maintenance Division. This division is in charge of repairing and maintaining all of the Town owned vehicles and equipment which include: 48 equipment / vehicles for the DPW including Highway, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Forest Warden's, Parks and Grounds and Cemetery Departments; 9 vehicles for the Police Department; 2 vans for the Council on Aging. Also maintained by this division are lawn mowers, chain saws, water pumps, generators, snow blowers, air compressors, etc.

The maintenance shop does all of its own fabrication and welding to plows, plow frames, dump bodies and loader buckets, and does its own body repairs, sand blasting and painting. The shop also changes all tires including loader tires and large truck tires. There are too many numerous repairs performed each day to list individually.

This division also writes specifications for all equipment to be purchased.

In 2011 the Town of Adams through the Equipment Maintenance Division purchased the following equipment:

- Zwack 6yd Sanding Body
- Video Inspection System for pipelines

2011 turned out to be an interesting year with some memorable weather events:

In January a large snowstorm brought us 25 inches of snow. An emergency declaration was issued by President Obama, which allowed the Town to get reimbursed from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for 75% of the cost of snow removal.

The end of August brought Tropical Storm Irene that caused major flooding and damage throughout the Town. Again an

emergency declaration was issued by President Obama, allowing the Town to receive reimbursement for the cost of cleanup and repairs. FEMA is reimbursing the Town 75% for cleanup and emergency repairs. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is reimbursing the Town 75% for permanent repairs (removing sediment from the Pine Street Brook and stabilizing the slope on East Road opposite the Susan B. Anthony Museum). The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is reimbursing the Town (90% for replacement of the culvert that carries the Southwick Brook under East Road) and (100% for repairs to sections of East Hoosac Street and East Road that were washed out by Tropical Storm Irene).

Another large snowstorm dropped 18 inches of snow at the end of October. Once again an emergency declaration was issued by President Obama, which allowed the Town to get reimbursed 75% from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the cost of snow removal.

Mother Nature then gave the Town a break with very little snowfall for the months of November and December.

Cemetery Division

Maple Street Cemetery

A joint project between the Cemetery Department and the Adams Fire District to design and install a metering system for all water usage has been designed. The entire system will be up and running in the spring of 2012. As in the past the department had to remove dying maple trees. Some of the larger, older trees did not survive the high winds of Hurricane Irene. The Quaker Meeting House opened to the public on schedule this year and had a high volume of out of town visitors throughout the summer. The entire grounds were maintained primarily with two seasonal employees and the assistance of the Berkshire County Sheriff's Office and Berkshire Trial Court. – Thanks to both!

Bellevue Cemetery

The joint project between the Cemetery Department and the Adams Fire District was planned, designed, and installed this year.



All water usage is now monitored which will help in determining any underground pipe leakage. The Cemetery Commissioners secured funding to pave approximately 2000' of roads. Hopefully the same can be accomplished in 2012. The Elm Tree Farm in the cemetery is alive and well. Trees are not quite ready for sale but should be in 2012. All grounds were maintained by full time and seasonal employees and with the help of Berkshire County Sheriff's Office and Berkshire Trial Court both cemeteries were in pristine condition for Memorial Day.

Parks & Grounds Division

Russell Field

Work has begun on the lighting system. Several fixtures have been replaced atop the 60' poles. The project should be completed by June of 2012. The summer parks program was held at Russell Field and was extremely active throughout the summer. Extensive drainage work was performed on the east side of the property. Crews excavated a 30' trench and installed stone, and piping with fabric to help ease excess water running into the field.

Valley Street Field

Due to budget cutbacks there have been no major projects planned for Valley Street Field. Hopefully the town will be able to begin work on projects such as fence replacement, field house painting and related repairs. The parks staff edged the baseball diamond and hauled several cubic yards of baseball mix to the field.

Reid Field

The large ditch on the east side of the facility was excavated and totally cleaned out by the highway department. As promised, Reid Field house was totally repainted by the Berkshire County Sheriff's Office at no labor cost to the town. Department employees re-edged the softball diamond and hauled several loads of baseball mix for general upkeep. The playground area had the wood chips replaced with double shredded insurance approved mulch.

Renfrew Field

Several tons of diamond mix was purchased. Half of the material has been installed while the other half should be incorporated into the diamond in 2012. The department continued with aggressive fertilizing and weed control programs. Employees performed these applications during the season.

Town Common

As in past years, employees continued with repairing and refurbishing park benches. All light poles, gazebo and the large Christmas tree were decorated and ready for the celebration just after Thanksgiving.

Other Duties

Parks & Grounds staff maintains lighting on Park Street, Armory Court and all of Memorial Park. Staff also maintains several miles of the flood control system which spans from Lime Street to Reeves Street. The division keeps all bridges, walkways

and street crossing ramps clear of snow, assists the Highway division with all public plowing, and performs town wide trash removal, which includes many public buildings, athletic fields, playgrounds, cemeteries, and downtown street receptacles. Each year staff also decorates Park Street, Hoosac Street and Summer Street light poles with holiday decorations.

Adams

Wastewater Treatment Plant

2011 was a challenging year for the Adams Wastewater Treatment Facility. Above average precipitation from snow storms, rain storms and tropical storms created additional demands on our staff, equipment and operating budget. Our staffing levels have remained at seven full time employees. Our hours of operation are 7 AM – 3 PM, Monday through Friday. To comply with NPDES permit conditions for daily monitoring the laboratory is staffed for two hours each day on weekends and holidays. The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) and its three pumping stations are inspected weekdays, weekends and holidays, as required by Massachusetts General Law, by our licensed mechanics. All employees at the Adams WWTP hold a Massachusetts Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's license of a grade 4 level or higher.

A summary of the work and projects accomplished in 2011 is as follows:

DEWATERING and CONVEYING EQUIPMENT

- Tank leak repaired and new tank bleed valve installed on polymer mixing machine's air compressor.
- 20 amp air breaker for sludge screw conveyor was replaced.
- Lower dewatering belt on filter belt press was replaced.
- New premium efficiency motor and new mechanical seals installed on plant water pressure boost pump on filter belt press.

VALVES, PUMPS, MOTORS, CONTROLLERS and ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT

- Boiler make-up water anti siphon valve and pressure expansion tank replaced.
- A new gear reducer was installed on the automated plant water micro screen. New packing's were installed at this time.
- #2 Clow-Yoeman pump at the Harmony Street Pumping Station was rebuilt. New bearings, grease seals and painted then reinstalled and placed back into operation.
- #1 Clow-Yoeman pump at Harmony St. Pumping Station was removed to inspect and remove rags that had built-up on the impeller. Households that are serviced by this pumping station are disposing of artificial fiber cleaning rags, which do not break down in the wastewater, and become wrapped in the pumps impeller which impacts the proper and efficient operation of this pumping station.
- Pump bases for #1, #2 and #3 return activated sludge pumps were primed and painted.
- Waste sludge duel piston pump had new o-rings installed on check ball covers and pump was repacked.
- New 6" discharge check valve was installed on #3 Chicago pump at the domestic pumping station.
- Final effluent sampling pump replaced.

- #1 Plant water pump discharge gate valve repacked and adjusted.
- #1 Wemco grit pump case gasket replaced and new packing's installed.
- New relay, relay base, buss fuse and pilot lights installed on plant water micro screen controller.
- New scum pump coupling installed and aligned.
- New stainless steel "bleeder" ball valves installed on scum pump expansion tanks.
- Laboratory vacuum pump leak repaired.
- Tank drain ball valve replaced on polymer mixing machines air compressor. #1 and #2 Sodium bisulfite chemical pumps had new 4 way valves and suction lines installed.
- Channel monster shredder was sent to authorized repair center to be rebuilt with new cutters, bearings and grease seals. Rebuilt unit was reinstalled and is operational.

MOBILE EQUIPMENT, STATIONARY EMERGENCY GENERATORS and VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

- 2001 Ford F 350, ¾ ton, 4X4 pick-up truck had new plow head lights installed. A transmission fluid leak was repaired and a new shift tube and bushings was installed by the DPW mechanics. The snow plow and snow plow frame were repaired. New rear brake calipers, brake pads, muffler, tail pipe, hangers and clamps along with four new tires were installed this year.
- Scag 48" mower had new cutting blades, oil, oil filter, air filter, drive wheel belts, drive tensioners and pulleys installed.
- Ariens snow blower had its carburetor cleaned and rebuilt, recoil started repaired and new drive belt installed. The engine oil was changed and the machine was lubricated and greased.
- The John Deere push mower had its motor oil, air filter, and cutting blade replaced.
- The forklift truck had oil, oil filter and air filter installed.
- Semiannual oil, oil filters and coolant filters changed on our two Caterpillar stationary emergency electrical generators.

OTHER EQUIPMENT

- Air Handling Unit air filters replaced.
- All fire extinguishers at the WWTP and the three pumping stations were tested and inspected.
- Five Magnetic Flow Meters were cleaned, calibrated and certified as accurate.
- Dissolved oxygen sensors for #4, #5 and #6 mechanical aerators were replaced with new sensor elements.
- In November all outside chemical solution lines were drained and purged with compressed air to prevent freeze damage from cold weather.
- #5 aerator sensor arm hinge replaced.
- Silastic tubing for peristaltic pumps on the influent and effluent Isco samplers replaced.
- 5 hp motor on Ingersoll Rand compressor in pump room replaced. New boiler steam manifold fabricated and installed on boiler to resolve steam leaks.
- High water cut off float / controller on boiler replaced.
- Four ¾ hp motors on condensate return pumps were replaced.
- Two condensate return pumps located on lower pump room were rebuilt with new impellers and mechanical seals.

- Gearbox lubricants from mechanical aerators and clarifier drives were sent out for wear analysis.
- Electrical conductor rails on chlorine cylinder hoist had new insulator rubber strips installed.
- Alum piping leak in bleach room repaired.
- Influent pH probe rebuilt and electrolyte replaced.
- 26 year old circular flow chart at domestic pumping station replaced with new unit.

MISCELLANEOUS

- Laboratory scales were cleaned and calibrated by All State Scale Company.
- Alarm system insurance certification performed by Alarms of Berkshires. New backup batteries installed and three heat sensors were replaced.
- New probes were purchased for pH meter and portable dissolved oxygen meter.
- Ground water removed from electrical manholes and chemical line manholes in the spring and fall.
- The Adams Highway Department used their street sweeping machine to clean the roadways at the WWTP in the spring.
- Telephone wire pedestal pull station at main gate was replaced due to snow plow damage.
- Lawn damage from snow plowing repaired in the spring.
- All variable frequency drives (vfd) were thermography inspected. All vfd filters were cleaned and reinstalled.
- Two 2" backflow prevention valves were inspected and tested by the Adams Water Department. Both devices passed.
- Annual state inspection of facility's boilers and compressors passed.
- South clarifier tank was broom swept clean. All material brought to dumpster.
- Leak on south clarifier's scum collection line was repaired.
- Electrical surge suppressor on main electrical transfer panel required replacement due to an electrical surge after the tropical storms in September. At this time electrical conductors inside the transfer panel were reinsulated to correct insulation chaffing problem.
- An electrical phase loss to the water camp disinfection chemical mixer occurred in September. 1700 feet of copper wire was replaced to resolve phase loss problem. Asphalt roadway and lawns repaired after excavation work was completed.

SUMMARY

2011 was a very demanding year for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. During the winter we received over seventy-three inches of snow. When that snow melted in April along with above average rainfall during the spring and summer the amount of wastewater requiring treatment increased dramatically. Two tropical storms, Irene and Leo, also impacted the plant. When tropical storm Irene struck on August 28, 2011, the town received over 9 ¾" of rain in a twelve hour period. The volume of raw wastewater received from the storm peaked at nine million gallons per day or about five times greater flow than we have on average at that time of year. The high flows brought with it large amounts of sands, stones, bricks, wood and metal debris that had accumulated over time in

the sewage collection system. The WWTP staff managed to keep all equipment operational during this very demanding period.

In September the installation of a 7kW solar photovoltaic system on the roof of the Wastewater Treatment Plant was completed. This electrical generating system was installed by Berkshire Photovoltaic Services and paid by a \$50,000 grant from the Federal stimulus money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This system will supply approximately 15% of the power required at the plant.

The laboratory technician passed all analytical parameters that were part of the EPA's annual Discharge Monitoring Report Quality Assurance Study 31. The performance study insures the data we submit in our monthly, quarterly and annual reports to the Federal and State regulatory agencies are verified as accurate.

A review of the 2011 facility's records and reports documents 895.4 million gallons of wastewater was treated and cleaned before being discharged to the Hoosic River. This was an increase of 41.5% above last years (2010) annual flow of 632.71 million gallons. As discussed earlier this increase was a result of above average snow and rainfall during 2011.

A total of 151.93 dry metric tons of dewatered sludge was processed and hauled to an incinerator in Waterbury, CT for final

disposal in 2011. This was a slight increase of 0.696% above 2010 sludge disposal total of 150.88 dry metric tons.

As in past years the Wastewater Treatment Plant employees are being used in other departments to assist them during high demand periods. The WWTP employees have been assigned to cut grass and line trim in the towns cemeteries from April through May in preparation for Memorial Day observances. They have cut brush and vegetation in the town's flood control shoots in preparation of an army corp. of engineer's inspection. During the winter WWTP employees are assigned to plow town streets and to shovel and clear sidewalks, bridge sidewalks and stairs at all town owned buildings.

CONCLUSION

As in 2010 the Operating Expense portion of our 2011 budget was reduced by 5.6 %. Again the Wastewater Treatment Plant endeavors to maintain the same quality and consistent services, with less money even when the costs of supplies, materials and parts increase. I would like to thank the staff at the WWTP for their professional, knowledgeable and resourceful expertise. Their dedication insures the health of the water quality of the Hoosic River's ecosystem and the public health of the Town of Adams.

Historical Commission

St. Mark's Church celebrated its last service on Palm Sunday, April 17. It merged with St. John's in North Adams to form a new parish, Holy Trinity. The corner stone of the former church was laid in 1881. The Rev. A. B. Jennings was offered \$12,000 by Mr. L.L. Brown, provided the parish members contribute the remaining cost, estimated to be another \$2500. The final cost was closer to \$25,000. The architect was W. C. Brocklesby of Hartford, Conn. The contractor and builder was Bartlett Brothers of East Whatley, Mass. The building style is Gothic Revival, trimmed in blue granite from Vermont and finished with Ohio stone. The adjoining parish house was built in 1888.

The 19th century barn on the former Brandon Farm (and the historic Burlingame Farm) on Walling Road was disassembled and moved to Ashfield, Mass. where it has been re-raised and used as a horse barn. This is the second barn in two years that has left Adams for a new location. The first one was the Dean Barn from West Road.

The Gothic altar from St. Thomas Aquinas Church, whose final Mass was on November 23, 2008, was purchased and moved to the Annunciation parish in Kiln, Mississippi. Other articles in that church are from Berkshire County: the tabernacle - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Pittsfield; the pews - St. Mary Morning Star, Pittsfield; the stained glass windows - St. Francis Church, North Adams.

St. Stanislaus Kostka Church remained closed while appeals to the Vatican are being

pursued. On September 21, 2011, they observed the 1000-day Anniversary of their 24-hour vigil with a gathering of over 150 of the participants and a display of candles spelling out "1000" on the front steps of the church.

Historical Commission volunteers in conjunction with Historical Society members continued to open the Quaker Meeting House on Sundays between The 4th of July and Columbus Day.

In October, Historical Commission members attended a Regional Historic Preservation Forum held at the Adams Public Library. The Forum was presented by the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. As part of the forum the Commission members prepared a listing of Town of Adams historic assets and presented comments on those that should be added to our current survey, those that needed to be re-surveyed, and those that are endangered.



The timber frame of the barn at the Brandon/Burlingame Farm, June, 2011

Renovation work was in progress on the Registry of Deeds building, 65 Park Street, consisting of new windows, light power washing and repointing brick, and repainting wood trim. Demolition work was begun on the Mausert Building, 19-25 Park Street. The building which is on the National Register of Historic Places is to be renovated with the work expected to take a few years.

Council on Aging

The Council on Aging (CoA) is a town department authorized under Chapter 40 Section 8B of Massachusetts General Laws. The law states that a Council on Aging may be established for the purpose of coordinating or carrying out programs designed to meet the needs of the aging in conjunction with programs of the Office of Elder Affairs.

Our CoA's mission is:

- To advocate on behalf of the older adults in Adams sixty years of age and over.
- To provide information and referrals, working with other Town departments and area agencies.
- To identify unmet needs in the community and network with other social service agencies to address those needs.
- To enhance the quality of life for older adults and the whole community by promoting "healthy aging" through educational programs, cultural programs and activities.

The CoA took on a complete overhaul in the new fiscal year.



With the demanding FY12 budget, we lost our Supportive Day Program and part-time administrative assistance position. However, with the changes we were able to create the professional position of an Outreach Coordinator. With over 40 applicants, nine highly qualified applicants were interviewed and Linda Greenbush was offered the position. Linda is an Adams resident who comes to the CoA with a wealth of knowledge, connections, and resources. As hoped, since the position was filled the center has taken on much more and added many options for opportunity. (*Outreach Coordinator, Linda Greenbush seen in inserted photo.*)

Transportation

Two vans are leased from the BRTA, they are handicap accessible/para-transit vehicles. In December of 2011, van driver Todd Casey decided to pursue other interests and the Town moved actively to fill the position. Long time town employee Rita Clarke worked extra hard and per diem van drivers helped to filled in the void.

Throughout the year our drivers and per diem drivers participate in trainings such as, defensive driving, wheelchair lift & securement, passenger sensitivity, coaching the van driver and CPR/first aid.

Although gas prices rose, the center had been able to maintain the affordable suggested donation for ridership. Anywhere in Adams is a suggested \$1-each way, to North Adams \$2-each way, Williamstown \$3-each way and so-on-and-so-forth in the opposite direction. We continue to transport for medical purposes, nutrition services, social events, personal errands, and homebound services.

Thanks to Chet Cyrulik and Vern Emerson, our per diem drivers, the center has been able to run two vans almost every operating day. Our drivers continue to go above and beyond what is asked of them; it is because of this that we feel our transportation pro-

gram stands out above the rest.

Between the affordable suggested donation for ridership and our dedicated team we continue to transport, on average, over 100 unduplicated amounts of seniors. Our highest amount yet was 118 passengers in December. Also offered are day trips; Rita has transported people to the top of Mt. Greylock, the Butterfly Garden, Yankee Candle, an evening tour of Christmas lights, Pekarski's and much more.

Nutrition Program

The Council on Aging offers a nutrition program Monday through Friday at 11:30 AM. All meals are provided by the Elder Service of Berkshire County, Inc. Dee Dee O'Brian of Cheshire has been a staple at the nutrition program as site coordinator for 27 years now, with long-time volunteer Ralph Farrar for 25 years. Joining the team four years ago is volunteer Laura Sunn of Cheshire, two years ago volunteer Debbie Coody, and one year ago husband and wife volunteers Art & Peg Theil of Savoy.

All seniors are invited to join us for lunch or to attend the special parties and events at different times of the year. Those wishing to join us should call two days in advance. Elder Service asks of a suggested \$2 a meal for lunch if affordable. Transportation is available to the center for meals if needed. Popular favorites are turkey and hot dogs. All meals are low sodium and no added sugar to accommodate special diets, unless otherwise specified.

Brown Bag Program

In conjunction with the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts, Brown Bag is a program that the CoA will continue to sponsor. This program is for adults 55 years and older who meet the eligibility guidelines.

With a team of volunteers, the CoA of Cheshire and Lanesborough meet at the Adams site as well to bag and deliver their own brown bags to their residents. People receive a 15 lb bag of non-perishable groceries once a month for a suggested donation of three dollars. Volunteers are available to deliver bags to individuals who cannot get out of their homes independently.

Homebound Grocery Shopping Program

In cooperation with the Big Y supermarket, the Adams CoA continues to shop for homebound seniors in Adams. We are very grateful to our volunteer Irene LeMarche.

Senior Citizen Property Tax Work Off Program

This program was implemented in August 2008 and continues to be a success. Eligible senior homeowners have the opportunity to receive a real estate tax exemption. Program participants will be entitled to a reduction of \$500.00 for their real estate bill in exchange for performing 65 ½ hours of service at a rate of \$8.00/hour. For more information or eligibility requirements please contact Assessor Donna McDonald or CoA Director Erica Samson.

The center assisted five seniors in completing their hours this year.

Fuel Fridays

In collaboration with BCAC's fuel assistance applications can be completed at the Adams CoA, rather than referring you to their North Adams or Pittsfield Office. Both the Director and the Outreach Coordinator have been trained in filling out the applications. This is a new opportunity for the community center that no other resource center, other than BCAC, is offering. Eligibility is set high so that more people can be accommodated. You may be eligible!

Success Story: One local family thought they never qualified, turns out they did. After meeting with our Outreach Coordinator they found out they were eligible for a \$700 credit towards their oil bill. Along with that they got a discount on their electric and a free cell phone through Safelink Wireless.

Contact us today to find out if you're eligible.

SafeLink Wireless Provider

We are now a certified provider of SafeLink wireless cell phones. Applications can be picked up in the Main Room of the Community Center or in the CoA offices. Anyone who received fuel assistance, MassHealth, SSI, SNAP, transitional aid to families with dependent children, LIHEAP, or emergency aid to the elderly, disabled and children automatically qualify.

Applications can also be completed online at safelink.com but make sure you put in our PROMO CODE: CMA0027000

Computer Classes

Thanks to many generous donations and Time Warner Cable we now have eight operating computers and free Wi Fi internet. Volunteer Lou Yarter has been holding computer classes for beginners and continuing learners.

Our first graduating class applauded 16 students and to help cheer them on was Rep. Cariddi, Senator Downing, Town Administrator Jonathan Butler, Time Warner's John Mucha, Chairman Harrington and Selectman Ouellette, as well as many family and friends.

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Outreach

Formally known as Food Stamps, the office staff is now trained on assisting eligible applicants in completing required paperwork.



Computer Instructor and SHINE volunteer Lou Yarter and Director Erica Samson offer praise to Pauline Sniezek after completing her computer class.

Holiday Parties

This December a holiday party was held at the Polish National Alliance, who donated the hall and the entertainment. We served 120 prime rib or baked stuffed chicken dinners and had a successful Chinese auction in which many local business owners contributed to. The proceeds from the Chinese Auction and a 50/50 raffle were donated to BCAC where an emergency fuel assistance fund was established for Adams seniors specifically. At the end of the event, \$1000 was raised which will help ten families.

Garden Program

Jennifer Munoz continues to support our Garden program between the Youth Center, Council on Aging and local schools. This past summer they grew unique vegetables which were shared during lunch time. Left over produce was split amongst the seniors.

Monthly Newsletter

Our monthly newsletter is starting to reach many and subscribers are added every day. Funding comes from a grant provided by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs and from your donations. You can be added to the e-mail list, take it off Town Hall's webpage, pick it up in local spots or asked to be added to the mailing list.

Buckets of Sand

Thanks to a donation from Steepleview Realty, 120 buckets with lids were purchased. During the 3rd Annual Martin Luther King Day of Service, students from MCLA filled the buckets with sand from the DPW shed and together with Jen Segala from Steepleview, Town Administrator Jonathan Butler and the Council on Aging staff passed out the buckets to local Adams seniors. Thanks to the mild winter only 70 buckets were passed with some left over for next year.

Other Programs and Events

The CoA continues to offer other events and support groups. Some are seasonal others are not:

- Foot Clinic
- VNA Blood Pressure Clinic & Flu Clinics - Seasonal
- Educational speakers and special events
- Annual Lion Club Luncheon in October serving over 120 Adams and Savoy residents



SHINE Volunteer Lou Yarter & COA Director Erica Samson

- Monthly entertainment by the “Aladdins”
- Volunteer recognition dinner catered by Boston Seafood’s Omar Ameen
- Quilting Club, Senior Club, Walking Club
- Travel Opportunities
- Free Tai Chi with 20-plus students
- Two SHINE (Serving Health Information Needs of Elders) counselors, Lou Yarter and Karen Matthews
- Yoga
- Seated Exercises
- Free Movies “Movies Under the Roof Top”
- Highlighted in Greylock Credit Union’s quarterly newsletter
- Now have a link on Berkshire Work’s website under senior resources
- Meet & Greet opportunities with various clubs, housing authorities and emergency response teams
- Free ‘File of Life’ cards
- Painting Classes
- Nutritionist through a grant provided by ESBC

Community Center

The Community Center is a town building that houses the Council on Aging, the Northern Berkshire Solid Waste District Office and the Youth Center. In addition to these offices, a Karate group and Girl Scouts utilize the space.

The staff and office volunteers of Adams CoA:

Erica Samson, Director
 Linda Greenbush, Outreach Coordinator
 Rita Clarke, Van Driver
 Todd Casey, Van Driver
 Chet Cyrulik, Per Diem Van Driver
 Vern Emerson, Per Diem Van Driver
 Gary Green, Custodian
 Bob Joppich, Office volunteer
 Mary Smachetti, Office volunteer
 Pauline Pytko, Senior Aid

Board of Directors:

Mary Ellen Cyrulik
 Rose Belisle
 Bob Joppich
 Karen Matthews
 Michelle Wellspeak



Helen Lagess & Rose Koscielniak

Veterans’ Services

The Office of Veteran Services is directly responsible for providing veterans’ benefits under Chapter 115 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This important need-based program provides financial assistance to eligible veterans and their dependents to provide relief from crushing poverty and hopelessness. Veterans of our community who are disabled, homeless, unemployed, underemployed or suffering from the trauma of war and have nowhere else to turn can find some relief in the services provided by the Office of Veteran Services. Many veterans and their families in our community have been rescued from hunger and homelessness by the services provided by the Veteran Service Officer, who works closely with the Department of Veteran Services in Boston to help those in need.

Since being appointed to the office in May of 2011 the new Veteran Service Officer (VSO), Stephen R. Roy, has made several procedural changes and improvements to ensure accurate bookkeeping and 100% approval of all submitted claims to the Department of Veteran Services (DVS). This certifies full reimbursement to the Town of Adams under the guidelines of 108 CMR § 13.02 (3). The Office of Veteran Services continues to see an increase in the number of claims filed and clients served; the associated cost to the community to pay these benefits escalates accordingly. Consequently the need for meticulous recordkeeping and guaranteed reimbursement by the Commonwealth to the Town of Adams is imperative.

Veteran Services also assists a great number of veterans with filing claims through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This intimidating process is extremely difficult to accomplish successfully - without assistance nearly all claims would be denied by the VA. We support these folks in acquiring the correct documentation, proper completion, and submission to the appropriate entity. Other services provided include but are not limited to: educational/employment assistance, dependency and indemnity compensation, alcohol/drug rehabilitation, housing assistance, referrals, and close contact with funeral homes and cemeteries to ensure all veterans’ graves are properly honored. The Office of Veteran Services also serves as a depository for hundreds of thousands of documents and important records of historic value to the sons and daughters of Adams, maintained in secure archives.

The VSO maintains a very dynamic and flexible schedule serving not only the Town of Adams but the City of North Adams and Town of Williamstown as well. The VSO often makes special appointments and house calls to the sick, bedridden or elderly who cannot easily make it to Town Hall to process documentation in person. The VSO also makes frequent duty calls to the hospital and skilled nursing/assisted living facilities in the area to assist veterans with their needs.

Emergency Management

The Emergency Management Director and Deputy Director review and update the Town's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan yearly. The plan provides a framework for the community to plan and perform respective emergency functions during a disaster or emergency situation on the local, state or national level. Names, positions, telephone numbers and tactics change on a regular basis.

The Town retains MEMA's A+ rating through the efforts made to update the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and by attending the quarterly meetings provided by MEMA in Agawam, MA.

The National Weather Service issued an "Excess Heat Watch Warning" on July 21st and July 22nd for Berkshire County. The Emergency Management Department established a "Cooling Center" at the Adams Visitor's Center and a secondary "Cooling Center" at the Town Hall. Water and emergency supplies were available at both locations.

On August 27th Berkshire County experienced the wrath of Tropical Storm Irene. Adams received extensive damage due to flooding and a road collapse at the intersection of Lime Street and East Road. Residents on Davis Street and Charles Street were stranded due to destruction of bridges and roads that provided access to the area. At 2:00 PM on August 27th, the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen declared a State of Emergency in the Town of Adams. At 6:30 PM, Governor Duval Patrick declared a State of Emergency for the entire Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Emergency Management Department opened an Emergency Shelter at the Middle School on Columbia Street for any resident that needed temporary shelter. Volunteers from the Forest Warden Department assisted the DPW in filling and delivering sand bags. They also helped the DPW with placement of barricades where needed. On August 27th and August 28th, Forest Warden volunteers pumped out cellars and helped with the clean-up of debris from homes located on Columbia Street. The same volunteers assisted Adams Trucking in clearing the storm debris that accumulated underneath both the Pine Street bridge and the Burt Street bridge – a three day endeavor.

Thanks to all departments involved in the joint effort to provide for the safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Adams.

Richard G. Kleiner
Emergency Management Director

Forest Warden

**DEDICATED TO
FORMER CHIEF FOREST WARDEN
RALPH ANTHONY JR.
&
DEPUTY FOREST WARDEN
FRANCIS DEBLOIS**

The Town of Adams Forest Warden is charged with:

- Prevention and suppression of all outdoor fires within the boundaries of the Town of Adams;
- Enforcement of the outdoor burning regulations as stated in Chapter 48 of the Massachusetts General Laws and 527 CMR Section 10:22 ; and
- Issuance of outdoor burning permits as stated in Chapter 48 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Mt. Greylock Ramble:

The Forest Warden Deputies provided communications and safety on all trails as they have done for the past 40 years. Members of the Forest Warden Department cleared fallen trees and limbs from the Cheshire Harbor Trail to ensure the safety on the trail for all the hikers.

Burning Permits Issued: 249

Calls and Events:

- 5 – Wildland Fires
- 51 – Illegal Burns and Smoke Investigations
- 5 – Mutual Aid Calls
- 1 – Mutual Aid Drills
- 1 – Search and Rescue Calls
- 7 – Community Service Events

On October 26th, October 27th and November 2nd, 11 volunteers of the Forest Warden Department assisted Adams Trucking in clearing debris from underneath the Burt Street and Pine Street bridges. Debris from Tropical Storm Irene restricted the flow of water passing underneath both bridges. The Forest Warden Tanker was used to pump water to push the debris to an area for removal.

***"REMEMBER.....ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT
WILDLAND FIRES"***

**THANKS TO THE RESIDENTS OF ADAMS
FOR A SAFE 2011 BURNING SEASON**

Richard G. Kleiner
Chief Forest Warden

Adams Free Library

Use of public library services in Adams continued to grow during 2011, no doubt fueled by the difficult economic times. Despite the Adams Free Library operating for a full year on reduced hours due to the lay-offs of two part-time employees, the library remained a busy center of activity with the borrowing of the library's materials rising by more than three percent.

The library's staff and trustees continue to strongly support the children of Adams and surrounding communities through the ongoing development of a relevant and current collection of materials, and with activities and programs. The Children's Department is efficiently and admirably managed by Children's Librarian Holli Jayko despite the lay-off of her part-time assistant. Ms. Jayko's report follows:

The Children's Department of the Adams Free Library offers a variety of programs throughout the year. We have a well-attended summer reading program, a home school research group that meets monthly, weekly story times, book groups, special guest presentations and more. Our summer reading program theme was "One World Many Stories." A total of 219 youngsters participated in the activities during the summer. The library saw an increase in the number of volunteers who offered their time and labor for the summer. In total our youth volunteers gave over 68 hours to the library.

The summer saw a decrease in overall attendance and fewer programs due to loss of staff, but overall we had a great summer and a good turnout for our events. The library sponsored the finale for the summer reading program which was "Didgeridoo Down Under." This was a high-energy, Australian-themed program that combined music, puppetry, comedy and audience participation for a one-of-a-kind musical experience.

The following three summer reading programs were supported in part by a grant from the Cultural Council of Northern Berkshire, a local agency that is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. The first of these was "The Watershed Waltz" presented by Marmalade Productions. Secondly the Nutshell Playhouse presented "Pirates" a sea-faring tale featuring mime, music and puppets. The third program had our summer

reading participants "Drumming to the Beat" with Otha Day. These grants saved the library over \$1500.00

The Zoo on the Go visited the library during the April school vacation. This outreach program from the Zoo in Forest Park provided live animals, biofacts, and fun hands-on learning. This innovative program featured a variety of animal ambassadors and artifacts, and had 53 participants.

The home school research group covered a variety of topics including the Dewey Decimal Classification System, library etiquette, and how to plan, organize, and evaluate information for a research paper. Our attendance increased 23% over last year; we had an average of 19 people each month. This group continues to grow, and all home school families are welcome.

Our Story Times are still thriving. We had an average weekly attendance of 18 people. We believe in the importance of reading aloud to children. Experts suggest, "The single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading is reading aloud to children. This is especially so during the preschool years," says the report *Becoming a Nation of Readers*.



Nutshell Pirates



Didgeridoo Down Under



Watershed Waltz



April Zoo On the Go Program

The Children's Book Group read two books this year: *The Nixie's Song* by Tony DiTerlizzi and *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen. We met for several weeks for each book and our total attendance for these programs was 52 people. We offered a new Book to Movie Group for teens this fall and read the *Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins. This group met once to discuss the book and had 16 participants. This group plans to attend the movie version when it is released in March 2012.

Programs for adults were reduced as well due to the loss through lay-off of a part-time aide. However, a shining exception to this has been the most successful and well-attended book discussions groups led by Administrative Assistant and Interlibrary Loan Librarian Lorraine Kalisz. Mrs. Kalisz has done a wonderful job of not only selecting a variety of interesting titles but also in encouraging lively discussions at each meeting. In addition to her administrative duties, Mrs. Kalisz has efficiently overseen the ever increasing reciprocal borrowing of materials for and by our patrons during the year. The detail work necessary to track so many items borrowed and received can be daunting but Mrs. Kalisz does a remarkable job.

Another program that has become an annual event is the pastel art workshop led by noted pastel artist Gregory Maichack. Held in May, this year's theme was "The Art of Georgia O'Keeffe: How to Pastel Paint Flowers" and once again drew a full class of 30. In June, again with the assistance of Mrs. Kalisz, Pittsfield author Kevin O'Hara gave a marvelous slide presentation of his



Pastel Art Workshop

walking trip around the entire coast of Ireland accompanied by a donkey! In July, Appalachian Trail through hiker Roger Tetreault presented a program on his experiences from Georgia to Maine. Adams' own Paul Clermont spoke about his two books and read from them at a program in October. Also in October, the Library hosted a Library Director's Roundtable meeting with the Massachusetts Library System encouraged attendees to share ideas and concerns from their local libraries.



Appalachian Trail Through Hiker

The trustees of the Adams Free Library are very proud of the work of the Friends of the Adams Free Library during the year. In April, they conducted a three-day Children's Book Sale where discarded and donated books for young readers were offered for sale. Small toys and baked goodies were also available. In July, they ran a table during the Adams Street Fair that resulted in many new members joining the group. The week-long annual book sale in August filled the entire Miller Annex Meeting Room. In addition to print and non-print materials for sale, the Friends also ran a very successful basket raffle and bake sale. The Friends also provided delicious refreshments at library programs, notably the Kevin O'Hara and Paul Clermont author events. The Friends successfully organized as a corporation with a Tax Identification number and have recently applied for tax exempt status as a non-profit organization. The trustees were able to obtain donated shelving from the Hoosac Valley High School library to use for basement storage and organization of materials for the annual sale, which the Friends have put to good use.



Library Book Sale

The building's three meeting rooms were used by various groups including ladies' exercise classes, neighborhood crime watch groups run by Adams Police Department, Big Brothers-Big Sisters, political caucuses, the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum, scout leaders, a Chamber of Commerce breakfast, a Lyme Disease support group, and class reunion planning committees. These meetings are in addition to the continued use for library sponsored programming for both adults and children.

Of special note and for a second time, the Adams Free Library hosted the annual Berkshire Library Legislative Breakfast in G.A.R. Memorial Hall. Nearly seventy library supporters met with Berkshire County legislators to discuss the importance of support of libraries of all types at the state level. First-time guests were very impressed with the beautiful library building.

While the building's interior remains in good condition since the recent renovations, the trustees are consulting with the Town about much needed maintenance work and repairs to the building's exterior. A chronic leak in one corner of the new Children's Department needs repair and the exterior brickwork is long overdue for repointing and repair. In August, the Library Director met with a consultant from the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners (MBLC) who toured the entire building. In order to receive construction grants through the MBLC, which are administered in planning & design and then construction phases, the memorial building renovations would have to include much work beyond the repointing. Handicapped access through the main entrance, new heating and cooling systems, full electrical upgrades and adequate parking are just some of the improvements required for the grant, which would typically average about half the cost of a project. The Trustees are committed to working with the Town to seek sources to complete as soon as possible the repair work to one of the town's most elegant architectural gems.

In June, full-time Children's Librarian Holli Jayko began three months of maternity leave. Laid off part-time employee Christa Sidway worked 19 hours per week to keep the Children's Department running as smoothly as possible during Holli's absence. The remaining staff members worked hard to cover during the very busy summer reading months while Holli was on leave. In September, long-time part-time Library Page Dorothy Rice retired after more than eleven years of dedicated, exemplary service at the library. The Friends of the Adams Free Library hosted a surprise party for Dot on her last day at which she was recognized for her devoted service. We wish Dorothy the very best health and happiness in her retirement. She deserves it!



Legislative Breakfast

After consulting with the Town Administrator, it was decided to leave the Library Page position vacant and recall senior Library Aide Christa Sidway who had been laid off in September 2010. This position recall allows for the most flexibility in coverage during staff absences. Christa has assumed the primary Library Page duty of shelving the adult materials while other staff members have shared the remaining Library Page duties. Adult Services Librarian & Cataloger Lyn Wilson has capably assumed the physical processing of the adult books while Ms. Jayko processes the juvenile materials, and Mrs. Kalisz maintains the basement shelving of periodicals. All staff members pitch in to keep the library's materials in correct order. The director and trustees deeply appreciate each library employee's willingness to work together with increased duties during these difficult times.

In July, the management of the library's part-time Maintenance Custodian Mike Rinaldi was transferred to the Director of the Department of Public Works (DPW). This is an effort to have the town's only other Custodian Gary Green become familiar with the maintenance work needed at the library and for Mr. Rinaldi to learn Mr. Green's duties. Mr. Rinaldi averages one to two hours a day at the library. While this has slowed the speed with which maintenance projects are completed in the building, it is anticipated that when time sensitive work such as snow removal is needed, it will be handled more quickly with the two custodians working together.

Currently the Adams Free Library is an Online Affiliate (OLA) member of the Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing System (C/W MARS). This OLA membership allows us to borrow materials for our patrons from fellow member public, academic and special libraries in the network. The OLA membership costs the Town of Adams about \$3,000 annually. C/W MARS is phasing out OLA memberships in favor of either full or mini-net memberships. In December, the Adams Free Library learned that it had been awarded a \$2,500 Small Libraries in Networks grant from MBLC toward mini-net membership. The migration to C/W MARS should happen sometime in mid-2012. Membership will cost an estimated \$10,000 to \$13,000 annually with the cost for the near future to be paid jointly between the town appropriation and the use of State Aid to Libraries award funds.

The staff and trustees wish to thank the many talented local artists who displayed their art works throughout the main level during the year. The many displays of photos and memorabilia from the archives of the Adams Historical Society were also deeply appreciated. Our patrons and visitors enjoyed all of these exhibits immensely.

Finally, we wish to thank the members of the Adams Board of Selectmen, the Adams Finance Committee, Town Administrator Jonathan Butler and other town departments, especially Director of Public Works Tom Satko, for their cooperation and support in working with us to make the Adams Free Library and the Adams Memorial Library Building one of the best institutions of its size in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and the best public library in Adams, Massachusetts!

James R. Loughman, Chairman
Board of Library Trustees
Deborah G. Bruneau, Director

Library Fiscal 2011 Statistics

Total Number of Volumes as of June 30, 2011: 42,807

Newspaper Subscriptions: 7

Periodical Subscriptions (including Gifts): 54

Registered Borrowers: 8,061

Number of Borrowers who are Adams Residents: 6,106

Circulation:

Adult Print 31,635

Juvenile Print 17,812

Video Cassettes/Music CDs/DVDs, Museum Passes, Misc. 18,292

Audio Books 2,201

TOTAL 69,940

TREASURER'S REPORT

Fees Returned to Town Treasurer: **\$ 1,121.50**

✓ Microfilm Printer Receipts 26.50

✓ Internet Printer Receipts 568.40

✓ Miscellaneous 20.40

✓ Photocopier Receipts 506.20

Returned to Revolving Fund via Town Treasurer: **\$ 3,256.25**

✓ Fines for Overdue Materials 2,692.45

✓ Damaged or Lost Items Replacement Fees 563.80

TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS \$ 4,377.75

OTHER INCOME

Gifts, Memorial Donations, Used Items Sales **\$ 622.79**

Grant: No. Berkshire Cultural Council **\$ 1,990.00**

State Aid to Public Libraries Award **\$ 12,615.71**

TRUST FUNDS DIVIDEND INCOME	BALANCE 7/01/10	RECEIPTS	EXPENSES	BALANCE 6/30/11
W.T. Adams	3,263.68	9,252.07	5,295.60	7,220.15
C.N. Miller	2,208.73	148.56	295.72	2,061.57
Plunkett / Saunders	669.09	338.23	374.50	632.82
H. Tiedemann	3,859.40	4,352.33	3,321.93	4,889.80
TOTALS	10,000.90	14,091.19	9,287.75	\$ 14,804.34

Memorial Book Funds Total as of 12/31/11 \$ 93,330.69

Memorial Book Fund Investment Values Total as of 12/31/11 \$ 61,524.92

Adams Police Department

Chief:	Donald A. Poirot	<i>Serving Since</i> 12-17-1981
Sergeants:	David M. Clark	04-01-1978
	Richard W. Tarsa, Jr.	04-05-1987
	Shawn M. Briggs	04-05-1987
	Scott McWhirt	01-30-1989

Patrol Officers:	1. Lawrence Ordyna	08-11-1980
	2. Keith Erdeski	01-01-1984
	3. Donna Malloy	09-20-1997
	4. David Dean	01-28-2002
	5. Gregory Charon	10-15-2002
	6. Michael Wandrei	06-23-1998
	7. Joshua Baker	09-24-2003
	8. Nicholas Dabrowski	04-12-2007
	9. Thomas Cook	04-21-2005
	10. Matthew Wright	09-27-2009
	11. Curtis Crane	06-30-2008

Administrative Assistant:	Jessica Gero	02-08-10
Dispatchers:	Anthony Piscioneri	11-15-97
	John Pansecchi	08-19-99
	Thomas Romaniak	02-01-01

Reserve Officers:	Travis Cunningham
	Robert Krzanik

Animal Control:	Terence Moran
	Daniel Lefebvre (weekend)

The Town of Adams Police Department has and will continue to be active in its role to provide public safety to the community. The strategic plan that has been developed for the town allows for fluctuation into future endeavors. In this ever changing fast paced society changes are made constantly and law enforcement is required to adjust and adapt to these changes.

Employees in the department are constantly taxed with staying abreast of new information while continuing to provide services to the public. With the ever changing world have come technological advancements that at times are overwhelming to law enforcement as the changes move forward constantly and are often difficult to keep in stride with. The members of the department have made tremendous strides in striving for personal and professional excellence, their dedication to duty and service to the public.

The prevention of crime and disorder through the use of problem solving tactics in a community oriented policing strategy emphasizing collaboration with other agencies has proven to be very effective in the enhancement of public safety services to our town. During these difficult times financially the department has worked to utilize the capabilities of our services by utilizing core values of integrity, professionalism and integrity. As a group we will continue to foster an environment of trust and mutual respect within the community toward positive change.

2010 Yearly Activity Report

- Calls for Service – 16020
- Ambulance Calls – 1268
- Fire Department Calls – 212
- Department of Public Works – 84
- Animal Control Calls – 536

Criminal and Custody Activity

- Offenses Committed – 1284
- Arrests – 138
- Protective Custody – 8
- Summons Served – 229
- Building/House Checks – 4547

Motor Vehicle Activity

- Written Warnings – 774
- Civil Charges – 311
- Arrests – 89
- Criminal Complaints – 141

Motor Vehicle Charges

- Number Investigated – 202
- Fatalities – 2
- Persons Injured – 64

Other Police Activity

- Breaking & Entering and Larcenies – 115
- Alarms Responded – 233
- Restraining Orders – 76
- Emergency 911 Calls – 1136
- FID & License to Carry Issued – 196
- Parking Tickets Issued – 314



Police Department Training 2010

February's training began with Chief Donald Poirot and Deb Parkingston and Kelly Russell, from the Freeman Center, attending a Domestic Violence Training Conference which was held in Worcester.

For the month of March, Chief Donald Poirot attended a conference on Policing a Diverse Society which was held in Holyoke. Sergeant Scott McWhirt, Sergeant David Clark, Sergeant Shawn Briggs, Sergeant Richard Tarsa, Jr., Officer Donna Malloy, Officer Michael Wandrei, Officer David Dean, Officer Keith Erdeski, Officer Nicholas Dabrowski, Officer Joshua Baker, Reserve Officer Curtis Crane, Reserve Officer Travis Cunningham, Reserve Officer Robert Krzanik attended an in service training in North Adams on March 16 – 18th. All of the Police Officers have been re-certified in their CPR and First Aid.

May training consisted of Sergeant David Clark attending a Response to School Shootings in regards to the Lancaster Police Department. This was held at UMASS in Shrewsbury with the Pennsylvania State Police attending. Sergeant David Clark also attended a presentation for the Beslan School Shooting which was held in Boston. Patrol Officer David Dean attended a Tazer Training which was held in North Adams. Detective Lawrence Ordyna attended a five day Narcotic Enforcement Officer Association conference held on Cape Cod.

In June Officer Nicholas Dabrowski attended a Bullying Class which was held at the District Attorney's Office in Pittsfield, MA. Officer Donna Malloy and Dispatcher Anthony Piscioneri attended training on Dealing with the Mentally Ill. Sergeant Richard Tarsa, Jr. attended a course in regards to Designated Office Control. June 1 – 3, 2010 Officer Keith McLearn and Officer Gregory Charon attended an in service training.

In September, the Adams Police Department re-qualified their firearms which each Officer attended. Dispatcher John Pansecchi attended a 911 training in Northampton.

October training consisted of Sergeant David Clark attending a Bank Security Officers meeting which was located in Marlborough.

To end the training, Officer Nicholas Dabrowski attended a Bullying conference located at MCLA in December.

Officer Thomas Cook and Officer Matthew Wright attended a 21 week training academy which was located in Springfield, MA. They graduated August 4, 2010.



Parking Tickets

Revenue from Parking Meters	\$ 9,967.23
Revenue from Parking Violations	<u>\$15,040.00</u>
Total Revenue	\$25,007.23

Community Development Department

The Adams Community Development Department continued to implement an intense work program for 2011, with the implementation of a broad range of projects including those funded under the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Staff work is focused on completing several individual projects for each year of CDBG funding, as well as developing the next year's grant application. Community Development staff submitted the Town's FY2012 CDBG application on December 16, 2011. Earlier in August, the Town was awarded \$822,660 in FY2011 CDBG funding for continuation of the Adams Housing Rehabilitation Program and implementation of the Kearns Lane Demolition & Parking Improvement Project. Individual projects under the housing rehab program and the demolition and new parking construction will be a staff priority for the coming grant cycle. Administrative funds from CDBG cover the wages and benefits of the grants staff within the Community Development Department.

Adams Downtown Revitalization Program

The Community Development Department continues to implement recommendations in the Adams Downtown Development Plan (adopted in 2003). Significant progress on several downtown projects was accomplished in 2011:

Adams Downtown Façade & Signage Improvement Program

The Adams Downtown Façade & Signage Improvement Program continues to be a key revitalization program within the town center and serves as a catalyst for private investment. The program works to eliminate blighting conditions in the downtown target area by providing financial incentives in the form of grants and loans to property owners and businesses to undertake needed façade renovations. In 2011, Department staff worked to complete the final few projects funded by FY2010 CDBG. A final year of funding for the program within the downtown was requested in the Town's FY2012 CDBG application.

Adams Housing Rehabilitation Program

The Adams Housing Rehabilitation Program (HRP) continues to be a popular and important on-going program managed by the

Community Development Department. The goal of the program is to improve housing units that are either owner occupied or investor owned with at least 51% of the tenants/occupants of low to moderate income. Projects typically chosen to participate in the program would have all code violations addressed which can include upgraded electrical systems, lead paint remediation, replacement windows and doors, roofing, structural improvements, modernization of kitchens and bathrooms, etc. The HRP has a waiting list and, for the past several years, the Town has been successful in obtaining grant funding to complete approximately 10-12 units per year, typically managing projects under different grant cycles. Grant funds under FY2010 CDBG totaling \$397,500 were used to rehabilitate 16 housing units. The HRP received another \$384,427 under FY2011 CDBG funding, with a goal of rehabilitating at least 15 housing units.

65 Park Street Façade Restoration Project

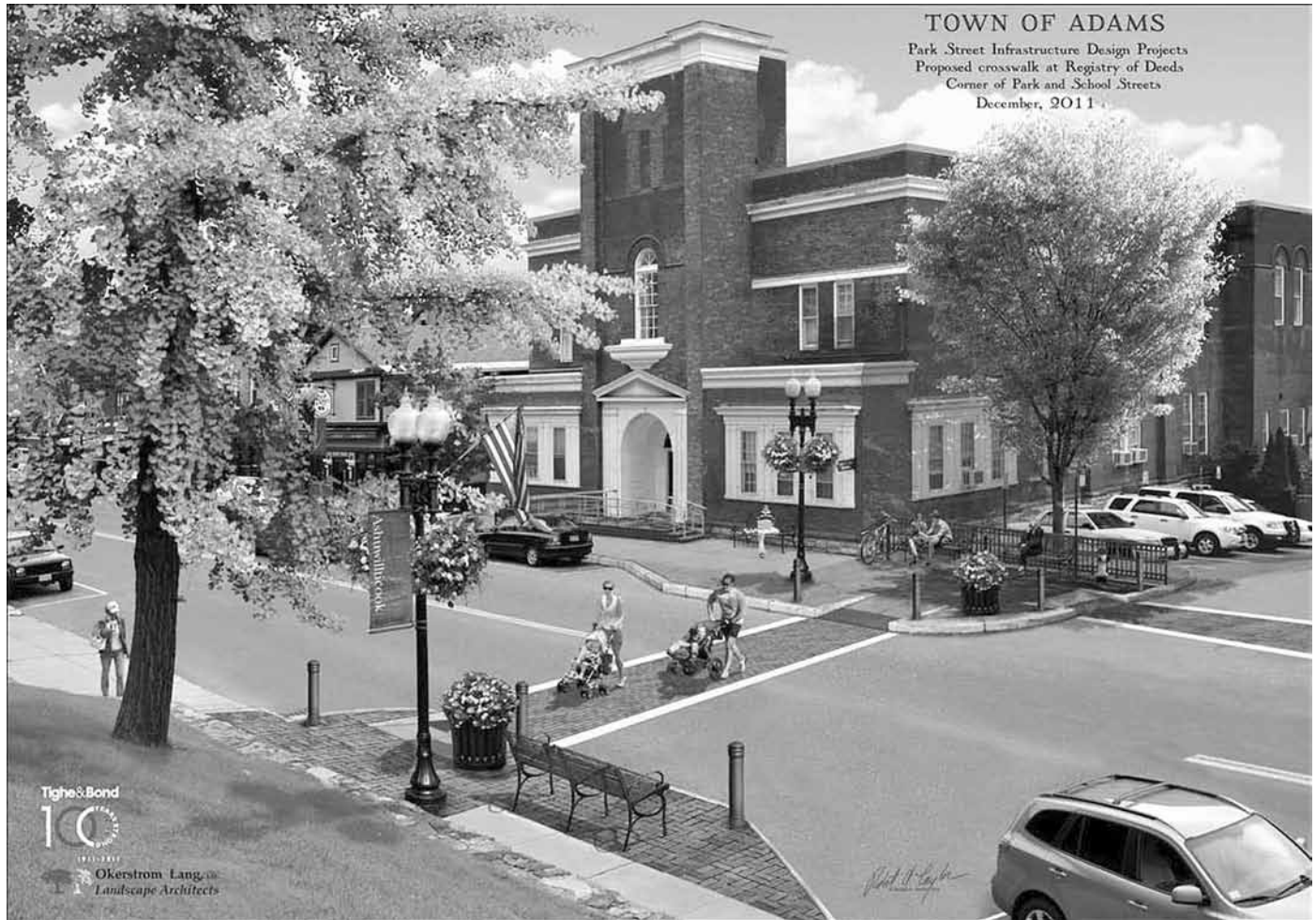
In 2010, the Town hired EDM Architects to undertake an assessment of needed renovations to the former Town Hall building, now the location of the Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds. EDM completed the assessment, defined the scope of work for the most needed exterior renovations, and later developed construction plans, specifications, bidding documents and cost estimates for the renovation project. The project was put out to bid in May 2011. A Pre-Bid Conference and site visit for interested contractors was conducted on June 2, 2011. On June 9, 2011 four contractors submitted bids for the project, which was awarded to Waterman Excavating, Inc., the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Work on the project began in August 2011, which included the installation of new energy-efficiency windows and the cleaning, repair, and repointing of the masonry exterior of the building. The project was closed down with the start of winter conditions and work will resume in spring 2012. In addition to completing the masonry work, new flashing will be installed and all window and parapet trim will be restored and painted to complete the project scope.

Park Street Infrastructure Design Project

The proposed design project for Park Street, funded by CDBG, was concluded in December 2011, culminating in the application for construction funding under the FY2012 CDBG program. The



Renovation work being done to the former Town Hall, now the location of the Northern Berkshire Registry of Deeds.



Concept Design for Park Street prepared by Tighe & bond, Inc.

design project carefully assessed the conditions of Park Street, including sidewalks, curbing, pavement, drainage, utilities, and street furnishings. The Town hired Tighe & Bond, Inc. to work with a project steering committee of downtown stakeholders to prepare a concept design, develop a detailed budget for the future construction project, and prepare bid-ready construction plans and specifications should the project be awarded funding. The goal of the project is to eliminate blighting conditions along Park Street and to create a pedestrian environment that is safe and free from barriers. The final design involves such improvements as new curbing, new sidewalks, handicapped ramps and tactile warning pads, street trees, and new street furnishings to include benches, trash receptacles, and decorative lighting. If CDBG funds are awarded, construction is expected to begin in fall 2012.

Kearns Lane Demolition & Parking Improvement Project

The Town was awarded \$244,667 in FY2011 CDBG funding for the Kearns Lane Demolition & Parking Improvement Project, along with a contribution of \$10,000 from the Town of Adams. This project will consist of the demolition of three condemned structures on the property and reconstruction and expansion of an existing parking area. The project site is owned privately and the Town will execute a thirty (30) year easement on a total of 6,625 square feet of the lot to protect the investment of public funds. The new “pocket” parking lot will be for public use for the duration of the thirty-year period and will more than double

the public parking spaces lost as a result of the Summer Street Improvement Project (FY09 CDBG). Final design for the project is complete and bid-ready construction plans and specs are in place for both the demolition and construction portions of the project. Work is expected to begin in summer 2012.

Ashuwillticook Rail Trail Phase III Extension Project

The project will extend the popular Ashuwillticook Rail Trail from its current terminus at Hoosac Street in downtown Adams approximately 1.13 miles north along the abandoned rail land now owned by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Department of Conservation & Recreation) and then along the Hoosic River flood control levy to Lime Street. The Rail Trail Extension project supports the goals and recommendations in the *Adams Downtown Development Plan*, adopted in 2003. The Plan recognized extending the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail north of Hoosac Street as an important element of the Town’s efforts toward tourist-based economic development and promoting Adams as an outdoor recreation destination. Expanding the network of bicycle facilities in Adams is seen as an important factor in enhancing social equity, access, recreational opportunities, and the health of the community.

To advance the Rail Trail Extension Project, the Town has been working diligently with MassDOT for the past year to obtain both permanent and temporary construction easements from several

abutting property owners. A Special Town Meeting on December 5, 2011 approved obtaining the easements from several property owners along the trail alignment. Funding for the project is now secure and construction is expected to begin in fall 2012.

Community Development staff are also working on the next extension of the Ashuwillticook Rail Trail north of Lime Street and connecting to North Adams and McCann Technical High School. This next segment is approximately two (2) miles in length and potentially involves some of the most spectacular scenery along the entire trail. Town staff and officials are working closely with their counterparts within the City of North Adams to pursue sources of funding for both design and construction.

Winter Street Revitalization Project

During a fall 2010 walking tour of the downtown by the Adams Board of Selectmen, possible efforts to revitalize Winter Street were discussed. One of the suggestions involved the possibility of working with students at the Conway School of Landscape Design on a plan for the revitalization of the Winter Street area. Community Development pursued this further with the school who agreed to have one of their spring design seminars focus on the project. In January 2011, the Town formally engaged the Conway School and its students to develop a revitalization plan for the area. In March, two students from the Conway School launched a feasibility study to determine potential best uses for Winter Street and prepare a revitalization plan for the area that will integrate with Town downtown revitalization efforts that have focused on Summer Street and Park Street.

As part of their planning process, the students held two public meetings: the first to solicit community input regarding the public's vision for a revitalized Winter Street, and the second to present their findings and proposed recommendations for the project area. The first meeting was conducted as a "charette" on May 10, 2011 at the Adams Town Hall. The second meeting was held in June and was also well attended by Winter Street and downtown stakeholders. The final plan product by the Conway School students was presented to the Town and recommendations in the plan are currently under evaluation.

OTHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Route 8 / Friend Street Intersection Improvement Project

Following the execution of the agreement with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), Community Development staff prepared a Request for Proposals to procure the services of an engineering consultant to design improvements for the Route 8 / Friend Street intersection. The Town received proposals from seven engineering firms qualified to perform the work. The Town's Selection Committee reviewed and ranked the proposals, after which three firms (Coler & Colantonio, Inc., Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., and Chappell Engineering Associates, LLC) were selected for interviews. Based on a careful review of proposals and the interview process, the Town's Selection Committee identified Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc. (VHB) as the top ranked firm. The Town entered into a formal contract with VHB in June 2011 and their engineers began survey work and an assessment of existing conditions. The design process will take at least a year to complete and must adhere to

strict requirements of MassDOT and Federal Highway, the source of project funding. Both the cost of design work and construction will be paid from a Federal Earmark, the Route 8 Corridor Access Management Enhancement Grant.

Greylock Glen Outdoor Recreation & Environmental Education Center Project

The Town submitted an application in mid-September under the *MassWorks Infrastructure Program* for \$4.3 million needed to fund road and infrastructure improvements necessary at Greylock Glen. This amount represents the cost of constructing/installing road, water, sewer, drainage, electrical (and other utility) improvements to serve the Glen project as proposed and permitted under MEPA.

Although, the Town did not receive a grant under the MassWorks program, Adams was awarded \$2 million in funding from the Governor's 2011 Supplemental Budget for the needed infrastructure improvements at Greylock Glen. This amount was adequate to undertake the first phase of road and utility improvements, which are expected to be under construction by spring 2012. Town staff was encouraged to apply again under the MassWorks program for the remainder of the needed funding in September 2012.

Town staff continued to work with DCR staff to complete final project permitting for the Glen. DCR had filed an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) with the Adams Conservation Commission and Commission meetings were held throughout 2011. On July 14, the Adams Conservation Commission completed its review of the ANRAD and issued an Order of Conditions. DCR also filed a Request for Determination for the first phase of implementation of the Invasive Species Management Plan. The Commission agreed that the management work could start outside any resource areas, and initial work was undertaken on removal of garlic mustard in the summer.

Adams Open Space & Recreation Plan

In 2010, Community Development staff began updating the Town's "Open Space & Recreation Plan." The plan assists Town leadership in establishing priorities for improvements to community recreational facilities and open spaces. The plan is also a required component for state and federal grant applications related to the acquisition, development, and maintenance of Town parks and open space. In updating the plan, it is necessary to obtain formal input from Town residents. To this end, the Department conducted a random survey of 600 Town households in March 2010 on their preferences regarding active and passive recreation and open space. Some 231 surveys were returned to Community Development demonstrating a strong 39% response rate.

Department staff completed the final draft of the *Adams Open Space & Recreation Plan* in October 2011. After formal review by the Board of Selectmen, the Parks Commission, Conservation Commission, and the Planning Board, the Plan was finalized and forwarded to the state Division of Conservation Services. The Town's Plan was approved by the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs in December 2011. With this approval, the Town will be eligible for funding for park renovations, similar to the phased renovation to Renfrew Park.



River running down Lime Street



Burt Street washout



Water rushing down the Hoosic River near Murray St. walking bridge



Brook at Corner of East Hoosac St. and East Rd. eating away the road



Hoosic River Flooding over its banks near the Lime Street Bridge

Destruction from Tropical Storm Irene- August 28, 2011

Financial Reports

Board of Assessors

The Board of Assessors continues to update property record cards to assure accurate assessment values. Interim revaluations (yearly) have been mandated by the State – which means that values will fluctuate annually according to the market.

Assessors are required by Massachusetts law to assess all real and personal property at its fair cash value as of January 1st each year. Fair cash value means fair market value, which is the price a willing buyer and a willing seller would settle upon in an open market transaction.

Exemptions are available for *qualifying* senior citizens, *qualifying* widows and widowers, *qualifying* veterans and for those residents certified to be blind. Residents are encouraged to visit the office for more information.

Our Board and office staff would like to thank the residents of Adams for their continued cooperation and support.

TAX RATE SUMMARY FOR FY 2012

a. Total amount to be raised	\$13,010,740.00
b. Total estimated receipts and other Revenue sources	- 4,261,115.00
c. Tax levy	\$ 8,749,625.00

Class	Certified Full and Fair Cash Value Assessments	Percentage Full Value Shares of Total Tax Levy
1. Residential	410,328,060.00	80.5141%
2. Open Space	0	0.0000%
3. Commercial	33,960,404.00	7.9051%
4. Industrial	27,666,000.00	6.4400%
5. Personal Property	22,084,635.00	5.1408%
Totals	494,039,099.00	100.0000%

Tax Collector

July 01, 2010- June 30, 2011

Tax	Outstanding July 1, 2010	Committed	Payments other credits	Outstanding June 30, 2011
2011 Real Estate		7,787,662.00	7,422,424.00	365,238.00
2011 Personal Property		410,307.00	405,778.00	4,529.00
2010 Real Estate	321,412.00		142,771.00	178,641.00
2010 Personal Property	4,569.00		2,259.00	2,310.00
2009 Real Estate	142,802.00		37,359.00	105,443.00
2009 Personal Property	2,555.00		44.00	2,511.00
2008 Real Estate	118,710.00		21,577.00	97,133.00
2008 Personal Property	1,977.00		17.00	1,960.00
2007 Real Estate	69,622.00		30,478.00	39,144.00
2007 Personal Property	1,683.00		0.00	1,683.00
Prior years RL	261,568.00		163,547.00	98,021.00
Prior years Personal	6,476.00		78.00	6,398.00
Prior Years	30,989.00		416.00	30,573.00
2006 Motor Vehicle Excise	7,457.00		522.00	6,935.00
2007 Motor Vehicle Excise	6,837.00		651.00	6,186.00
2008 Motor Vehicle Excise	8,352.00		1,462.00	6,890.00
2009 Motor Vehicle Excise	17,533.00	993.00	9,197.00	9,329.00
2010 Motor Vehicle Excise	44,243.00	89,428.00	119,577.00	14,094.00
2011 Motor Vehicle Excise		689,834.00	613,743.00	76,091.00
TOTALS:	1,046,785.00	8,978,224.00	8,971,900.00	1,053,109.00

TOWN OF ADAMS
TOWN TREASURER

Indebtedness

AS OF JUNE 30, 2007

Issued	To Whom Payable	Purpose	Rate	Maturity	Payable How	Outstanding
July 15, 2003	QUICK & REILLY, INC.	Town Hall	2.000%	June 30, 2028	Taxes/Stabilization Fund	\$1,760,000
Nov. 23, 2004	Water Abatement Trust	Waste Water	2.000%	Aug. 1, 2024	Taxes/Stabilization Fund	2,231,612
Nov. 30, 2004	Citizens Bank	Town Building	1.000%	March 9, 2012	Taxes/Stabilization Fund	250,000
TOTALS:						\$4,241,612

Treasurer

Revenue Cash Investments Fiscal Year 2011

End of Year Balance	5,774,522.69
Year to date Interest	46,720.87
Balance June 30, 2011	5,821,243.56

Stabilization Fund

End of Year Balance	583,893.00
Interest	12,002.00
TRANSFERS ATM	(137,106.00)
Balance as of June 30, 2011	458,789.00

Trust Funds

(IN CUSTODY OF THE TOWN TREASURER)
Fiscal Year 2011

Stephen Low Arnold Hall School Trust Fund

End of Year Balance	31,189.61
Interest	452.39
Subtotal:	31,642.00
Balance as of June 30, 2011	31,642.00

Walter A. & Velma Harrington Kruszyna Adams High School Trust Fund

End of Year Balance	15,287.33
Capital Gains/(Losses)	1,804.32
Dividends/Interest	162.26
Balance as of June 30, 2011	17,253.91

C.T. Plunkett Library Fund

End of Year Balance	23,120.91
Interest	335.35
Withdrawals- Paid to Library	(278.05)
Balance as of June 30, 2011	23,178.21

Frank H. Saunders Library Fund

End of Year Balance	5,003.89
Interest	72.58
Withdrawals - Paid to Library	(60.18)
Balance as of June 30, 2011	5,016.29

Cemetery Investment Fund

End of Year Balance	204,269.36
Interest	3,015.40
Sale of Lots	12,777.89
Expenses	0.00
Balance June 30, 2011	220,062.65

Cemetery Maintenance Fund

End of Year Balance	11,046.21
Interest	160.21
transfers out	0.00
transfers in	0.00

Subtotal:	11,206.42
Plunkett Maintenance	9,243.54
transfers out	0.00
transfers in	0.00
Interest	134.06

Balance as of June 30, 2011	20,744.23
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Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests

End of Year Balance	416,919.32
Interest	6,032.08
Bequests	700.00

Subtotal:	423,651.40
Transfers to General Fund	0.00

Balance as of June 30, 2011	423,651.40
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Bellevue Cemetery Endowed Lots Henry L. Harrinton Fund

End of Year Balance	14,820.26
Interest	214.95
Transfer to Cemetery Investment Fund	0.00
Balance as of June 30, 2011	15,035.21

Maple Street Cemetery Endowed Lots Margaret H. Hall Fund

End of Year Balance	4,273.31
Interest	59.87
Expenses	(220.00)
Balance as of June 30, 2010	4,113.18

Town of Adams Scholarship Fund

End of Year Balance	7,807.54
Interest	125.33

Subtotal:	7,932.87
Deposits	1,265.88

Balance as of June 30, 2011	9,198.75
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Quaker Meeting House Endowment Fund

End of Year Balance	16,340.00
Interest	237.00
Transfer to General Fund	0.00
Balance as of June 30, 2010	16,577.00

Town of Adams, Massachusetts

Statement of Operating Revenues

Budget and Actual - General Fund
for the year ended June 30, 2011

	BUDGET	ACTUAL
LOCAL RECEIPTS:		
Taxes:		
Real Estate Taxes	7,787,660	7,523,327
Personal Property Taxes	410,307	408,189
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	746,000	720,474
Payments In Lieu Of And Other Taxes	118,000	142,442
Penalties And Interest	50,000	60,260
Sewerage Charges	33,000	66,094
Other Departmental Revenue	100,000	110,071
Licenses And Permits	62,000	58,081
Alcoholic Beverages	20,000	29,304
Fines & Forfeitures	40,000	32,445
Investment Income	22,000	21,656
Miscellaneous Revenues	0	99,949
State Receipts:		
Unrestricted General Government Aid	1,980,179	1,980,179
Police Career Incentive (Quinn Bill)	3,859	3,692
Abatements To Vets, Elderly/blind	57,746	54,783
State Owned Land	51,862	51,862
Veteran's Benefits	24,853	23,878
State Aid To Library	11,571	11,571
Urban Redevelopment Excise	0	88,318
Total Revenues	11,519,037	11,486,575
OTHER AVAILABLE FUNDS		
Operating Transfers And Other Financing Sources		
Council On Aging Fund Receipts	107,927	107,927
Parking Meter Funds	15,000	15,000
Technology Funds	33,600	33,600
Stabilization Fund	191,460	191,460
Encumbrances	141,494	111,241
Perpetual Care Funds - From Interest	5,000	5,000
Grant Reimbursements	251,360	159,779
Operating Transfers And Other Financing Sources Total	745,841	624,007
Free Cash To Offset Tax Rate:	1,100,000	532,855
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	13,364,878	12,643,437

Town of Adams, Massachusetts - Statement of Operating Expenditures

Budgetary and Actual - General Fund for the year ended June 30, 2011

	Budget as Revised	Actual Expended	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Selectmen	16,121	12,396	3,725
Employee/Retiree Benefits	1,125,162	1,064,887	60,275
Moderator	1,010	359	651
Town Administrator	240,675	228,399	12,276
Finance Committee	158,963	158,794	169
Accountant	163,770	161,702	2,068
Assessors	150,294	141,094	9,200
Treasurer	162,794	158,691	4,103
Town Counsel	45,518	45,445	73
Technology	138,184	117,290	20,894
Town Clerk	114,360	111,858	2,502
Elections	24,507	24,165	342
Registrations	2,004	1,927	77
Codification	2,500	1,867	633
Property Insurance	56,984	51,039	5,945
Town Report	2,600	2,442	158
Debt Service	441,451	382,759	58,692
Liability Insurance	52,500	52,500	-
Conservation Commission	2,889	2,150	739
Planning Board	10,003	7,307	2,696
Zoning Board	8,914	7,157	1,757
Small Cities	172,129	119,552	52,577
Community Development	156,996	125,956	31,040
Building Inspector	153,952	147,154	6,798
Gas Inspector	3,814	3,051	763
Plumbing Inspector	2,548	1,836	712
Weights and Measures	3,500	3,500	-
Electrical Inspector	7,012	6,887	125
Historical Commission	557	437	120
Agricultural Commission	900	645	255
Police Station	49,851	37,729	12,122
Registry Of Deeds	1,800	1,218	582
Police	1,554,469	1,501,525	52,944
Police Grant Position	73,667	24,373	49,294
Emergency Management	3,288	2,889	399
Animal Control Officer	69,927	65,717	4,210
Forest Warden	15,147	12,711	2,436
Hazardous Waste	150	-	150
Parking Ticket Dept	5,957	5,427	530
Council On Aging	178,154	169,355	8,799
Veteran Services	42,981	34,249	8,732
Social Day Care	107,865	107,436	429
Library	298,618	294,634	3,984
Celebrations - Veteran	900	625	275
Town Hall	110,201	93,833	16,368
Community Center	43,158	30,254	12,904
Tree Warden	20,000	14,544	5,456
DPW Administration	127,742	126,209	1,533

Town of Adams, Massachusetts - Statement of Operating Expenditures

Budgetary and Actual - General Fund for the year ended June 30, 2011 *(continued)*

	Budget as Revised	Actual Expended	Surplus/ (Deficit)
Highways	1,350,848	1,289,114	61,734
Snow & Ice Control	231,000	221,653	9,347
Flood Control	16,056	13,987	2,069
Equipment Maintenance	209,086	196,013	13,073
Landfill	57,134	44,085	13,049
Wastewater Treatment	408,998	338,021	70,977
Wastewater Collection	5,050	3,676	1,374
Cemeteries, Parks & Grounds	58,171	47,385	10,786
Recreation Program	10,500	10,500	-
Celebrations - Seasonal	2,200	1,726	474
Visitor's Center	6,040	3,781	2,259
Board Of Health	62,517	53,381	9,136
Adams-cheshire Regional School	3,925,790	3,870,385	55,405
Northern Berkshire Regional Tech	652,245	643,259	8,986
State Assessments	46,186	43,926	2,260
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENSES	13,168,307	12,446,866	721,441
ALLOWANCE FOR ABATEMENTS & EXEMPTIONS	185,000	185,000	-
STATE AID TO LIBRARY - OFFSET RECEIPT	11,571	11,571	-
GRAND TOTAL	13,364,878	12,643,437	721,441

Town of Adams, Massachusetts

Consolidated Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2011

(UNAUDITED)

ASSETS	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trusts Funds	Agency Funds	Long-term Debt Group	Total Memo only as of 06/30/2011
Cash							
Petty Cash	440						440
Cash in Savings and Money Market Account	3,818,874	638,373	227,692	1,194,005	19,281		5,898,225
Investments							0
Accounts Receivable							
Personal Property Taxes	18,750						18,750
Real Estate Taxes	920,979						920,979
Allowance for Abatements & Exemptions	-660,362						-660,362
Motor Vehicle Excise	150,098						150,098
Tax Titles							
Tax Possessions	355,676						355,676
Departmental - PD Off Duty - due from Vendors	27,168						27,168
Departmental - Industry Sewer	0				4,734		4,734
Departmental - Sewer/Water Liens AFD	13,240						13,240
Departmental - Veterans Services	22,056						22,056
Checks returned - ISF	-269						-269
Amounts to be Provided for							
Payment of Bond						4,269,222	4,269,222
Debt Authorized & Unissued						565,000	565,000
Total Assets	4,666,650	638,373	227,692	1,194,005	24,015	4,834,222	11,584,957
LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCES							
Current Liabilities							
Warrants Payable	82,299						82,299
Payroll Payable	65,068						65,068
Health Insurance Withheld	107,894						107,894
Workmans Comp/PD Accident Payable	19,840						19,840
Taxes Withheld/Payable	1,544						1,544
Unemployment Payable	6,548						6,548
Misc. Withheld	4,847						4,847
Cafeteria Plan Withheld	8,922						8,922
Retirement Withheld	558						558
Contract Retainage	31						31

Town of Adams, Massachusetts - Consolidated Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2011

(UNAUDITED)

LIABILITIES and FUND BALANCES (Continued)						
	General Fund	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Trusts Funds	Agency Funds	Long-term Debt Group
						Total Memo only as of 06/30/2011
Current Liabilities (Continued)						
Miscellaneous					2,329	2,329
Off-Duty Work					16,952	16,952
Deferred Revenues						
Real Estate & Personal Property Tax	279,367					279,367
Motor Vehicle Excise	150,098					150,098
Tax Liens	355,676					355,676
Tax Possessions	27,168					27,168
Departmental	35,296				4,734	40,030
Special Assessments						0
Unreserved Fund Balances	2,294,496					2,294,496
Fund Balances Reserved for Encumbrances	169,543					169,543
Fund Balances Reserved for Compensated Absences	357,455					357,455
Fund Balances Reserved for Trust Funds						
Restricted Trust Funds				418,493		418,493
Unrestricted Trust Funds				775,512		775,512
Fund Balances Reserved for Fed/State Grants		158,006				158,006
Fund Balances Reserved for Appropriation	500,000		227,692			727,692
Fund Balances Reserved for Gifts/Bequests/Revolving		103,291				103,291
Fund Balances Reserved for Special Purposes						
Reserved for Expenditure	200,000	377,076				577,076
Bonds Payable						
Inside Debt Limit - Town Hall/PD Station					1,760,000	1,760,000
Inside Debt Limit - Old Town Hall/Library					250,000	250,000
Inside Debt Limit - MWPAT					2,259,222	2,259,222
Bonds Authorized & Unissued					565,000	565,000
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	4,666,650	638,373	227,692	1,194,005	24,015	11,584,957

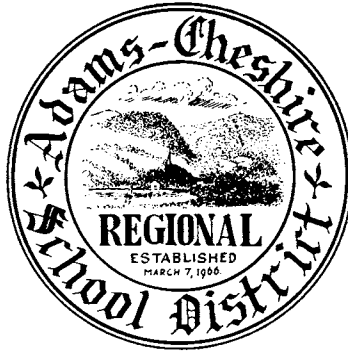
Town of Adams, Massachusetts
Combining Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
- Special Revenue Funds for the year ended June 30, 2011
(UNAUDITED)

	Fund Balance 06/30/10	Revenue	Expenditure	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure	Operating Transfer In	Operating Transfer Out	Fund Balance 06/30/11
FEDERAL GRANTS							
Federal Community Develop Block Grant	90,474.00	1,223,253.00	(1,144,794.00)	78,459.00		(143,365.00)	25,568.00
Massachusetts Small Cities Program	0.00	31,952.00	(31,952.00)	0.00			0.00
Federal ARRA - Public Safety Grants	27,563.00	52.00		52.00			27,615.00
Federal ARRA - Public Works Grant							
Total Federal Grants	118,037.00	1,255,257.00	(1,176,746.00)	78,511.00	0.00	(143,365.00)	53,183.00
STATE GRANTS							
Public Works Economic Development	37,456.00		(24,347.00)	(24,347.00)			13,109.00
Public Works Economic Development - CDAG	(29,952.60)	30,000.00	(47.40)	29,952.60			(0.00)
43D Grant - Greylock Glen	42,645.00		(24,149.00)	(24,149.00)			18,496.00
Elderly	1.00	15,488.00	(14,702.00)	786.00			787.00
State Aid to Libraries	31,047.58	15,006.00	(12,674.00)	2,332.00			33,379.58
Energy Conservation	5,391.00			0.00			5,391.00
MEMA	25.00		(2,813.00)	(2,813.00)			(2,788.00)
Conduit Grant	2,343.00			0.00			2,343.00
Right to Know	0.00			0.00			0.00
Board of Health - Local Prep Grant	1,017.00	3,000.00	(26.00)	2,974.00			3,991.00
Municipal Incentive - Riverways	5,550.00			0.00			5,550.00
Public Safety	20,267.00	41,500.00	(20,789.00)	20,711.00		(16,414.00)	24,564.00
Total State Grants	115,789.98	104,994.00	(99,547.40)	5,446.60	0.00	(16,414.00)	104,822.58
OTHER SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS							
Parking Meter	95,912.00	10,838.00	(20,000.00)	(9,162.00)		(15,000.00)	71,750.00
Council on Aging	137,490.83	33,620.46		33,620.46		(107,927.00)	63,184.29
Technology Fund	36,065.57	23,959.04		23,959.04		(33,600.00)	26,424.61
Bond Proceeds	0.00			0.00			0.00
Cemetery Sale of Lots	208,797.00	13,220.00	(6,299.00)	6,921.00			215,718.00
Other Special Revenue & Gifts & Donations	91,163.00	52,663.00	(40,536.00)	12,127.00			103,290.00
Total Other Special Revenue Funds	569,428.40	134,300.50	(66,835.00)	67,465.50	0.00	(156,527.00)	480,366.90
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	803,255.38	1,494,551.50	(1,343,128.40)	151,423.10	0.00	(316,306.00)	638,372.48

Town of Adams, Massachusetts
Combining Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
- Trust Funds for the year ended June 30, 2011
(UNAUDITED)

	Fund Balance 06/30/10	Revenue	Expenditure	Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenditure	Operating Transfer In	Operating Transfer Out	Fund Balance 06/30/11
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS							
Cemetery Perpetual Care Principal Only	384,066	5,895		5,895			389,961
Library - Plunkett Fund	23,121	335		335			23,456
Library - Saunders Fund	5,000	77		77			5,077
Total Nonexpendable Trust	412,186	6,307		6,307	0	0	418,493
EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS							
Cemetery Endowed Lots - Harrington/Hall/Plunkett	28,117	409	(230)	179			28,296
Cemetery Perpetual Care - Interest Only	30,287	6,032		6,032		(5,000)	31,319
Cemetery Maintenance	11,046	160	(600)	(440)			10,606
Stabilization	638,569	175,854	(194,444)	(18,590)			619,979
Scholarship - Town	9,073	1,762	(1,600)	162			9,235
Scholarship - Kruszyna	15,287	1,967		1,967			17,254
Scholarship - Hall/Low	31,189	452		452			31,641
Historical Preservation - Quaker Meeting House	16,340	237		237			16,577
Conservation Trust	8,525	2,079		2,079			10,604
TOTAL EXPENDABLE TRUST	788,433	188,952	(196,874)	(7,922)	0	(5,000)	775,511
TOTAL TRUST FUNDS	1,200,620	195,259	(196,874)	(1,615)	0	(5,000)	1,194,005

**ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
ADAMS-CHESHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CHESHIRE, MA 01225**



**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011**



*Adams-Cheshire Regional School Committee
(l-r rear) Chair Paul Butler; Regina Hill; Gloria Lewis; Edmund St. John IV
(l-r front) Steven Vigna; Vice-Chair Darlene Rodowicz*

Report of the Chairman

Adams-Cheshire Regional School District

Paul K. Butler, Chairman	(Adams, appointed 9/00, elected 5/01, re-elected 5/04, 5/07, 5/10)
Darlene Rodowicz, Vice-Chair	(Cheshire, appointed 10/04, elected 5/06, re-elected 5/09)
John E. Duval	(Adams, elected 5/95, re-elected 5/98, 5/01, 5/04, 5/07, 5/10)
Ed St. John	(Cheshire, elected 5/11)
Gloria Lewis	(Cheshire, elected 5/10)
Regina Hill	(Adams, appointed 9/10, elected 5/11)
Steve Vigna	(Adams, appointed 09/11)

The Adams-Cheshire Regional School Committee has been faced with quite a few issues during this school year and many of those will affect operations in the district in the short and long terms. It is certainly an exciting time for everyone at the schools as well as for the citizens of the member towns of Adams and Cheshire. The school committee welcomed its newest member, Stephen Vigna of Adams who was appointed to replace outgoing member Carol Corrigan. The school committee is made up of a great working group of individuals with a nice variety of backgrounds and unique talents.

Certainly the topic of most interest has to be the building project underway at Hoosac Valley High School. This much anticipated project has been going extremely well and is on schedule for completion by the time school begins in the fall of 2012. Some exterior work may still be going on but the building itself will be ready. I think the community will be very pleased with the changes and improvements that are taking place at the campus. For those of you, who have not had opportunity to tour the school, please take some time to visit the district website or the Hurricane Pride Facebook site to see some photos of the construction. As a reminder, the newly renovated building will become a middle and high school servicing grades 6 thru 12 from the member towns in our district. Both Cheshire Elementary School and C.T. Plunkett Elementary School will become K thru 5 elementary schools with a district Pre-school. This will alleviate the overcrowding condition at Plunkett Elementary while having some impact on future renovation needs at Cheshire Elementary. Certainly a word of thanks is in order for everyone involved in the building project. It is an enormous undertaking to be sure. But always remember that it is not the building that makes a district what it is, it is the people inside; the staff, the students, and the community members. It is who we are that always determines how great we can be.

It sure seems that each year that I write this report I must sadly mention once again the ongoing issue of funding for the school budget. The school district continues to deal with the impact on school operations of the loss of revenue caused by budget shortfalls at the federal, state, and local levels combined with the ever increasing fixed costs associated with district operations. While there are some positive economic signs looking forward, we are still dealing with the effects of the lingering economic recession that has affected every community and every school across Massachusetts and indeed across the nation. As a result, the budget process for FY2013 has once again been a very difficult one. As of this writing the school committee has not finished the process

leading up to the vote to approve the budget for FY2013. Trying to get preliminary figures from the state regarding chapter 70 state funding reimbursement is often times more of an educated guess. However, the school district must, by law, approve its budget long before the state finalizes the amounts of chapter 70 funding that each school district will receive. It is quite possible that once again we will be looking at cuts and reductions in our operating budget. The school committee will be presenting its budget for the next fiscal year soon. Our first and foremost responsibility is to put a budget together that represents a quality education for our students. We do, however, want the community to know that our budgets also represent our sensitivity to the economic realities that exist in our towns and with our taxpayers. We believe that this budget will still represent good overall value to the two member towns and more importantly will still deliver a well rounded and quality education for the students of the district.

Maintenance and technology continue to improve throughout the district. Certainly the newly renovated Hoosac Valley Campus will be the most modern and up to date school in our district with fuel efficient furnaces, energy saving building materials and windows, along with the solar panel installation on the building grounds. New technology is being built into the school that will improve and enhance the educational experience of our students. Be assured that even though this will be basically a new building, maintenance costs are factored into our operating budget as part of our ongoing district-wide maintenance program. The use of technology in the classroom helps improve the learning environment both for students and teachers alike. Most of our students will look forward to a workplace dominated by the use of technology. We feel it is important to integrate technologies in the classroom at every feasible opportunity. Kids today grow up surrounded by electronics. It is only natural for them to also embrace an educational environment that incorporates technology in the learning process. Many of you know that the district instituted on-line grade books a couple of years ago and it has been instrumental in allowing parents and students to track their grades from home over the internet. Rather than waiting until progress report time, families are able to see exactly how their child is doing with respect to their school grades in each class. The result of all this increased technology will be that students will be better prepared to enter a world of increasing dependence on technology in the workplace. The committee would like to thank the taxpayers and the towns for supporting capital improvement in this area as it is such an important asset to the schools and to the students and their families.

Next year will bring major change to the leadership of the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District. Superintendent Alfred Skrocki has announced his retirement and will be leaving us in October. The school committee is currently in the process of searching for a replacement. Mr. Skrocki has worked in this district for 38 years and has been superintendent for 14 of those. He has been instrumental in creating and reviewing the district-wide strategic plan and has been a strong advocate for the renovations taking place at Hoosac Valley. Mr. Skrocki's leadership has always been guided by the simple philosophy that we always need to do what is right for our students. We certainly wish Mr. Skrocki the best as he looks forward to his retirement. On the topic of school staffing, the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District completed negotiations with all bargaining units within our district last year.

I am happy to report that the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District was selected to be one of the first schools in Massachusetts and in the nation to be part of the national education initiative called Race-to-the-Top. This program is a federally funded program in which we are currently studying in detail every aspect of how we deliver education to our students, things that are going well, things that are not going well, and how we can improve.

I look forward to a complete report after full implementation has taken place.

The chairman's report would not be complete without a few words about our students. Most of the members of the school committee are parents and most of us have children who attend

school here in this district. We are naturally concerned and proud not only of our own children but of all the students in the district as well. There are always so many exciting things happening in our schools that it would be impossible to list them all. Without overshadowing the reports of the Superintendent and the Athletic Director, I simply want to say go out and enjoy an event involving students. Perhaps take in a football, baseball or basketball game. Attend a soccer game or a ski meet. Wave to the band as they march in one of the local parades. Go see the high school musical or one of the concert and jazz band and chorus performances. Students enjoy being supported by their communities and you will probably be amazed by the level at which our students perform.

Finally, as chairman of the Adams Cheshire Regional School Committee, I would once again like to thank everyone in the community for their continued support for the school district and for the children who attend class here every day. We are very proud to represent this school district. Despite all of the bad news on the economy and our budget, there are still a lot of good things happening in our schools. Time and time again, everyone in the district puts forth the effort and ingenuity to create a positive educational environment. The reason is simple; we are all here for one purpose; the education of all of our children. After all, they represent the future for all of us.

Paul K. Butler, Chairman
Adams-Cheshire Regional School District

Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT - 2011

In compliance with policy of the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District, I respectfully submit the school district annual report for the year 2011. This year completes the fifth and final year of the current strategic plan of the district. This report will focus on activity and progress in the areas of academics, technology, communication/community relations, facilities and safety. The mission of our plan and our school district is “...to create a partnership of our school and communities that develops all of our students into educated, responsible and productive citizens.” This mission continues to provide a focus and collaboration of all stakeholders of the school system to recognize and meet the needs of all students.

ACADEMICS AND INSTRUCTION

The Adams-Cheshire Regional School District participated in a county-wide professional development day in Central Berkshire in October of 2011 to work on plans to transition from the current curriculum frameworks to the newly formed common core of curriculum and instruction. District teachers began work on this transition during the summer of 2011. The district also entered its second year of development of goals and activities in the national Race-to-the-Top (RTTT) initiative. The district is focusing on four main areas, including curriculum, school climate, technology and evaluation with a goal of implementation in the year 2014. In completing a second five-year strategic plan, the district is engaged in reviewing and revising the current beliefs and values and mission statement that has provided our direction for the past ten years. Plans include continued work on developing a new five-year vision for the district by June of 2012. Finally the district continues collaboration with MCLA, with the Superintendent acting as a member of the Berkshire Compact and the Compact sub-committee on student aspirations.

TECHNOLOGY

The School District continues to work on the development of a new local technology plan for submission to the state for approval in January 2012. Work includes the development of goals and benchmarks related to technology integration and literacy, professional development, accessibility of technology and learning and communications. An on-line report card is being developed in 2011 for use at the elementary level to supplement the current grade-book program at the secondary level. A number of district teachers and administrators were trained in the use of iPads in the summer of 2011 for use during the 2011-2012 school year. An iPad cart was purchased for use by students at the middle school level in addition to existing lap top and desk top computers. The district has also developed a plan for state-of-the-art technology for both students and staff in the newly renovated middle/high school that will open in the fall of 2012.

COMMUNICATION/COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The school district building committee and Hurricane Pride have been providing updates on the building project for the public on the district web-site and on Facebook. Communication and collaboration continued between the school district and the

towns in the development of the 2012 school budget through a sub-committee of officials from all entities. The Adams-Cheshire Educational Foundation (ACE) added three new members to the executive board of the organization and continues to provide grants in response to project proposals from school district stakeholders. Each of the district buildings continues an on-going commitment to community service through several initiatives and activities conducted by groups including the high school LEO Club. The district continues to use technology in the form of e-mail, Facebook and Gradebook to communicate with students, parents and stakeholders in the communities of Adams and Cheshire.

FACILITIES

Work on the Hoosac Valley Middle/High School Project began in May of 2011. Through the efforts of the building committee in collaboration with architects Tessier Associates and Margo Jones, project manager, URS and construction manager at-risk, Gilbane, over 30 bid packages were approved to begin construction. The district is working toward the goal of completing the project in September 2012 at the total project budget that was agreed to with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The project will meet the goals set by the building committee as a state-of-the-art academic facility with two clear and separate programs including a 6-8 middle school and a 9-12 high school. The building will have current and appropriate technology access. It will be environmentally sensitive and LEED certified. And it will serve as a community center for both communities. Planning during the spring of 2011, helped in making a smooth transition in the fall to temporary facilities for students at AMMS for grades 9-12 and the former Notre Dame School for grades 7-8. The cooperation and support of staff, students, parents and stakeholders of the communities were extremely helpful in this effort.. The school committee has also developed a five-year maintenance plan to address identified needs at the two elementary schools in the district.

SAFETY

The school district conducted its annual review and revision of the crisis manual with local police, fire and emergency response personnel, in October of 2011. State and local police and fire provided comprehensive support in conducting lock-down, fire and evacuation drills for all staff and students of the district. The district is developing a policy in social networking to add to its current technology use policy, and has developed an anti-bullying policy and procedures that was submitted and approved by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Implementation of the plan began in the fall of 2011.

Alfred W. Skrocki
Superintendent of Schools

Hoosac Valley High School

“Strive for Academic Excellence by Emphasizing Student Responsibility in a Climate of Mutual Respect”

ANNUAL REPORT

The year 2011 was one of great change at Hoosac Valley High School. Ground was broken in the spring on the Hoosac Valley building project and the both the middle and high schools were relocated over the summer, so that work on the new Hoosac Valley Middle & High School could continue unabated in order for the schools to return to the hill in the fall of 2012. Great anticipation awaits the completion of the building project making this one of the most exciting periods in our school's history.

The year began with a focus on the arts in January with our annual winter concert, featuring the middle and high school stage bands, as well as the jazz band, under the direction of Jacob Keplinger, the middle and high school chorus under the direction of Timothy Rougeau and our choreography class, under the guidance of Kate Frissell. Also in January our winter semi-formal dance, the Student Council's annual "Snow Ball" was once again held at the Bounti Fare in Adams with over 200 students in attendance.

Spring brought more events featuring the talents of our students, such as two well received and well attended performances of *"You're a Good man, Charlie Brown"*, under the direction of Ms. Frissell and Mr. Keplinger. Our spring concert followed in May, as well as the ninety-six annual Junior Prize Speaking contest, which was won by Ellen Rowe with the rendition of Peter Stone's *"Boy Meets Girl, Plus One"*. The annual "Career Day" was also held in May, with over 60 professions and professionals on display for our students. The Hoosac Valley Leo Club continued its fundraising and charitable efforts during the year carrying a membership of over 150 students into 2011.

As June arrived, the series of end of the year activities ushered in. The senior class members of the National Honor Society were honored at an annual banquet sponsored once again by the Adams Lions' Club at the Bounti-Fare. The prom was held at the Williams Inn for the third time in as manner years. The theme this year was *"Message in a Bottle"* and over 200 students at-

tended. Class Night and Graduation also were held in early June. On Class Night, more than \$83,000 was presented to graduating students as scholarships, and an additional \$863,690 was granted as financial aid. 90 students were honored at graduation, with Dylan Alibozek as Valedictorian and Jessica Bailot as Salutatorian. Graduate Zach Larabee delivered the class speech, highlighting the previous four years at Hoosac Valley for the Class of 2011. A parent sponsored all-night party was held as an after graduation event and was well received by the graduating seniors. 56% of the Class of 2009 graduates went on to attend four year colleges this past fall, with an additional 23% entering two year schools.

As soon as school ended in mid-June, the Hoosac Valley staff undertook the enormous task of emptying out the high school and relocating our operation to both Adams Memorial School for grades 9 through 12, and the former Notre Dame School building for grades 7 and 8. Every piece of furniture, every textbook, every trophy and every school supply had to be moved to one of the temporary buildings or placed in storage. Our hardworking custodial staff spent a great deal of time during the spring preparing these two buildings for the temporary relocation. When the move began in late June, our custodians and summer workers were aided in the process by helpers from the Berkshire County House of Correction and Adult and Juvenile Probation Departments. By the end of July the high school was empty and we began to set up the classrooms at Memorial and Notre Dame in preparation for the arrival of our students and staff in September.

Despite the challenges of our temporary facilities, the new school year got off to a great start. The high school students quickly learned where they would be allowed to park on Valley and Lincoln Streets and the senior class members took advantage of their new privilege of being allowed to leave Memorial for lunch. The middle school students also quickly learned how to navigate the quirky stairways at Notre Dame. Placing over 600 more students in downtown has certainly had its challenges, and the schools could not have pulled it off without the wonderful



National Honor Society Induction



Girls Basketball

help and cooperation of the Adams Police and Highway Departments, and the cooperation of Father Boyle of Pope John Paul the Great Parish.

Despite our temporary displacement, the school has done its best to continue most of long-standing traditions. The Freshmen Reception, where our seniors host a dance for the incoming freshmen, took place in September and a pep rally organized by the fantastic Hoosac cheerleaders helped boost spirits prior to the annual Hoosac-Drury football game. The Susan B. Anthony Chapter of the National Honor Society induction dinner and ceremony was held in November. City of Springfield Budget Director, and Hoosac Valley graduate, LeeAnn Pasquini was the keynote speaker. Due to space limitations, the school had to forgo The Art Hathaway Senior Dinner for the year, but this event, sponsored by the HVHS Student Council, is planning on returning in December of 2012. The calendar year ended with The Leo Club once again sponsoring a successful Create A Dream program at our school for the ninth consecutive year, enabling several local families to enjoy a special Christmas.

Seventh and eighth grade students have continued to take part in high school sports and activities. A number of middle school students participated in the fall and winter sports seasons by joining the soccer, golf, cross country, swimming, girls' basketball and Nordic Ski teams. A number of middle school students also participated in the spring musical. Seventh grade students celebrated the end of the school year with a field day at Hoosac Valley. In regards to the eighth grade, Hoosac Valley has continued the tradition of a formal promotion ceremony, with an added twist in 2011 of a semi-formal dinner/dance in the students' honor. The eighth grade students also ended their year with a field day at The Range in North Adams.

Hoosac Valley's partnership with the volunteer fire departments of Cheshire and Savoy through the SAFER Grant has continued into 2011. Hoosac Valley has been able to increase the number of First Responder courses this school year offered through the SAFER grant.



Girls Soccer Team

The staff of Hoosac Valley Middle and High School continues to be devoted to the academic, social and behavioral development of the young men and women of Adams and Cheshire. They are a group of highly trained professionals who are committed to preparing our children for the future.



Sno Ball



Working hard in AP Chemistry



Physics Class

C.T. Plunkett Elementary School

C.T. Plunkett Elementary School practices the beliefs and values of the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District on a daily basis. The staff, students and parents are continuously exposed to the beliefs and values and continue to demonstrate all of these regularly.

1. All children are capable of learning.
2. All students deserve the best instruction.
3. High expectations for teachers and students increase student learning.
4. A safe and organized school environment is essential to teaching and learning.
5. Mutual respect creates the optimum climate for learning.
6. Learning is a shared responsibility.
7. There is more than one way to accomplish something.
8. When administrators, teachers, students and parents are accountable, students will learn.
9. Families and schools who communicate and cooperate with each other will have more successful students.
10. If it is not working, it shouldn't be continued.

C.T. Plunkett Elementary School has the largest enrollment of any elementary school in Berkshire County. Currently we service students in grades Kindergarten to Sixth. The school is located on Commercial Street in downtown Adams housing seven grade levels with approximately one hundred students in each. The original building was constructed in 1923 and served as the town's junior high school for almost fifty years. It was then converted to an intermediate elementary school and served as an instructional facility for students in fourth through sixth grades until it underwent a complete renovation. The school reopened as an elementary school with a fourteen-classroom addition constructed on the south side of the building for students in pre-kindergarten through grade five in September 1994.

The information included in this report highlights some of our special accomplishments, provides statistical information on enrollment and staffing, reviews some school-wide projects and initiatives, and tells about some significant changes.

Enrollment Comparisons

Grade:	04-05	05-06	06-07	07-08	08-09	09-10	10-11	11-12
Kind.	82	84	96	84	71	97	67	86
Grade 1	83	83	98	84	84	80	94	75
Grade 2	93	85	82	80	90	78	81	91
Grade 3	97	101	91	90	80	91	71	81
Grade 4	100	95	94	94	93	85	85	72
Grade 5	103	100	91	104	89	90	85	90
Grade 6	77	81	75					
Total	594	576	563	579	537	598	564	570

Staffing

The following people help to provide a supportive learning environment for the students at our school.

Kindergarten

Kristy Bachli, Roberta Urquhart, Mary Whitman, and Mara Woolley

Grade 1

Amy Anderson, Ann Atwell, Susan Biros, Mary Tanner

Grade 2

Elizabeth Alibozek, Dawn Bombardier, Kelly Ryan and Barbara Steuer

Grade 3

Beth Bourdon, Jennifer Downey, Anne Prudhomme, and Sarah Sookey

Grade 4

Dawn Bishop, Laurie Cantarella, Cynthia Vadnais, and Noella Wotkowicz

Grade 5

Susan Garcia, Kathleen McGrath, Nancy Parrot and Jill Pompei

Grade 6

Rebecca Koczela, Kathryn Little, Christine King and Lynne Robinson

School-Wide

Patricia Alibozek, Diane Arduini, Susan Barthe, Kim Biagini, Kathy Bradbury, Lisa Bresett, Kimberly Briggs, Susan Burzamatti, Francis Cariddi, Carol Carlow, Chad Carpenter, Deborah Ciempa, Ann Conroy, Vanessa Cook, Terri Cooper, Barbara Czerwinski, Dawn Daniels, Aaron Dean, Heather Disanti, Holly Field, Laura Fitzgerald, Jackie Fortier, Laurie Gamari, Amy Garner, Jeanne Garofano, Laurie Gavazzi, Sharon Girard, Kristen Gordon, Deanna Guettler, Suzanne Harnick, Frances Jamros, Shelley Jenkins, Aimee Kelly, Joann Kingsbury, Jennifer Kline, Susan Knapp, Geoff Kondel, Donna Labonte, Patty Lafrance, Sara Laing, Wendy Lamberton, Deborah Langner, Karen Levesque, Geeta Lipinski, Justin Luciani, Barbara Mallet, Laurie Malloy, Laura McGrath, Paula Meczywor, Judy Miller, Patty Misiuk, D.J. Mullany, Mary Murray, Richard Noel, Elizabeth O'Heany, Michael O'Keefe, Stacia Peterson, Jennie Pierce, Travis Poirot, Kari Schongar, Miriam Serrano, Nicole Seyerlein, Deb Silveria, Kale Skrocki, Jay Snizek, Paul Snizek, Penny Tarsa, Jennifer Taylor, Heather Todd, Donna Torres, Lisa Waltermire, Becky Zaleski, Cindy Ziarnik, Jackie Ziarnik

Kindergarten Update:

Kindergarten classes have earned accreditation from NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) as an exemplary program. The accreditation helps to secure early childhood funding through state and federal grants. Our Kindergarten curriculum allows children to grow socially, emotionally, and academically while enhancing their educational experience. This is done by closely monitoring individual progress and adapting instruction to meet each child's needs because we believe that all children are capable of learning. Our Kindergarten provides instruction through whole class, small groups, one to one assistance, field trips and community involvement. During the past five years, the Barrett Fund and South Adams Savings Bank have funded and helped with our summer transitional program to Kindergarten.

Grade 2 Update:

On Tuesday, March 6 2nd grade was able to attend an anti-bullying presentation presented by the district attorney's office. The presentation generated many in-class discussions revolving around the topic of bullying.

On Wednesday, March 14th, 2nd grade will be traveling to Pittsfield to take a journey on The Magic School Bus via the Colonial Theater! Thank you P.T.G.

In late May 2nd grade will once again be sponsoring Alex's Lemonade Stand! Second graders will plan, prepare, and sell lemonade to their peers during recess times to raise money for childhood cancer awareness. Each year a portion of the proceeds are donated to the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation while the remainder is donated to a local child battling cancer. This year a donation will be made to a 2nd grader here at CT Plunkett who is currently undergoing treatment with the disease. Anyone who would like to donate to this wonderful cause can contact any 2nd grade teacher at CT Plunkett Elementary School.

In honor of Earth Day on April 22nd, 2nd grade will be cleaning up our CT Plunkett playground, Wacky World, and surrounding areas. Posters will be made to promote a cleaner environment and keeping our town beautiful!

Grade 3 Update:

Students have transitioned nicely into third grade. They are working hard to prepare for the ELA and Math MCAS tests. We are effectively using previous tests and current research to better prepare our students for these assessments. Achieve Net testing is also being implemented to provide accurate data relating to each child's strengths and weaknesses. Thanks to the generosity of the CT Plunkett PTG, we continue to enjoy our annual visits from Gail Raser, a naturalist from Pleasant Valley Wildlife Sanctuary. Gail's lessons have provided our students with information about the wildlife native to Berkshire County. Students are able to measure and examine skulls and pelts, dissect owl pellets, and make animal tracks. We are looking forward to the possibility of extending this program next year.

Grade 4 Update:

Fourth Grade enjoyed a trip to the Colonial Theatre to see the play Frindle. The live performance was very entertaining. For many students, this was their first opportunity to see live theatre. Math Night was on February 9th. Many 4th graders took advantage of this great parent/child event. Multiplication games and websites were provided for continued practice at home. We look forward to Curl Up and Read Night on March 22nd. Classrooms are busy preparing for the upcoming MCAS.

Grade 5 Update:

It has been an exciting year in the fifth grade so far. During the past few months, the fifth grade studies a unit on Native Americans and all created beautiful projects. They also were involved in creating writing projects pertaining to the explorers of the Northern Hemisphere. In science, we began the year with a unit on rocks and minerals which culminated in a trip to Specialty Minerals here in Adams. Currently in science, they are creating three-dimensional projects for their study on biomes of the world. Fifth graders have had the opportunity to work with technology of the twenty-first century using our new I-pad station which has allowed them to do research and practice math skills through

a technique which they enjoy. We are also very busy with the implementation of the new math and language arts curriculum based on the mandated Common Core curriculum.

Fifth graders at Plunkett have the opportunity to participate in many educational experiences outside of the school building. The 18th annual week-long Nature's Classroom trip is the highlight of the student's elementary school years. This trip is hands-on-multidisciplinary learning experience that the children remember for the rest of their lives. Also in May our students travel to Sturbridge, MA, and are immersed in the life style of any early nineteenth century community at Old Sturbridge Village. This compliments their study of the colonial period in Social Studies. Our last trip of the year will include some local history when we visit the birthplace of Susan B. Anthony and learn about her role in American History. The fifth grade is a busy year filled with varied and exciting educational experiences.

Library

The C.T. Plunkett Library houses over 15,000 books, videos and magazines. The automated circulation and cataloging system makes it possible for students and staff to access the electronic card catalog. Approximately 12,000 items were checked out during the school year. Students visit the library once a week and have the opportunity to listen to stories and borrow a variety of books, including picture books, fiction, biographies and non-fiction.

The C.T. Plunkett Library Committee was established on March 26, 1998 for the purpose of raising funds to enrich our school library services and provide books for the children. Various activities such as raffles, book fairs and school-wide fundraisers have raised more than \$78,000. Reference materials, fiction books, nonfiction books, magazine subscriptions, Accelerated Reader discs, academic videos and the automated cataloging/circulation system have been purchased and supported through this committee. The Library Committee is one of the financial supporters of the RIF program which enables each student in the school to choose a free book three times a year. For the past seven years the committee has also sponsored a Literacy Fair which has been extremely successful.

Anti-Bullying Commitment

In the Adams Cheshire Regional School District we have created and adopted an Anti Bullying policy. This policy includes and addresses all of the state requirements and regulations. We have also created an anti bullying committee and plan to meet regularly to discuss our ongoing efforts to enforce our anti bullying policies. You can find this policy on our website. www.acrsd.net

Parent Group

The C.T. Plunkett Parent Group provides extensive support to the children of our school throughout the year. The group meets monthly to discuss ongoing support to the children. Their efforts support the C.T. Plunkett community in a variety of ways.

Arts Enrichment:

- Monthly performances in music, drama, science, history and dance, both in-house and off-site
- Sponsoring a children's author
- MassMOCA events
- Musician and songwriter

Family-Focused Events

- Bingo Nights
- Harlem Wizards
- Square Dancing Night paired with the Nutrition Committee's promotion of healthy snacking

Activities

- Field trips for students at all grade levels
- Give-a-Gift to promote the spirit of holiday giving and donating, from children to children, for programs such as the Leo's Create-a-Dream.
- C.T. Plunkett Yearbook creation
- Participation in programs that support the school's Nutrition Committee and works with the committee to write grants for programs through the REACH foundation to promote healthy lifestyles

Appreciation Days

- Staff Appreciation Day in May
- Sundae Party for all students and staff to recognize fundraising efforts
- Classroom Pizza Party to award top sellers in fundraiser

School Improvements/Equipment Maintenance:

- Curtain in Auditorium
- Purchase of Kiln
- Bulletin boards
- Snow shoe maintenance/replacement

Nutrition Committee

On June 30, 2004, Congress passed Section 204 of Public Law 108-265, of the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004. This law requires local education agencies to develop a policy that addresses the growing problem of childhood obesity. At C.T. Plunkett we recognize the need to assist our students by encouraging healthy eating and physical activity. The Nutrition Committee, a subcommittee of the PTG, meets throughout the year within the PTG and School Council to plan and implement activities to promote healthy eating and living for our children. C.T. Plunkett was awarded a \$3000 grant for the Fuel Up and Play program which encourages a healthy lifestyle! We are very excited to put some programs in place.

School Council

A School Council is a representative, school building-based committee composed of the principal, parents, teachers and community members. The major areas of responsibility for councils include the following. School councils are to assist principals in:

1. Adopting educational goals for the school that are consistent with local educational policies and statewide student performance standards
2. Identifying the educational needs of students attending the school
3. Reviewing the annual school building budget
4. Formulating a school improvement plan

The Council meets throughout the school year. Any person can attend school council meetings.

Programs/Activities/ Events

- Pre-K and Kindergarten classes have participated in a self-study in preparation for accredited as an NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) program. Accreditation will distinguish our program and help to secure early childhood funding through state and federal grants.
- MCAS study programs conducted throughout the year help students to prepare for the exams given in March, April and May. These programs provide students in fourth and fifth grades with a variety of activities designed to improve reading, writing, and math skills.
- Homework assistance program for students in fourth, fifth and sixth grade takes place three days per week in an effort to assist students with homework.
- Our Title One program supports a school-wide literacy initiative for all students. Instructional assistants in all grade levels work under the guidance of the classroom teacher to reinforce literacy programs. Several informational meetings, in-service activities for staff members, and workshops for parents are held throughout the year. A newsletter, *The Parent Connection*, is distributed several times throughout the year to all families with tips to introduce quality reading activities at home.
- Our MCAS Nights are great nights for parents and students. Parents are updated on the strategies given to students to solve math problems as well as writing rubric expectations. These nights have been sponsored by CTP, Title 1 and 21st Century.
- We all celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America during the month of March. Guest readers from the community are invited to read a story or picture book and talk about the importance of reading with our students.
- The C.T. Plunkett Literacy Fair is conducted during the month of May. Projects created by every student to represent a wide range of literature are displayed in the gymnasium for families and friends who come to view them.
- Fifth graders make their annual journey to Nature's Classroom in Ivoryton, Connecticut. The weeklong event at the end of February-beginning of March is one of the highlights of the fifth grade experience at C.T. Plunkett.
- Project Snowshoe is supported by a grant from the REACH Foundation of the Northern Berkshire Health Systems. The three thousand dollar grant was used to purchase thirty pairs of snowshoes for use with fourth and fifth grade students during physical education classes.
- Curl Up and Read have been extremely successful nights at CTP. Students wear their pajamas and listen to stories.
- Daycare program before and after school as well as summer assists working parents with a safe, familiar daycare setting. Activities in the daycare program are centered on the individual needs of the students and fun activities are planned on a regular basis.
- The new computer lab and computers are very exciting additions to C.T. Plunkett. The students are currently working on the Lexia program and learning a great deal! Laptops are in each classroom so that students can carryover in the classroom. We also added a laptop cart this year at C.T. Plunkett.

Title I

Title I is an entitlement grant supporting school-wide academic support for all Plunkett students. Through Title I funding, classroom teachers and interventionists are able to use assessment data throughout the year to inform instructional routines. In addition, instructional assistants work under the guidance of classroom teachers to reinforce instruction in reading, writing and math through small group differentiated instruction. Title I also supports extended day academic activities through Homework Help and after school tutoring sessions. Because it is known that increased family involvement in school activities translates into higher student achievement, newsletters about the five components of reading, along with helpful tips for home activities are sent home monthly and are posted on the district website. A yearly survey invites parents to report on their impressions of school climate, academic preparation, communication, and family concerns. A school wide assessment informs the budget process by prioritizing demonstrated needs in each grade. Topics suggested by parents and staff are addressed through informational meetings and workshops; and evening programs such as Curl Up & Read and Math Night are offered to families to promote literacy, reading, and math support at home.

Reading Is Fundamental

RIF is a federally funded program whose goal is to give children access to books and discover the joys and value of reading. C.T. Plunkett qualifies for this grant due to the percentage of free and reduced lunch students attending. Additional funding is provided by the C.T. Plunkett Library Fund. Three times a year each student at C.T. Plunkett can choose a book from a wide selection of books, based on their own interests. The book distributions are enhanced by fun reading-motivational activities. Past themes have included "Get on Board with Reading" (trains). "Warm up with a Good Book" (winter). And "Books on the Beach" (summer reading). Volunteers are a big part of RIF, helping make bookmarks, stamp and inventory books, and helping on distribution day by reading with students, stocking books, and even handing out hot chocolate and cookies. This program is vital for children who have no books in their homes, have limited access to bookstores, and who, without RIF would not experience the thrill of owning their own books.

Music Program:

Aaron Dean teaches general music at CT Plunkett. In music classes students are introduced to musical notation, musical terminology, families of instruments, and major composers. Students in grades K-2 focus on singing and movement activities, while students in grades 3-6 have the opportunity to learn the basics of guitar and keyboard. The music program also utilizes 24 iMacs that were donated by Williams College for digital recording and music composition.

Technology

We continue to make progress with technology at CTP. We have received a cart containing "mini" laptops, which allow us to have increased technology access in the classrooms. Mr. Noel is in his third year at CTP, and we are identifying great improvement in the areas of reading thanks to the hard work using the Lexia Reading program.

This software is used by grades K-5, and is designed to reinforce all areas of phonics, vocabulary, fluency, comprehension,

and spelling. Each student is given a computerized assessment that places the student at the appropriate instructional level. Lexia then provides the student with a series of tasks that are chosen to meet their specific instructional needs. Lexia provides individualized, research-based lessons to improve ELA skills. Teachers monitor student progress and print reports to allow for differentiated instruction to reinforce any problem areas. The school district also purchased a component to allow parents to install the program on their home computer, thus allowing students to use the program as part of their home studies.

Students in grades four, five and six are using Microsoft Word to complete classroom writing assignments. Grade five and six students are learning basic computer programming and are creating multimedia presentations using PowerPoint as part of their regular computer class instruction. Grade five students have learned more efficient ways to take notes when using online resources.

Students receive weekly technology instruction in the school's computer lab. Each teacher was provided with a laptop with Windows Vista, Microsoft Office, and the Adobe Creative Suite. Teachers can work both at home and in the classroom. In class, students can use the laptop to access the Internet and complete Lexia activities, perform research, or use the word processor. Each floor is equipped with black & white and color laser printers that are networked so that students and teachers can print directly from their classrooms.

Our school focuses on developing critical 21st Century skills for all students in Kindergarten through grade 6. We are continuing to be proactive with our selection of quality online instruction to meet both present and future educational needs of our students.

The district's web site (www.acrsd.net) provides information about our school and the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District. An improved format with a variety of new features has been designed to be more user-friendly and visually appealing. The district's technology plan has been updated and posted on each school's website. A district-wide E-Mail system is in place to foster communication between staff and parents, in addition to communication among all staff.

Our report cards are now computer-based. We are in phase 1 of this effective and parent-friendly system. This is very exciting.

21st Century After School Program

The 21st Century Grant currently operating in its ninth year is sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Education and the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District. The Exemplary grant-funded program offers children in grades one through six the opportunity to be involved in project-based after school activities that begin at the end of the school day and run until 5:00 P.M. four days per week. Parents pick up their children and have frequent contact with staff. There are three classrooms of fifteen students. Classes consist of multiage grade levels with a certified teacher and paraprofessional support staff. The program is free and provides snack, choice time, homework help, and STEM-based projects and activities. Adams Youth Center Inc. also provides staff once a week to do Zumba and dance. Community volunteers like John Clarno of the Hoosac Tennis Association also donated two weeks for a Tennis Camp. Kirpalu also donated 10 weeks of yoga lessons to the program.

A total of fifty students attend classes Monday through Thursday. Project based instructional activities focusing on a variety of academic topics are designed to improve student performance in math, science, engineering, and technology. An additional grant has funded staff to expand our Lego program and support special education students. The Adams-Cheshire Educational Partnership Fund of the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation has also awarded our program monies to purchase a pottery wheel, sewing equipment, and science materials to enhance the CT Plunkett afterschool and day school programs.

Community Connections

We continue to maintain excellent working relationships with a number of agencies throughout our neighboring communities as well as those in the town of Adams. We also work closely with the following organizations:

- The Berkshire Humane Society (pet care/classroom lessons)
- The Pittsfield Red Cross Unit (classroom lessons)
- The Counseling Center of the Berkshires (counseling)
- The Department of Social Services (family support)
- Barrett House (story hour for kindergarten students)
- The Massachusetts Audubon Society (classroom lessons)
- Adams Police Department (DARE/school resource officer)
- The Berkshire Museum
- Adams Library, Fire Department, and local banks (educational programs)
- Junior Achievement (Curl Up and Read)
- Hoosac Valley High School (Leo Club)

- Berkshire Community College (nursing interns)
- Adams Youth Center (Big Brother/Big Sister Program)
- Adams Visitor Center-Joe Novak (Presentations and visits)
- Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts (practicum students and administrative interns)
- The Police Athletic League who use our gymnasium for basketball games
- Town Hall Coordination of Red Sox Trophy
- REACH Foundation
- The South Adams Savings Bank provides our school with a generous donation of one thousand dollars each year.
- The Golden Varsity volunteers continue working in the library, health room, and classrooms in our school on a regular basis.
- Parent volunteers regularly work in classrooms, library and chaperone field trips.

C.T. Plunkett is a wonderful place for children to learn, to feel safe and to feel loved. Community support is extremely important and we would like to thank everyone for their commitment to education and support. ***“It takes a village to raise a child.”*** Thank you!

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Cheshire Elementary School

It is my pleasure to be submitting this report as the principal of Cheshire Elementary School for a third year. We are currently at an enrollment of 273 students in grades pre-K through 6. 2011-2012 has been a very busy year for Cheshire School both with our building and the people in it. With the construction under way at the Hoosac Valley Campus, the use for our building has seen a significant increase. We are also the new home for the District Offices that include the Superintendent and business offices. Our aged school building is filled to capacity and all of the activity is exciting! As I wrote this report last year, we were faced with a major heating boiler issue. Fortunately, we have resolved that with the installation of new boilers for the West wing of the building and we have enjoyed consistent heat.

During the course of the year, we have worked hard to help our students make the best progress possible. This is the second year that we have instituted a Response to Intervention (RtI) model to help students make faster progress in areas of weakness. We are still in the development phase of this, but it is going well so far and staff, students and parents have been supportive. Last year we provided this added service to the children during the recess time. This year, we are trying an intervention "block" model where a specified 45 minute time period is designated for each grade level during the school day. We will compare the data using the two approaches to see which works best for our students. We will continue to work and plan to make this a stronger program that can provide that needed "extra" for students.

Our staff has remained stable after some significant cuts three years ago. We have been fortunate to have been able to add a half time paraprofessional to work in the library along with parent volunteers. This has allowed us to continue to schedule a library time for each class during the week and the children are able to check out books weekly.

The Cheshire Parent Teacher Group (PTG) meets monthly to provide financial support to programs for the children and to plan events throughout the year. Any parent is welcome to join this organization. They meet on the second Thursday of each month alternating times at either 3:30 or 6:30 p.m. Please feel free to call the school to find out more. You can also find a great deal of information through the PTG web site at cheshireptg.org.

As has been done in the past years, several teachers contributed the following paragraphs of this report in order to give you a little snapshot of what happens at Cheshire Elementary School. I hope you find them informative and feel free to come visit us sometime if you would like to see the school and learn more about what we do to educate the children in our community.

PRE-SCHOOL

As always our preschool has been busy learning shapes, colors, numbers and the alphabet along with other seasonal activities throughout the year. Some of our favorites include our fall fieldtrip to Lakeview Orchard which concluded our apples and pumpkins unit. This year we were also able to walk to the Cheshire Post Office to learn how a letter is processed through the mail and mail some homemade Valentines to our families. In March we welcomed guest readers to our classrooms as part of the school

wide celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday and Read Across America Day. We were lucky have this opportunity to include community members in our learning environment.

We are excited as spring approaches to explore the planting and growing season as well as study the life cycle of chickens. We will soon be taking a fieldtrip to a local dairy farm as conclusion of this unit. Our year will end with a family celebration where we will perform themed songs showcasing the children's accomplishments throughout this Preschool year.



Pre-School Teachers: Kelly Riechers & Laura Ziemba

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten Classes 2011-2012

This year our kindergarten classes were immersed in multisensory activities aimed at meeting the needs of all of our learners. Through differentiated instruction, we found all of our students making improvements in all subjects throughout the year.

Our Field Trips included two trips to the Colonial Theatre. The children went to see *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* and *Knuffle Bunny*. Both of these plays were phenomenal and the children were mesmerized by the performances. We read the stories before attending and followed up with some fun activities when we got back to school.

We also went to Ioka Farm in the fall. There we participated in an Alphabet Walk which not only promoted reading skills but helped with talking about good nutrition, as the maze had a fruit or vegetable from A-Z in alphabetical order. We also learned all about apples and their growth process by visiting Bartlett's Orchard.

Our classes made Christmas cards for our Veterans home and abroad. The children were eager to bring cheer and show their appreciation for our armed forces.

Along with our daily reading time, the students are exposed to two excellent Phonics/Reading computer programs twice a week. Both of these programs support the curriculum being taught in the classroom.

The first program, called Lexia, is interactive, educational software which helps children learn to read and increase aca-

ademic performance. Students learn skills in sequence, logically building an understanding while gaining competency and preparing for the next skill. There is also a Home-School Connection with this which allows the child to use the program at home as a tutorial device.

The students also use an Accelerated Reader Program. This program provides personalized reading practice to each student's current level. This program, along with our classroom instruction and reading curriculum, promotes a lifelong love of reading and learning.

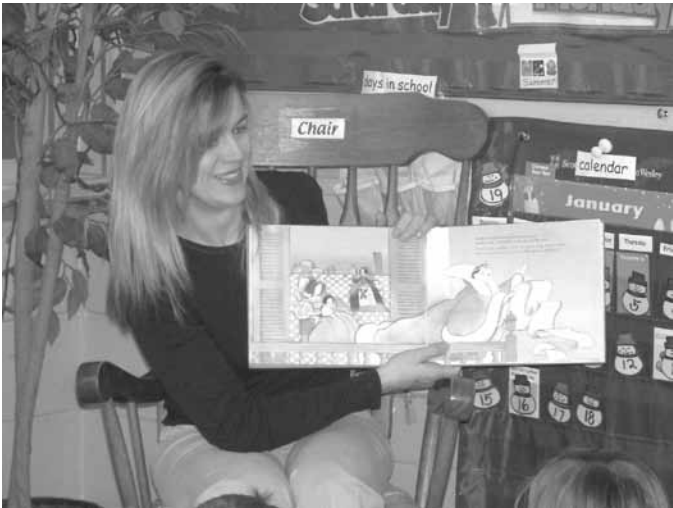
We have weekly visits from family members and friends as they come to our classrooms to share a reading of a book to the class. This is a favorite time for all of the children.

Our kindergarten classes participated in our Acts of Kindness Week by inviting out local Firemen and Police to come and be thanked and recognized for all that they do to keep us safe.

Officer Brandon Gallagher and Officer Michael Alibozek came to represent the police. Brent Lancia, Brian Lancia, Jason Mendonca, John Harris and Mike Biagini came to allow the children the opportunity to thank them in person.



In the Spring, we will have our traditional Mexican Fiesta where the children showcase their ability to speak Spanish. After weeks of reading the English words and learning the spoken Spanish, students make projects and learn songs to show to an audience of family and friends.





Kindergarten Teachers: Mrs. Robin Poirot & Mrs. Heather Emerson

FIRST GRADE

The first graders have had many educational and fun experiences. Around Thanksgiving we wrote a book about the Pilgrims and the Native Americans. We spent the month of December creating a 2012 calendar. We did projects with our fifth grade buddies that focused on December holidays as well as February holidays. For science, we studied nutrition and the food pyramid.

Reading is a large focus in first grade. We set a grade-level reading achievement goal of reading to fill a bulletin board snowman with snowballs. For a spring reading goal, we will be reading to fill a bulletin board flower with petals. When the reading goals are reached, we celebrate with a reading marathon celebration!

We also spend much of our time practicing addition and subtraction math facts. Students practice their facts by partnering up and playing whole-class math games.

Last year the first grade studied the U.S. Presidents, mapping skills, continents and oceans, American symbols, and folktales. These academic units will be carried out annually in the spring.

Teachers: Mrs. Katie Chenail & Mrs. Melissa Rusek

SECOND GRADE

We are thrilled to have two second grades this year. There are a total of 32 children, 16 in each class and the students are working hard to become strong readers. This year's students have shown an intense interest in informational text. Vocabulary and comprehension building has taken off through read alouds of such books as; *Animal Disguises*, *Amazing Tigers*, *Friends: True Stories of Extraordinary Animal Friendships* and *Stellaluna*.

They are developing their writing skills as part of the reading and writing connection. The second grade has successfully implemented new methods aiming toward developing mastery of addition and subtraction math facts, as well as problem solving. Learning good character traits and developing respectful social skills is also a key part of a second grader's education. Our second graders are working hard to be prepared for third grade.

Teachers: Ms. Stephanie McCarthy, Mrs. Kim Trimarchi



THIRD GRADE

A look at third grade!

This year is going by so fast. In Language Arts we have been enjoying various chapter books in class. Some of our favorites are *Frecklejuice*, *Family Under the Bridge*, *Holes*, and *Bridge to Terabithia*. Math is exponentially enjoyable in third grade because we are starting multiplication. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm in students that can't wait for those new found skills. Geometry has been captivating. We added so many new terms to our vocabulary, such as quadrilateral, dodecagon, and perpendicular. We especially enjoy singing parallel and perpendicular from *Rockin' the Standards*.

We look forward to learning about our town and our state. We will read about the people who contribute to our local community. The children will even have an opportunity to make salt maps of Massachusetts. It is a lot of fun measuring and mixing colors. The best part will be "smooshing" the salt goo all over the maps. This spring we will be talking about the three sisters and planting our own classroom garden. This will lead to the beginning of our nature journaling. Cheshire offers an amazing amount of natural beauty through the Ashuwillticook Trail. We will take several field trips and admire our surroundings through drawing and describing the plant and animal life. This will be very helpful in our study of life cycles. It's wonderful seeing students thrive in all the challenging, creative & stimulating environments I have the privilege of introducing to them to throughout the year.

Teacher: Ms Danielle Taylor

FOURTH GRADE

The fourth grade classes have been busy this year! In November, we took our annual field trip to Howe Caverns to see first-hand what the earth looks like underground as part of our science and social studies lessons. It was great to actually see things we had been talking about in class such as stalactites and stalagmites and the layers of sedimentary rock. The students had to fund-raise for the field trip and they certainly raised enough money at a Saturday car wash held at the school in October.

Mr. Brown's class has been writing, editing and publishing a school wide newspaper during the year and it is amazing how

many budding journalists we have in our fourth grade. The entire student body at Cheshire Elementary School enjoys reading the seasonal editions of “Fourth Grade Forum”.

Mrs. Gajda’s class has become pen pals with Ms Ivy’s 5th grade class in Waxahachie, Texas. This relationship was formed after our class heard that Ms Ivy’s school had just lost their entire library to a flood only days before school started this year. Mrs. Gajda’s class wrote letters and sent a box full of books from their own class library to help the students in Texas start to rebuild theirs.

In the spring of 2011, both 4th grade classes will collaborate with Mr. Herrmann’s chemistry class from Hoosac Valley and spend a day as scientists conducting several amazing experiments such as making Mentos rockets and combining a solid and a liquid to create SLIME!!

The students have been working very hard to master the basic facts in math and they are devoting a lot of time to writing. Fourth grade is the year that the students take the long composition portion of the state MCAS tests. A lot of time goes into the writing of a good composition, a skill that they will need throughout their educational lives. The fourth grade students

Teachers: Mrs. Michelle Gajda & Mr. Eric Brown

FIFTH GRADE

Fifth Grade at Cheshire Elementary School is a tremendous opportunity for students to develop both academically and emotionally. A new expectation for this year is preparing students for entry into the new middle school and the responsibilities that go along with that. Academically, students are challenged in all areas. A strong emphasis is focused on Language Arts and Math.

Special events that take place in the fifth grade are Nature’s Classroom, Berkshire Theatre Festival’s Artist in Residency and First Grade Friends. The fifth grade will visit the Baseball Hall of Fame with Mr. Sniezek as a culminating event to a cross-curricular unit that integrates baseball with our regular curriculum. Each of these programs allows students to grow creatively and see themselves in new and exciting ways. As students gain more responsibility throughout the year, they learn to view themselves as young adults who will be entering their middle school years.

Teachers: Dawn & Tom Prokopowicz

SIXTH GRADE

“Sixth grade is important. Students can do it. Teachers will not give up on them.” This philosophy, paraphrased from ***Research for Better Teaching***, recognizes the role of the teacher as key in guiding students to a richer appreciation of the world around them. All students can learn. As each student in sixth grade, regardless of intellectual, emotional, or physical status, seeks to gain understanding, teacher energies are dedicated to accommodating those individual needs to offer nurturing support in the learning process through an educational environment characterized by respect, curiosity, persistence, open-mindedness, and a sense of growing responsibility.

Further growth opportunities for students in sixth grade were offered through Nature’s Classroom, Berkshire Theatre Festival’s Artists in Residence, and Kindergarten Buddies. Each of these

enriching events allows students to develop creatively, become more tolerant of differences, and take on leadership roles.

The successes of this sixth-grade school year not only met the rigors of state and federal requirements, but most importantly met the needs of each student.

Teachers: Jan Charbonneau & Jessica Passetto

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical education classes at Cheshire Elementary School are taught by Jason Sniezek and cover a wide variety of activities and sports that adhere to the guidelines set forth in the Massachusetts Health Curriculum Frameworks. Pre-K through grade three students practice many gross motor, manipulative, coordinative, and social skills that they will develop and use in a more structured team-oriented atmosphere as they move into higher grades. Grades four through six students gain knowledge and skills in traditional sports such as soccer, football, hockey, basketball, baseball, volleyball, and badminton. They also are exposed to non-traditional sports such as bowling, orienteering, Frisbee, cross country skiing, and many Project Adventure team building activities. Physical education at Cheshire School is dynamic and constantly changing as new ideas and trends provide students with an exciting and challenging curriculum.

The students at Cheshire Elementary School also participate in Music and Art classes. Annually, there is a musical performance as well as an Art show where the children’s talents are showcased.

Teachers: Art – Mrs. Cheryl Sykes
Music – Mrs. Wavelyn Hine

The rest of our Cheshire School Educational Team

Administrative Assistant – Nancy Chaput
Special Education – Christine Harrington
Speech & Language Pathologist – Cindy Rancourt
School Adjustment Counselor (Tues. & Thurs.)
– Nicole Seyerlein
Technology (Mon. & Weds.) – Geoff Kondel
Building & Grounds – Dave Richards
– Stash Cote
School Nurse – Linda Biros
Cafeteria – Cindy Gajda
Denise Moncecchi
Nanciann Klammer
Extended Care – Sherry Goodrich
– Clara Wilusz

Paraprofessionals:

Linda Bonnivier
Shannon Briggs
Karen Drain
Judy Gaylord
Linda Giroux
Sherry Goodrich
Susan Halverson
Noreen Hoag
Julie Lech

Susan McLearn
Kathy Malloy
Donna Murdock
Sue Randall
Clara Wilusz
Karen Isbell – Library Paraprofessional

Cheshire School also works with many organizations in Berkshire County. We are business partners with Berkshire County Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff's office helps to scholarship students to special events like the trip to Nature's Classroom. They have also assisted with school events like Field Day. Sheriff Thomas Bowler has also helped to schedule work release programs during the summer months that have greatly helped us with maintenance of our school building. We are very grateful for all of their help.

The Cheshire Fire and Police Departments as well as the State Police are also reliable sources of support for the children and staff of Cheshire Elementary providing programs for fire safety and assistance for our Crisis Team with the various safety drills that are conducted throughout the year. There are various other local businesses and civic groups who have supported the school during the past year and for that we are all truly grateful. The Cheshire Lions Club generously provided gifts to families for the holiday season as well as school supplies. The Lions also provided scholarships for students to attend Nature's Classroom in March. Waterman Excavating Company helped to purchase new microphones for the auditorium and 10 sets of new cross country skis for the Phys. Ed. classes. We sincerely thank them for their generosity. Also, Bedard Brothers Auto dealership sponsored a literacy outreach project that provided books to many of the Cheshire School students. In these times of very tough budgets, it is so wonderful to have support for children and education.

Respectfully submitted;
Peter J. Bachli
Principal

Athletic Director

Annual Athletic Report 2011

The 2011 athletic program had over 400 student athletes participate in 28 varsity and sub-varsity programs that compete in the Berkshire County Athletic League. We also have collaborative teams in swimming, Nordic skiing, tennis, and wrestling, with other Northern Berkshire schools. All teams worked hard through a transition year with the high school renovation. With the cooperation of the student-athletes, motivated coaches, and the Towns of Adams and Cheshire, the temporary relocation went as well as, if not better than, everyone had hoped.

In the fall, the Girls Soccer team had an excellent season, reaching the Quarter Finals in the Western Mass Division II tournament, under Head Coach Blair Mahar. The Hurricane Football team, under the direction of Head Coach John Duval, had a great season, reaching the Western Mass Division II Football tournament and the Berkshire County Championship game for the 5th consecutive year. The Boys' Soccer team worked hard and improved as a team throughout the season. The Boys' and Girls' Cross-Country running team did very well with the Boys team winning their division title. The Golf team won the Northern Division Championship with a 13-1 record and had Chad Alibozek win Berkshire County MVP along with Matt Freitag qualifying for the State Tournament.

In the winter season, the Girls' Swim team had a successful season winning their league with a 13-1 record and qualifying for Western Mass and State competition. The Boys' and Girls' Nordic Skiing competed through a difficult season with minimal snowfall. The Boys' Basketball team competed throughout a difficult season and developed throughout the season capped with a win over Drury High. The Girls Basketball team reached the Western Mass Division II quarterfinals only losing to #1 seed Mahar in double overtime, finishing a promising season for a young team.

In the spring, Boys and Girls Track team had a number of personal bests with Liz Provost qualifying for State competition. Softball also had an excellent season finishing 14-6 only to lose in the semifinals to the eventual Western Mass Champions. The Baseball team had a successful season reaching Western Mass competition and losing in the quarter finals of the Division II Championship.

In all, the students, coaches, administrators, and parent booster groups worked diligently to uphold a valuable athletics program which strongly serves the best intent of our school community. Thanks to everyone for their hard work and go Hurricanes!

Dayne P. Poirot
Hoosac Valley High School
Athletic Director

Report of the Director of Food Services

In 2011, the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District continued to participate in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast Program, Special Milk, After School Snacks, USDA Commodity Distribution and the federally funded Summer Food Service Program. We also received a grant from the state allowing us to participate in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program at Plunkett Elementary beginning in September. Berkshire Head Start continues to receive breakfast and lunch from Plunkett School. The food service department remains a member of the Berkshire County Food Service Purchasing Cooperative. This co-op puts out to bid our bread, dairy and paper on a county-wide basis.

For the 2010-2011 school years, the food service department earned a profit of \$18,668 on revenues of \$690,929. Government subsidies represented 51.9% of the total revenue. The percentage of students who qualified for free/reduced meals was 42.8% at the end of December 2010. USDA commodities valued at \$27,324 were received in 2011.

Labor costs for the 2010-2011 school years were maintained with staffing levels of 16 permanent positions, a director and a clerk. Daily, the food service department operated with 93 hours. Meals per labor hour for the department averaged \$15.03.

No price increase was initiated for the 2010-2011 school years. Prices remained:

Paid Student Lunch (CES & CTP)	2.00
Paid Student Lunch (HVHS)	2.25
Paid Student Breakfast	1.00
Reduced Student Lunch	.40
Reduced Student Breakfast	.30
Paid Adult Lunch	3.25

We did raise prices for the 2011-2012 school years due to tougher nutrition standards implemented by the federal government and lack of reimbursement rate for full pay lunches. (This information will be included in next year's report.)

Participation in the reimbursable school lunch program for the 2010-2011 school years was 71.3%. Previous years:

2009-2010	72.5%
2008-2009	72.9%
2007-2008	74.9%
2006-2007	73.6%

Breakfast participation for the 2010-2011 school years was 18.8%. Previous years:

2009-2010	19.1%
2008-2009	18.6%
2007-2008	18.4%
2006-2007	17.4%

We began operating four kitchens in September 2011, when we moved from the high school. We spent \$6138 from the food service budget on moving of equipment and assembly at Notre Dame and Memorial. We spent additional monies on labor for packing, cleaning and setup of those 2 kitchens. For the 2011-2012 school years we are spending 3.5 more hours on labor daily. Meals per labor hour have dropped to 14.66 for Sept – Dec. These staffing levels will remain the same for the rest of 2011-2012 school years to maintain service for the lunch periods at 4 schools.

We installed new Lunchtime point of sale hardware and software in Sept 2011 to allow for the capability for parents to view student's accounts and make credit card payments. We were unable to complete a direct certification procedure until Jan 2012. Because of this, our percentage of students who qualified for free/reduced meals was lower than both last years and what will be represented in 2012.

Our participation rate has dropped for the first 4 months for the 2011-2012 school years. This 6 – 7% loss is due to seniors being permitted to eat lunch off campus.

We are looking forward to moving back into our brand new kitchen at the high school!

Marsha McAlpine
Food Service Director

2011 Annual Report of the Director of Special Services

The Special Services Department continues to support and develop programs to best meet the needs of our students. It is the mission of the Special Education Department to provide an appropriate public education to students in the least restrictive environment. Furthermore, it is our vision to be able to support all students in community based programs. In order to accomplish this goal, we have been working as a department to develop in-district programs that can successfully support all of our students, especially those students with intensive and diverse needs. In that regard, we are continually exploring new projects and modifying those in existence to become more effective. These initiatives are designed to serve all students who can benefit from the programs regardless of whether or not they require specialized instruction. These efforts are in keeping with the Beliefs and Values of the Adams-Cheshire Regional School District; specifically, that all children are capable of learning and that all students deserve the best instruction.

This has been another year of transition for the department with significant moves in program operations and facilities. The district office moved from its longtime home in the building at Hoosac Valley into renovated space at Cheshire Elementary School where we were welcomed with open arms. The building project necessitated moving several of our specialized programs and a significant number of students with disabilities into “new” spaces at the Adams Memorial and Notre Dame schools. I am very pleased and thankful to report that none of our students, including our most vulnerable students, experienced a disruption in their programming and all of our students managed the changes very well.

Adams Cheshire Regional offers a comprehensive array of programming options to meet the diverse needs of our students. We operate substantially separate, self-contained behavioral programs for “at-risk” students at every level for students who need the specialized support, structure and individualized instruction in order to successfully access the curriculum. The Exceptional Program model has proven to be especially effective for our intensive needs students and is currently in operation at C.T. Plunkett Elementary and Hoosac Valley Middle and High at Notre Dame and Adams Memorial respectively. The Exceptional Model aims to provide students with the intensive behavioral and therapeutic support necessary so that they may reintegrate into the mainstream successfully. Additionally, the Life Skills Program at Hoosac Valley has developed into a comprehensive offering for our students to develop more independence and functional life skills in a structured, caring environment. The program is dedicated to educating students with developmental disabilities and the curriculum is designed to address the individualized needs of each student, while globally addressing the expanded Core Curriculum. The Life Skills Program works to integrate students into the community and is actively involved in volunteering at several community sites including the Cheshire Department of Public Works, Adams Community Center, Food Pantry, Free Public Library and Town Hall among others. These programs have allowed the district to significantly reduce out-of-district

placements in private residential and therapeutic day programs across the state. Bringing students back from placement and preventing further placement by ensuring we maintain an array of specialized program options has resulted in significant cost savings for the district and towns. Most importantly however, we are bringing our students back to their homes and community and working very hard to prevent the need to place others outside the district.

Less restrictive program options include academic support in direct, systematic reading instruction and math remediation. These services can be provided in an inclusive environment, in a mainstream classroom with typical peers, or in a pull-out, small group or individualized environment depending on the needs of each student and specified in individualized education plans. Related services for students are provided by Speech and Language Pathologists and their certified Assistants as well as an Occupational Therapist, certified OT Assistant and sign language interpreters. Additionally, the district sub-contracts for the services of a Physical Therapist, Audiologist, Psychologist, Teacher of the Hearing Impaired and Teacher of the Visually Impaired in order to fulfill our obligations and meet the individualized needs of students.

Child Find is an important component of the Special Services Department. We work cooperatively with community agencies and health care providers to help identify students in need of services at an early age. Our preschool programs welcome students with special needs who have turned three with specially designed curriculums to meet their individual needs in a side-by-side program with their typical peers.

Extended year programs are available during the summer months to help children at risk for substantial regression to continue to make progress academically and socially. A program for our younger students balances academic growth with fun activities to ensure social and interpersonal skill development. We also partner with the 21st Century Summer Program based at C.T. Plunkett to provide a program for older elementary students that combines academics with projects and special community outings. The Summer Program for older students combines academic support, pre-vocational skill training and community outings.

The development of programs to support students in our schools has had the invaluable benefit of educating our students in their community along with their neighbors and classmates. Over the past six years, the funds spent on out of district placements have decreased dramatically and these savings have been reallocated back into programs and services.

Recognizing the important role that they play in the lives of all students, we are striving to reach out and encourage parents to become active members on the Parent Advisory Council (SEPAC). The board of the SEPAC has developed and implemented by-laws for their organization and has sponsored several informational sessions to parents of school-age children.

The district is proud of its successes in the area of Special Education. We continue to move forward to fulfill the beliefs and values that serve as the foundation of our vision for the Adams Cheshire Regional School District. We look eagerly forward to servicing more than half of our population of students with disabilities in the renovated, state of the art Hoosac Valley.

Respectfully submitted,
Kurt Garivaltis MS,MPA
Director of Special Services

Financial Highlights Report

The following are the highlighted results of the District's audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2011.

As of the close of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, Governmental Funds reported a combined ending balance of \$1,225,913, a decrease of (\$387,886) in comparison with the prior fiscal year.

At the end of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, Unassigned Fund Balance for the General Fund was \$754,823, a decrease of (\$279,997) in comparison with the prior fiscal year.

The Department of Revenue certified the District's Excess & Deficiency (E&D) on June 30, 2011 as \$728,494, of which \$600,000 will be appropriated to fund the FY2013 budget and reduce the tax levy on the towns of Adams and Cheshire.

The long-term debt (i.e. notes and bonds payable) was \$994,331, an increase of \$299,331 in comparison to the prior fiscal year. A Bond Anticipation Note of \$4,000,000 (for the HVMHS Building Project) was outstanding on June 30, 2011.

Total investment in capital assets at year end amounted to \$11,493,200 (net of accumulated depreciation), an increase of \$2,422,022 from the prior year. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, leasehold improvements, machinery and equipment.

Major Capital Asset events during the fiscal year included - District Technology \$70,510, Construction in Progress - HVMHS Building Project \$2,802,862 and Construction in Progress - Cheshire Boilers \$145,000. Depreciation expenses for the year were \$585,350.

David E. Hinkell, Business Administrator
Adams-Cheshire Regional School District

**ADAMS-CHESHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30 2011**

	HVHS Building General	Nonmajor Governmental Project	Total Governmental Funds	Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and short-term investments	\$ 2,566,044	\$ 3,064,930	\$ 1,108,448	\$ 6,739,422
Intergovernmental receivables	818,312	342,314	118,433	1,279,559
Inventory	---	---	38,546	38,546
Prepaid expenses	81,872	---	---	81,672
Due from the Town of Cheshire	90,386	---	---	90,386
TOTAL ASSETS	\$3,556,614	\$3,407,744	\$1,265,427	\$8,229,785
LIABILITIES				
Liabilities:				
Warrants payable	\$ 85,883	\$ 719,381	\$ 20,847	\$ 826,111
Accounts payable	---	47,000	325	47,325
Accrued payroll and withholdings	1,196,382	5,725	19,631	1,221,738
Deferred revenue	908,698	---	---	908,698
Notes payable	---	4,000,000	---	4,000,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,190,963	\$4,772,106	\$ 40,803	\$7,003,872
FUND BALANCE				
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable	81,872	-	38,546	120,418
Restricted	-	-	1,201,078	1,201,078
Assigned	528,956	-	-	528,956
Unassigned	754,823	(1364,362)	(15,000)	(624,539)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	\$1,365,651	\$ (1,364,362)	\$1,224,624	\$1,225,913
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$3,556,614	\$3,407,744	\$1,265,427	\$8,229,785

**ADAMS-CHESHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS**

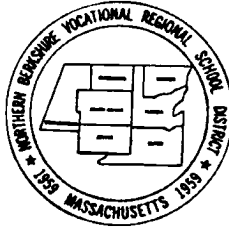
JUNE 30 2011

	HVHS Building General	Nonmajor Governmental Project	Total Governmental Funds	Fund
REVENUES:				
Assessments to Member Towns	\$ 5,991,494	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 5,991,494
Tuition	141,973	---	---	141,973
Charges for Services	960	---	602,010	602,970
Intergovernmental	14,781,889	1,498,323	2,696,461	18,956,673
Investment Income	6,917	2,168	---	9,065
Notes Proceeds	---	---	746,000	746,000
Miscellaneous	51,485	12,639	---	64,124
TOTAL REVENUES	20,954,718	1,513,130	4,044,471	26,512,319
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Administration	598,266	---	---	598,266
Instruction	6,432,284	---	1,049,341	7,481,625
Other School Services	373,295	---	631,632	1,004,927
Operation and Maintenance	1,380,265	---	66,894	1,447,159
Transportation	687,221	---	---	687,221
Intergovernmental	1,154,499	---	---	1,154,499
Debt Service	488,305	---	12,639	500,944
Special Education	1,659,411	---	969,481	2,628,892
Capitol Outlay	44,213	2,794,746	143,645	2,982,604
Employee Benefits	8,414,068	---	---	8,414,068
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	21,231,827	2,794,746	2,873,632	26,900,205
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(277,109)	(1,281,616)	1,170,839	(387,886)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Transfers In	221,946	---	34,000	255,946
Transfers Out	(34,000)	---	(221,946)	(255,946)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	187,946	---	(187,946)	---
Change in Fund Balance	(89,163)	(1,281,816)	982,893	(387,886)
Fund Equity, at Beginning of Year, as Reclassified	1,454,814	(82,746)	241,731	1,613,799
FUND EQUITY, AT END OF YEAR	\$ 1,365,651	\$(1,364,562)	\$1,224,624	\$ 1,225,913

**ADAMS-CHESHIRE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES,
AND EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
JUNE 30 2011**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Variance</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Positive</u>
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	
	<u>(Negative)</u>			
REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES:				
Assessments to Member Towns	\$ 8,068,891	\$ 5,991,494	\$ 5,991,494	\$ ---
Tuition	150,000	150,000	141,973	(8,027)
Intergovernmental	10,794,799	10,605,831	10,648,038	42,207
Investment Income	32,000	32,000	6,917	(25,083)
Miscellaneous	15,000	15,000	52,445	37,445
Transfers In	235,000	235,000	221,946	(13,054)
Other Sources	418,574	495,971	495,971	---
TOTAL REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES	\$17,714,264	\$17,525,296	\$17,558,784	\$ 33,488
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES:				
Administration	655,492	604,218	596,443	7,775
Instruction	6,320,651	6,422,254	6,424,064	(1,810)
Other School Services	373,219	385,471	398,793	(13,322)
Operation and Maintenance	1,339,581	1,340,324	1,363,231	(22,907)
Transportation	672,816	672,816	687,221	(14,405)
Intergovernmental	1,080,039	1,080,039	1,154,499	(74,460)
Debt Service	514,689	514,689	488,305	26,384
Special Education	2,069,635	2,061,665	1,668,955	392,710
Employee Benefits	4,574,400	4,353,078	4,300,217	52,861
Capital Outlay	79,742	56,742	44,213	12,529
Transfers Out	34,000	34,000	34,000	---
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$17,714,264	\$17,525,296	\$17,159,941	\$ 365,355
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES				
	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 398,843	\$ 398,843

Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District



The Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District, McCann Technical School, students, faculty and staff continued their record of noteworthy accomplishments in fiscal year 2011 and this report highlights some of these accomplishments.

As the national and regional economic recession continued to affect the Commonwealth, McCann officials reduced expenditures while protecting our hallmark high quality vocational-technical and academic programs for our students. Our unanimously approved FY11 budget unanimously approved contained a modest .0119 % increase.

Our mission is to graduate technically skilled, academically prepared, and socially responsible individuals ready to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Our mission and educational philosophy are implemented by adhering to the following core values:

Communication strengthens partnership development and teamwork.

Achievement is attained through a strong work ethic.

Respect from all guarantees a safe learning environment.

Ethics ensure a dedication to honesty and integrity.

During the last sixteen years we have witnessed a dramatic transformation in vocational technical education especially in our application of technology and STEM subjects. We are very proud of the academic and technical achievement of our students and as each succeeding class raises the bar of accomplishment, the next class seeks to surpass it. The integration of our technical and academic curriculum has prepared our graduates well for their future and we appreciate you, our member communities, for your support in making it happen.

The accomplishments of our students reflect the McCann culture of learning:

- The Class of 2011 became the eighth class in a row to attain 100 percent competency determination on the MCAS tests.
- Thirty-three of the Class of 2011 earned the prestigious John and Abigail Adams Scholarship awarded through the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education having scored at the advanced or proficient level in MCAS testing.
- The results of the spring 2010 MCAS test once again echoed the continuous progress of our students through their dedication and that of our terrific faculty. Once again McCann has achieved its goal measured by AYP.

GRADE 10 - ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2008	2009	2010	2011
ADVANCED	8	17	11	14
PROFICIENT	55	56	61	73
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	36	25	25	13
FAILING	1	3	2	1

GRADE 10 - MATHEMATICS

PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2008	2009	2010	2011
ADVANCED	23	35	30	41
PROFICIENT	41	39	35	37
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	27	22	32	20
FAILING	9	5	3	3

GRADE 10 - SCIENCE AND TECH/ENG

PERFORMANCE LEVEL	2008	2009	2010	2011
ADVANCED	1	9	9	11
PROFICIENT	40	55	51	64
NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	52	30	28	22
FAILING	7	6	12	3



McCann competes in the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association which we joined 14 years ago. The 2010-2011 school year was one of our most successful with every sports team qualifying for the Western Mass Tournament. Recent notable accomplishments include a member of our golf team capturing the school's second-ever Western Mass Championship and our football team earning a berth in the Super Bowl Tournament for the first time in the program's history. Our co-op athletes also provided strong contributions to the 5 host schools as exemplified by our 5 wrestlers who qualified for the Western Mass Tournament. We are proud of the student athletes who take the extra commitment of representing McCann.

Our 122 2011 graduates saw 72% continue their education in a variety of colleges and universities, 21% enter the workforce and 7% proudly enter into military service.

Our use of educational technology continued to evolve throughout the year spurred by receipt of a prestigious DESE \$187,000.00 grant for the development of online courses and modules for at-risk students. This funding enabled us to establish an online course delivery portal, provide professional development to teachers in 21st century best practices in online learning, create more than 40 online content modules that can be used for on-time remediation of students, upgrade our technology infrastructure with 40 laptops on 2 carts, a web server, and operating system upgrades. McCann also received a \$97,300.00 grant from the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center. This grant, in collaboration with MCLA, allowed for the 3 science labs to be fully-equipped for our students to perform real-world biotechnology lab techniques and increase their exposure to life science careers with state-of-the-art equipment and supplies.

Community service projects continue to provide us with an excellent opportunity to allow our students to exhibit their skills and support community activities. Projects included renovations at Windsor Lake involving CAD, carpentry, metal fabrication and electrical students as well as the refurbishing of the Adams Lions Club trailer. Our culinary students were very busy supporting a number of community groups including Relay for Life, families in need, and military family groups to name a few. Our metal fabrication and machine technology students recreated period lighting fixtures for the North Adams post office celebration.

For the past 10 years our students have participated in SkillsUSA. We maintain 100% enrollment in the program, which

has provided the opportunity for our students to earn scholarships, tools for their trade, opportunities for employment and awards in recognition of their accomplishments. To date, our secondary and postsecondary students have earned 20 gold medals at the national competitions. At the SkillsUSA state competition McCann high school students earned gold medals in culinary arts, and customer service, and postsecondary students in dental assisting, job interview and medical assisting. High school silver medals were awarded in engineering technology, mechatronics and welding and postsecondary silver medals in cosmetology and medical assisting. High school bronze medals were awarded in automated manufacturing technology, computer maintenance technology and customer service and postsecondary bronze medals in cosmetology.

Six years ago, students from our office technology and information technology programs began participating in Business Professionals of America competitions. In that short time, our students have earned 79 awards in four categories at the State Leadership Conference and 24 awards in four categories at the national competition. During the 2011 national completion in Washington, D.C. 10 of our students finished between 2nd and 9th in these competitions.

Project Lead the Way, the leading provider of STEM education curriculum programs for middle and high schools in the U.S., certified the program at McCann in 2007. Students in the program complete four courses. Since the time of certification, 58% of participating students have become eligible for college credit through Rochester Institute of Technology and New Hampshire Technical Institute as a result of their performance on the national engineering examination. During 2011, 15 students earned college credits and since the inception of the program 63 students have earned between 4 and 12 college credits.

The success of our student body continues to be measured by our 100% competency determination, high career placement, high college matriculation rate and technical expertise in national skills competitions.

The district continues to operate on sound financial management principals and incorporates technology in this process to ensure maximum benefit for all of our programming. In FY11 we continued to operate, as we have for the past 16 years, with the municipal minimum recommended assessments for all of our member communities. Additional requirements were assessed for



student transportation and the capital rehabilitation debt service for the one year gymnasium project. At the end of the fiscal year we returned \$33,732.00 of unused transportation monies to our communities. The district continues to search out grants to support our educational funding to improve instructional services and vocational equipment. During the year we completed the replacement of all electrical fixtures installing motion and light sensors and related devices resulting in significant electricity cost savings while providing enhanced technical skills training for our electricity students.

Financial Report

FY11 Budgeted Revenues	Original	Actual
City & Town Assessments		
Municipal Minimum	\$1,959,117.00	\$1,959,117.00
Capital	126,563.00	126,563.00
Transportation	194,200.00	194,200.00
State Aid		
Ch. 71 Transportation	156,000.00	189,732.00
Ch. 70 General School Aid	4,171,054.00	4,173,354.00
Tuitions		
	1,252,200.00	1,309,138.00
Miscellaneous Revenue		
	17,363.00	18,916.41
SFAF Stabilization Grant		
	81,642.00	22,404.00
	\$7,958,139.00	\$7,993,424.41

Member City & Town Transportation Refunds (33,732.00)
Misc. Revenue Balance to Surplus E & D (1,553.41)

\$7,958,139.00 \$7,958,139.00

Source	Grant	Amount
(Stimulus Funds)		
ARRA	ARRA Title I	\$ 42,201.00
ARRA	ARRA Sped	66,153.00
ARRA	ARRA Title II D	148,806.00
SFSF	Education Jobs	131,423.00
SFSF	SFSF	22,404.00

(Federal Entitlement)		
Fed	Sped 240	\$117,774.00
Fed	Title IV	750.00
Fed	Title I	135,947.00
Fed	Title I Distribution	1,636.00
Fed	Title II A	24,912.00
Fed	Perkins	82,272.00

(State Entitlement)		
State	Big Yellow School Bus	\$200.00
State	Academic Support	10,400.00
State	MA Life Science	97,300.00

(Competitive/Private)		
Private	Olmsted	\$5,000.00
Private	BHG Wellness	2,000.00
Private	BCREB: Connecting Activities	1,000.00
Private	BCREB Northern Tier PV	42,500.00
Private	BCREB Project Health Grant	3,500.00
Private	BCC-Solid Works	2,500.00
Private	SBEC PD	4,589.00
	TOTAL GRANTS	\$943,267.00



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