



## **SIXTEEN ACRES CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.**

### **GREENLEAF COMMUNITY CENTER**

**1187 ½ Parker Street, Springfield, MA 01029**

## **DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER**

## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

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THANK YOU FOR THE MANY PHONES CALLS WANTING TO KNOW WHEN THE ASSOCIATION WOULD BE BACK IN BUSINESS. WITH THE FULL REOPENING OF THE GREENLEAF COMMUNITY CENTER ON NOVEMBER 1, 2021, WE CAN NOW PLAN FOR OUR FIRST MEETING IN THE NEW YEAR. WITH THE QUESTIONABLE WINTER MONTHS OF JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, MARCH SEEMS TO BE MORE APPROPRIATE, BUT A NEWSLETTER WILL BE SENT TO YOU IN EITHER JANUARY OR FEBRUARY THAT WILL PROVIDE WHEN AND ALL OF THE PLANS WE WILL HAVE IN PLACE FOR OUR 2022 MEETINGS. A MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM IS PROVIDED FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT WANT TO JOIN NOW!

TO BRING YOU UP TO DATE REGARDING THE GREENLEAF/CONCEPCION COMMUNITY CENTER, A MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 WITH THE MAYOR AND CITY OFFICIALS REGARDING AVAILABLE FUNDS FROM THE COVID RELIEF FUNDS, HAS PRODUCED, ALREADY, SOME UPGRADES TO THE PREMISE. THERE ARE NOW AUTOMATIC DOOR OPENER BUTTONS AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE DOOR TO PROVIDE EASY ACCESS TO THE BUILDING. ARRIVING IN DECEMBER, 50 NEW CHAIRS FOR THE CENTER WILL HAVE ARMS AND PADDED SEATS, TO PROVIDE MORE COMFORTABLE SEATING.

IN THE WORKS, INSTALLING WIFI WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY TO MAKE IT UP TO DATE FOR THE CENTER'S USE AND ASSIST SPEAKERS BY PROVIDING THEM TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT FOR THEIR PRESENTATIONS. A WALL MOUNTED PROJECTION SCREEN FOR USE FOR CENTER EVENTS AND SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS. ALSO, A REQUEST FOR ADDRESSING THE CURB AREA IN FRONT OF THE CENTER OUTSIDE STAIRS. IT NEEDS TO BE MADE DISABILITY ACCESS COMPATIBLE.

**FIRST AND FOREMOST, A TRIP TRAFFIC LIGHT AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE LIBRARY/CENTER PARKING LOT. EXITING THE PARKING LOT IS A MAJOR HAZARD TRYING TO GET ON PARKER STREET WHICH IS A HAZARD IN ITSELF. THE LIGHT WOULD OPERATE ONLY WHEN EXITING. WE HAVE SUPPORT OF WARD 5 CITY COUNCILOR MARCUS WILLIAMS (COUNCIL PRESIDENT) AND AT-LARGE CITY COUNCILOR JESSE LEDERMAN. THIS WAS OUR MAIN CONCERN AT THE PRESENTATION. THUS, WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON 16 ACRES BEHALF DURING THIS TIME OF THE DEVASTATING VIRUS THAT HAS CHANGED OUR LIVES.**

**MAY YOU AND YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS STAY SAFE. WE WANT TO SEE YOU ALL FOR A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR – 2022.**