

## ASSISTANT TO BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S REPORT

January 4, 2012

- The Town has been awarded \$17,750 in Emergency Management Performance Grant funds for purchasing an emergency generator. The generator will be used to power the Elementary School, Dispatch, Police Station and the Town Offices during a power failure. The Selectmen wish to thank Emergency Management Director Mike Bussell for his efforts in applying for and securing this EMPG Supplemental Grant.
- Reminder to all Department Heads that Annual Reports are due. Please submit your Word document or text file to the Town Clerk by January 15<sup>th</sup>. Reports can be emailed to [tclerk@ci.ashby.ma.us](mailto:tclerk@ci.ashby.ma.us) and the Town Clerk requests that reports please be concise.
- The Council on Aging is looking for volunteers for the new Senior Lunch Program that will begin in January. Folks interested in cooking, serving or clean-up are asked to call the CoA Office at 978-386-2424, ex. 27.
- Habitat for Humanity is looking for new homeowners in North Central Massachusetts in 2012. You may be eligible to buy a Habitat house. Informational Meetings will be held on Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Fitchburg Fire Station, located at 33 North Street. Additional information regarding Habitat for Humanity may be viewed on the Town's website [www.ci.ashby.ma.us](http://www.ci.ashby.ma.us)
- Fuel Assistance and other benefits besides cash assistance are available to income qualified residents. For more information call the Ashby Council on Aging at 978-386-2424, ex. 27 or the New England Farm workers at 979-342-4520.
- The Selectmen have received the following mail, email, memos and faxes:
  - ❖ Greetings Card from Sheriff Koutoujian
  - ❖ MMA's *The Beacon*
- Public Service Announcements:
  - + All eligible individuals (seniors and ADA qualified) wishing to participate in the Meals on Wheels Program should contact Kathryn Becker at 386-6880. Meals are only \$2.00 and are now delivered Monday through Friday around noon.
  - + MART Shuttle Service is available to all eligible (60 years or older, ADA qualified) individuals. Ashby residents may use the van Monday through Friday for medical appointments, social day care and shopping. Interested residents should call Jennifer Collins Monday through Thursday at 386-2501, ext. 11 to apply and schedule use.
  - + Current Board, Committee, and Department Vacancies: Cemetery Commissioner, Cultural Council, Historical Commission, Senior Tax Work-off Program, and ZBA