

Let's continue keep in mind our men and women who are serving our country. Our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are serving and their families.

The Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Lawrence took place on Sunday, March 8th. A good time was had by all and many people came out to march and lots of people came to watch.

If anyone needs an updated City of Lawrence phone directory you can click on:

http://www.cityoflawrence.com/Pages/LawrenceMA_WebDocs/directory or call my office at 978-620-3010 and we can mail you a copy.

Upcoming Events in Lawrence

OPEN HOUSE AT BOAT HOUSE TOMORROW

Greater Lawrence Community Boating has been providing safe, affordable boating to the Merrimack Valley for 30 years. We offer rowing, sailing, and canoe/kayaking, along with classes in boating safety and skill development. We also offer competitive youth and adult rowing teams that compete throughout the region, as well as recreational programs in the summer.

GREATER LAWRENCE COMMUNITY BOATING

2009 OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, March 28, 2009 10am-3pm

10am *Rowing Team Erg-a-thon* Watch the Greater Lawrence Rowing Team log over 250,000 meters throughout the day to raise money for rowing scholarships and a new racing shell!

11am *Summer Sailing Info Session:* Meet our sailing staff to learn more about how *you* can sail the Merrimack River this summer, something for everyone, ages 9 and up.

12pm *Free Learn to Row Session:* No experience necessary! Experience the rhythm and power of the rowing stroke on our indoor rowing machines, and go through a mini workout with our coaches.

1 pm *Sea Scouts info Session:* Looking for high seas adventure and challenge? Check out our newest program for co-ed youth age 14-20 to experience teamwork, travel, and seamanship with other Sea Scout Ships across the region.

Our program operates in partnership with the DCR. The Bashara Boathouse is located at 1 Eaton St, Lawrence, MA. Call for directions, 978-681-8675.



Northeast Free Patch Giveaway Press Event

Please join Mayor Sullivan and the Lawrence Tobacco Free Partnership to launch the Northeast Free Patch Giveaway at a

**press conference on
April 1, 2009 at 10:00am.**

On March 31, 2009, the Federal cigarette tax will increase \$.62 per pack; this is a perfect time to help smokers make a quit attempt. During April and May, a free 2-week supply of nicotine replacement patches will be available to any qualifying adult in Lawrence and the surrounding communities in Northeastern Massachusetts.

DATE: April 1, 2009

TIME: 10:00 AM

LOCATION: Lawrence City Hall
Council Chambers
200 Common Street, Lawrence

FOOD: Refreshments will be served



Please RSVP to Alexis Webster at 978-688-2323 ext. 8621 or email [awebster](mailto:awebster@dcrcr.com).

****REMEMBER!** You can pick up your patch giveaway promotional materials at this event!**

If you are interested in obtaining free patch giveaway materials to distribute, please call Diane Knight at 978-722-2864 or email dknight@qlfnc.org

Lawrence Tobacco Free Partnership One Canal Street, Lawrence, Massachusetts 01840



Friday, April 24th from 8:00am-3:00pm

Mayor's Health Task Force Annual Summit

**"A Sound Mind for a Sound Body: Unlocking the Power to Heal
Lawrence High School Auditorium**

95 North Parish Road Lawrence MA 01843

**Registration is FREE. Please call Milagro Grullon at 978-620-3525
for more information and to register.**

Tax Preparation Assistance for Low Income Families

Greater Lawrence Community Action Council Inc., 305 Essex Street in Lawrence will be offering FREE TAX preparation services again this year for low-income families. The days and hours for the **FREE TAX PREPARATION** will be held **every Tuesday and Thursday, 4pm- 7 PM, from February 3rd through April 7th, 2009**. If you need more information or would like to get an appointment please call 978-681-4900, and ask for Anitza at extension 200.

The Heroes of Lawrence

Chili Cookoff and Music Festival

Sunday, June 7, 2009, 12 noon to 5pm.

**Pemberton Park (1 Jackson Street) on the Merrimack
River**

Lawrence, Massachusetts

**For more information please go to:
<http://www.lawrencechilicookoff.org/>**

Spring is upon us and I'll continue to update my blog and the city website if there are spring clean-ups scheduled in the various neighborhoods. Feel free to e-mail me at msullivan@cityoflawrence.com with any comments.

Sincerely,

Mayor Michael J. Sullivan