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HUDSON PUBLIC LIBRARY 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Executive Assistant, and the Citizens of Hudson,
We hereby submit the 2022 annual report for the Hudson Public Library.

Trustees

A board of three Library Trustees, elected for three-year terms, governs the Library. They share the overall responsibility for the Library and are the policy-making body. Their responsibilities include appointment of the Library Director, securing library funds, and oversight of the Library's trust funds and building. The current Trustees are Thomas Desmond, Chair; Christopher Capobianco, Vice-Chair, and Maryalice McCormack, Secretary.

Staff

The Library is staffed by Aileen Sanchez-Himes, Library Director; Lisa Aucoin, Assistant Library Director; Sara (Moore) Franciose, Collection Management & Resource Librarian; Thomas Kenyon, Reference/Information Technology Librarian; Nancy DelVecchio, Circulation Librarian; Jillian Bennett, Children's Librarian; Susan Ramsbottom, Circulation Library Assistant; and Diane Richmond, Children's Library Assistant. Melissa Caissie and Tracy Landry, PT Reference Librarians. Andrea Bradford, Rosemary Best, Sophia Francolini, Shannon Gillespie, Mary Kim, and Jenn Wheeler, PT Library Assistants. Helen Shaw, PT Technical Services Assistant. Hannah Leckrone, Cynthia MacDonald, Brandon Proteau, Matthew Sprague, and Jessica Tripp, PT Library Pages.

Statistics

More than 51,891 patrons visited the library last year and borrowed 145,986 books, audiobooks, DVDs, music CDs, and other materials. The Hudson Public Library has 14,852 registered borrowers. The Library collection is comprised of 63,854 items, including 52,976 in print, 9,917 in audiovisual format, 1,989 periodicals, 609 video games, and 272 miscellaneous items such as hotspots, e-book readers, tablets, trekking poles, puppet, etc. In 2022, the Library was open for approximately 64 hours each week for a total of 3,152 hours during the year. The Library acquired 5,252 books in the following categories: 986 nonfiction, 1470 fiction, 184 large print, 50 paperbacks, 17 foreign languages (Portuguese & Spanish), 10 reference, 210 adult & young adult graphic novels, 334 young adult, 1991 children & tween books. In the category of audiovisual materials, we added materials in the following categories: 96 Audiobooks, 181 DVDs/Blu-rays, 65 music CDs, 220 video games and 266 e-books/e-audiobooks. Library staff members answered over 1,777 reference questions. The Library fulfilled 31,264 item requests (item holds) for both Hudson owned items and items owned by other libraries. Three thousand four hundred and twenty-one (3,421) patrons spent more than 2,137 hours doing searches on our 8 Internet computers. Patrons accessed a total of 2,428 GB of data during 2,526 WI-FI sessions. Our 17 museum memberships, sponsored by the Friends of Hudson Public Library, Town of Hudson Recreation Department, and State Aid, were reserved 930 times by library patrons.

The digital collection provides 24/7 access to Consumer Reports, Hudson Sun (dates ranging from 1880-1889 and 1920-1979), Ancestry Library Edition, American Ancestors (NHEGS), Universal Class, Tumble Books, Mango Languages, Hoopla (a digital media service offering movies, music, audiobooks, eBooks, comics, and TV shows), Freegal (a streaming and downloadable music service offering about 15 million free downloadable songs representing 40,000 music labels that originates in over 100 countries), 121,482 e-books, 65,194 e-audiobooks, 1,793 e-videos, and over 4,000 digital magazines through OverDrive's Libby resource sharing.

Grants and Donations

The Library received \$36,121.25 in State Aid to Public Libraries for FY22. Grants were awarded as follows: \$20,076.02 Library Incentive Grant; \$12,443.28 Municipal Equalization Grant; \$3,601.95 Non-Resident Circulation Offset Grant. The purpose of State Aid to public libraries is to encourage municipalities to support and improve library service to compensate for disparities in municipal funding capacities, and to offset the cost of circulating library materials to non-residents. Other significant donations and grants to the Library included:

- The Estate of Annette J. Flohr donation of \$5,000 to sponsor children's library programs; appropriating \$500 each year for 10 years.

- The Friends of the Hudson Public Library donation of \$11,050.96 to provide library support services; \$4,539 for museum pass memberships, \$2,072.96 for a new color copier/fax machine, \$648 for a BookPage subscription, and \$4,691 for programs.
- The Robert Lloyd Corkin Charitable Foundation donation of \$1,500 with a matching donation from Cary & Nancy Corkin in the amount of \$1,500. The Robert Lloyd Corkin Charitable Foundation requested that the donation be applied to children's entertainment and programs.
- The Doane-Perkins Foundation donation of \$1,000 earmarked for children's entertainment and programs.
- The Hudson Cultural Council grants totaling \$1,400 to support a children's learning with Playful Engineers STEM series with Jay Mankita and a general audience Step into History & Culture performance with BCity Reps.
- Five donations totaling \$1,700 to sponsor the Library's 2022 Jurassic Journey Summer Experience; Murphy Insurance \$1,000, S&F Concrete \$350, Avidia Bank \$250, and Blvck Rose Tattoo \$100.
- The Murphy Family Foundation donation of \$1,000.
- Two donations totaling \$550 given in memory of Erik Wegweiser \$500, and in memory of James Rooney \$50.
- An individual donation of \$200 given as supplemental library support from D. Parker.

Programming & Event Highlights

We have had a variety of programs throughout the year, from author visits to general interest programs, including programs related to our 2022 ONE BOOK, ONE HUDSON theme: The Wizard of Oz.

Book Clubs

- Tuesday Morning Book Club (1st Tuesday)
- Wednesday Evening Book Clubs (2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month)
- Thursday Morning Book Club (2nd Thursday of the month at the Senior Center)
- Thursday Evening Book Club (3rd Thursday of the month)

Local Authors

- The Yellow Brick Road from The Wizard of Oz to Wicked with Gregory Maguire
- The Dog with No Chill Storytime with Elise Mariolis (Children's Room)

Music/Art

- Musical Melodies: Wizard of Oz & More with Elaine Woo & John Arcaro
- Gallery in the Pines Art Exhibit

General interest programs

- Various In-House 3D Projected Films
- Ecotarium Weather Talk
- The Power of Focus with Greg Dwyer
- Anklet Making with Serendipity
- Gingerbread House Making

As a way to engage with our highly regarded community, the Library launched a Jurassic Journey Summer Experience Program. Many of our program activities were supported by or in conjunction with local businesses, including Ferjulian's, Gallery in the Pines, Serendipity, Avidia Bank, BJs Wholesale, Blvck Rose Tattoo, Davis Farmland, Discovery Museum, Ecotarium, Jump Nation, Market Basket, Murphy Insurance, Old Sturbridge Village, S&F Concrete, Southwick Zoo, The Butterfly Place, Ultimate Obstacles, Urban Air, and Welly's Restaurant.

The 564 Adult Summer Experience participants checked out 2,739 books, 1,184 audiovisual items, 44 magazines, 138 digital items, and 16 other items. There were 103 participants in Adult Summer Experience programs. Four hundred and sixty-seven adults participated in programs during the remainder of 2022.

Services for Children and Teens

Children from infancy to seventh grade enjoyed the materials and programs offered by the Children's Department. Jillian Bennett, the Children's Librarian, reports that 4,264 patrons attended 150 Children's Room programs this year. These programs include crafts, hands-on activities, literacy, and entertainment programs including but not limited to Baby, Toddler, and Preschool Storytimes, Portuguese Storytimes, Music and Movement, Crochet Club, Tween Book Club, Take & Make Crafts, StoryWalks®, and special performers. The children's librarians provided readers' advisory, offered assistance to children, parents, and teachers in accessing library databases, and use of the library's print and digital collection.

Children were engaged through a variety of different programs including music, craft activities, Lego programs, STEM Beginning workshops for preschoolers, scavenger hunts, and an annual visit with the Grinch. We were awarded a grant from the Hudson Cultural Council to host a Playful Engineers STEM series for elementary school aged children. Additionally, the Children's staff began assuming responsibility for teen programming in mid-2022. Fifty-eight teens attended the 2022 programs.

The children's summer reading experience is an important event in our programming calendar. We had 812 youths participate (472 Birth through 2nd Graders, 293 3rd through 6th Graders, and 47 Teens). Special events and activities included: Dino Lego Program, Dino Paint by Stickers, a trip to the local police station, Henna for Tweens & Teens, Wall Hanging Yarn Craft, Volcano Eruption Activity, Dinosaur Escape Rooms, Meet a Dinosaur, Lindsay's Puppet Pals, Dinoman!, Animal Adventures, Circus Minimus, Dinosaur Adventures, Fun in the Sun Day, and Flower Picking at Ferjulians. We also had weekly crafts for ages 3 and older including a Wood 3-D Dino Crafts, Dino Skeleton Pasta Art, Dino Sand Art, a Dino Sun Catcher, a Dino Paper Plate and a Dino Mask. The end of the summer reading program was held at Roller Kingdom and attended by 204 children and parents. Jurassic Journey's BE A READ-A-SAURUS participants (birth-grade 2) read 13,180 books and Jurassic Library participants (grades 3-grade 6) read over 1,901 books. Operation: Jurassic Teens (grades 9-12) participants read 251 books.

The summer reading program builds on the work children have done in their school classroom and provides an authentic reading experience for each child. The data shows that participation in the summer reading program helps reduce the loss of reading skills known as "the summer slide".

Library Outreach

We focused on our outreach efforts in the community, including participation in ArtsFest, Hudson Fest, Rec Fest, Downtown Trick or Treat, and the Holiday Stroll. This community engagement helped connect with approximately 3,400 individuals. Our participation expanded this year to include a Juneteenth StoryWalk® at Town Hall and other StoryWalks® at the Library using reusable frames constructed by Library Page Brandon Proteau and his Boy Scout Troop as part of his Eagle Scout project. We've increased our partnerships and support through wellness initiatives with the Town of Hudson's Board of Health and Climate Action Week with Green Hudson.

Twice a month, the Library continues to offer Door-to-Door services with the help of a dedicated volunteer. Door-to-Door services are available to Hudson residents who cannot visit the Library's physical location.

The Children's Librarian and staff have been visiting the public schools, and welcoming Kindergarteners at the Library to promote an eventful summer filled with reading and activities.

Building & Furnishings

The Library continues to experience building issues ranging from steam pipe leaks and weight-bearing issues that have led to the hiring of an engineering firm to conduct structural consulting services, especially that of the Library's 1960s addition. To address the weight-bearing issue, we completed an extensive weeding project in the adult collection. With an aging heating system, the steam pipes are an ongoing problem. With the settling of the Library's addition, the structural engineer has identified some shifting in that area of the Library and will further investigate this movement. In late 2022, staff noticed issues in the staff area of the building which turned out to be the result of steam pipe problems that eventually led to the closure of this area for mold remediation and repairs.

C/W MARS Network

While the residents of Hudson enjoy the items in our collection, they also take full advantage of our membership in the Central/Western Massachusetts Automated Resource Sharing Network (C/W MARS) consisting of over 150 member libraries. Our patrons are enthusiastic users of the online patron services provided by the network and regularly request materials from Hudson and other libraries. In 2022, Hudson Library patrons borrowed 19,980 items from other libraries. As a consortium, C/W MARS circulates more than 9.4 million items annually to more than one million registered borrowers. We offer a shared online computer system and combined collections of 7.9 million items.

Libraries provide access to technology, producing a greater variety of services than ever before. Patron technology use continues to be essential as more than 4,543 users accessed the Internet via the Library's Wi-Fi and computer desktops. Borrowers can reserve books online any time, day or night, to be picked up/returned at the most convenient library location all across the state. Audiobooks are becoming increasingly available in downloadable formats as well as on compact discs. Reference resources can be searched by entrepreneurs, teachers, and students from home or office computers, greatly expanding the reach of the Reference Department. System wide holds can be set in motion automatically, supported by a fast, state-funded delivery.

Technology Updates

The Library received 20 Wi-Fi hotspots through a Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners grant. Each hotspot offered Internet access for up to 10 devices. Throughout the year, they were available to borrow for up to two weeks at no cost.

The Library provided its first ever self-checkout station. Self-checkout offers patrons the option to independently check out most materials and avoid waiting in line.

The Library renewed its mobile printing subscription. Mobile printing allows patrons to print from devices whether they are in or away from the Library. Once the print request is sent, patrons have approximately 24 hours to release and retrieve the print job at the Library.

We currently have the Hudson Sun newspapers on 375 rolls of microfilm dating back to 1883. In order to provide greater access to Hudson patrons, we are digitizing the collection as well. We currently offer the following decades online; 1880 and 1920 - 1970. Our database resource, Newsbank, further offers online access to the Hudson Sun from 2005 - 2021. It can be accessed on our website at www.hudsonpubliclibrary.com.

Friends of the Library

The Friends is an organization dedicated to providing volunteer service and financial support to the Library. Membership is open to anyone interested in helping to further the goals and services of the Library. Activities include participating during Hudson Fest, the Lobster and Meat Shoot, Summer Book Sales, and the Fall Book Sale. The Friends usually meet once a month in the Library and welcome new members.

These fundraising activities and membership dues, provide the means for the Friends to sponsor many ongoing programs, museum passes, the copy/fax machine, literature resource subscription to BookPage, and summer experience programs and entertainment. We are grateful for their support and hard work.

The officers of the Friends are: Leah Litin, President; Judy Newton, Vice President; Lili Veruki, Treasurer; Patti McMunn, Secretary; and Gerry Gault, Book Sale Coordinator. The Friends wish to thank the following people and businesses for their support: the VFW, for providing free book sale space; Walter Watson Storage Plus and Hair Designs for free book sale storage space. After books are donated to the library, Gerry Gault and other volunteers take the donations to a small, temporary storage space where they are sorted by categories, labeled and re-boxed by another group of Friends. The boxes are then taken to a permanent storage area where they are kept until it is time to move them (approx. 500 boxes) to the VFW for the sale. The book sale is accomplished with the hard work and dedication of about 20 Friends along with volunteers from the Boy Scouts, the Boys & Girls Club,

Hillside School, and Assabet Valley Regional Technical High School's JROTC. This two-day book sale is the Friends key fundraising event of the year.

Volunteers

Volunteers and Senior Tax Workers play an important role at the Library. This year our dedicated volunteers contributed more than 600 hours to help us with the processing of new library materials, shelf reading, assisting with the summer reading games and activities. Not included in this number are the incalculable hours spent by the Friends of the Library in their many fundraising tasks that directly benefit the Library. The Trustees and staff truly appreciate the dedication and enthusiasm of the volunteers, who contribute so much of their time and expertise.

In Conclusion

The Trustees and staff greatly appreciate the support the Library receives from the Executive Assistant, the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee and the other municipal departments. Most importantly, however; we want to thank the people of Hudson who continue to support our Library with their tax dollars. We hope that our services, collections, and programs continue to support and add value and enjoyment to your lives.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Hudson Public Library and its staff,

Aileen Sanchez-Himes
Library Director

Lisa M. Aucoin
Assistant Library Director

HUDSON COUNCIL ON AGING - ANNUAL REPORT for 2022

In FY22 the Covid -19 pandemic continued to have an impact on the delivery of services and programming at our Senior Center. This required staff to become more creative and innovative in an attempt to provide the necessary services in the safest possible way to our seniors.

In FY22 the Senior Center had returned to normal hours with Covid-19 precautions still in place. Programming returned with suggested reduced participation for in person activities, and hybrid programming options, with no participation limits, for those who were not comfortable gathering in public settings. Safeguards such as mask wearing and hand sanitizer continued to be mandatory for bus drivers and those riding the bus and optional for those who came to the senior center. The senior center provided masks and hand sanitizer for anyone who wanted them. Social Services saw people in person. Social Service staff continued to wear masks.

During this challenging time, we have fostered stronger community partnerships. We continue to work with Town Departments to ensure that we move forward in a safe manner, prioritizing the health and well-being of our residents and staff.

Staff

Our Senior Center has a dedicated staff consisting of; a Director, Administrative Secretary, a full time Social Service Advocate (Outreach), and a part time Portuguese bi-lingual Social Service Advocate, (30 hours a week) a full and part time bus driver, all funded by the Town of Hudson. Additional part time driver is funded partially by the Town of Hudson, our State Formula Grant and a Title III Older Americans Grant through BayPath/Springwell Elder Services.

Nutrition

The Meals on Wheels Program and their many volunteers continued to deliver meals to Hudson seniors. Volunteers **delivered** 10,477 meals from July1, 2021 to June 31, 2022. This program is essential to many seniors. Due to Covid-19 we did not have congregate lunches (lunches at the center) in FY22. However, we continued the “Grab and Go” meal program, handing out, once again, just over 1000 meals. Every month seniors who signed up for the meal would drive to the center and pick up their lunch or early dinner. We want to thank Assabet Valley Technical High Schools Culinary Arts Program, local restaurants and Buffet Way Catering for making this program a success.

AARP Tax Preparers

In FY22 the wonderful TAXAIDE program through AARP had a 25% increase from the year before. Although Covid-19 still required us to take additional precautions, our AARP Tax Volunteers were able to help 132 seniors with their tax returns at the Senior Center. This program provides a valuable service to Hudson seniors. We appreciate their expertise and time spent helping so many people and look forward to working with them again!

Social Service

Regardless of the Covid-19 precautions we still had in place at the senior center, our Social Service Department was very busy assisting 1,078 individual elders in our community over 5,054 times (duplicate number) with a variety of services. Some examples of those services include: Community Case management issues, Housing issues/applications, people needing SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs for Everyone on Medicare), people requesting Fuel Assistance appointments, people requesting SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program), and Farmer’s Market Coupons. Additionally, we helped seniors schedule their online vaccinations and Covid- 19 booster shots for pharmacies in Hudson. This has been popular with seniors who do not have the technology to do the on-line registrations themselves.

Services provided between 07/01/2021 and 06/30/2022

Category	Duplicated	Unduplicated
BENEVOLENT	43	25
CASE MANAGEMENT	269	95
FUEL ASSISTANCE	629	132
OTHER	12	11
OUTREACH/ADVOCACY	103	49
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	56	29
RETURN CALL	695	381
SHINE	2001	674
SUPPORT SERVICES	1055	303
TRANSPORTATION	8	7
VACCINE	117	84
WELLNESS	66	45
Totals	5054	1078

Socialization and Recreation

Socialization and Recreation numbers increased in FY22. With the availability of vaccines people seemed more comfortable returning to the center. Regardless of the Covid-19 precautions and limits on participation of in person programming, we were able to provide 830 individual seniors with a variety of activities over 11,638 times (duplicate number of individual people attending multiple classes). These activities include grab and go floral craft projects, special grab and go lunches and dinners, in person fitness classes, 7 zoom fitness classes which include (Stretch Class once a week, Strength Training twice a week, Flex and Tone Chair Yoga once a week, Chair Pilates once a week, Back to Basics Chair Pilates once a week, and Parkinson's exercise class once a week). We were also able to provide many seniors a "holiday surprise" with the help from community members who contributed items for our holiday surprise gift bags. We are so grateful for the help of so many people to make that possible.

Total events that include community education, professional services, recreations/socialization and wellness served 1,353 individual seniors over 12,500 times (duplicate number).

Transportation

Our senior transportation program increased 92% in FY22 with 125 individual people utilizing our transportation program with approximately 3,800 round trips. For several months in FY21 we were restricted to only 1 person in our bus at a time. As the pandemic improved and restrictions were lifted we were able to accommodate more riders at one given time. Presently we have no limit on riders on the bus.

DayBreak, our Social Day Program 2022

To recap the program, Hudson, Marlborough, and Northborough Senior Centers have been collaborating on the DayBreak (Social Day and Respite Program) since 2019. This program originated at the Hudson Senior Center in 2012 and expanded to Marlborough and Northborough as a direct result of our collaboration in helping to make our communities Dementia Friendly. The DayBreak program is tailored to individuals experiencing social isolation, mild cognitive impairment, physical challenges, or unable to attend the traditional activities at the Senior Center due to the need for supervision. DayBreak provides opportunities for seniors to maintain social contact with people while reducing isolation. Socialization and peer support are provided through enjoyable activities and lunch.

The end of FY 22 we had between 24 participants in our DayBreak program. With the help from the MetroWest Health Foundation grant, and the Title III Older American's Grant, we look forward to providing the services and support DayBreak offers to both caregiver and loved ones.

Trips

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and travel restrictions, we did not offer any trips in FY22.

The COA Board and Friends of Hudson Seniors

The Board Members of the Council on Aging have been so supportive during this challenging period. Not only have they met every month for their COA Board meetings, via zoom and in person, but happily attended additional meetings to provide advice regarding critical decisions affecting the Senior Center, senior citizens and staff during the course of the pandemic.

The “Friends of the Hudson Senior Center Inc.” continued to provide financial support and encouragement. Their hard work supports not only Hudson seniors, but the senior center staff in their efforts to serve the senior population in the best way possible. We are fortunate to have them and appreciate all that they do for Hudson seniors.

The Council on Aging would like to Thank the Select Board, Executive Assistant and Finance Committee for their continued support each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Trisha Desmond, COA Chair
John Gill, Vice Chair
Nina Smith, Treasurer
Diane Durand, Secretary
Charles Corley

Janet Saluk
Edward Silveira
Anthony Monteiro
Melissa Esteves

Janice Long, Director

Hudson Veterans' Services Annual Report 2022

Director's Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, the Executive Assistant, the Citizens, and the Veteran Community of Hudson, this report is submitted for the year ending 2022.

Veterans Benefits

Veterans Benefits are governed under Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Laws and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulations 108. Benefits assist financially qualified veterans and their dependants based on income levels and in accordance with the Budget Standards Chart. The Town of Hudson is reimbursed 75% by the State for veterans' assistance payments issued by this office.

The Director of Veterans' Services is responsible for determining the eligibility of all cases processed through this office. The Director conducts interviews, establishes approvals, and conducts follow-up on veterans receiving assistance. Field investigations within the local community are also performed by this office to determine the recipients' continued eligibility to receive benefits.

Veterans' Services also includes assisting Hudson veterans in filing federal forms for benefits which include service-connected disability claims, non-service-connected claims, VA health care, requests for medals, requests for service records, bonus applications, burial assistance and other federal benefits such as counseling in vocational rehabilitation and employment.

Additionally, the Director acts under Power of Attorney for veterans researching and processing cases to the Rating Review Board (Department of Veteran Services), and prepares appeal cases to the Board of Veterans' Appeals on the veteran's behalf. The Director also acts as liaison between State and U.S. Representatives on behalf of veterans and their dependants.

Office

This department consists of one certified full time Director. This year the office had no additional assistance.

The Veterans office received a generous financial grant in the amount of \$10,000 for the ongoing maintenance of 1 vehicle.

In 2022, the department fielded requests for Federal, State, and Local Veteran benefits, some of which included Burial assistance, Service-Connected disability, Aid and Attendance, Pension, VA Healthcare, Transportation, Annuities, and Exemptions in addition to State Chapter 115 assistance.

Memorial Day and Veterans Day Parades and Ceremonies continue to be a long-standing tradition in Hudson. This year both parades were back and ceremonies were observed. The Veterans Office continues to provide military affiliated guest speakers and displays to educate and inform our citizens and youths regarding the sacrifices and courage of our military men and women. We welcome all to attend and recognize those Veterans who have passed and those who are living that have supported our great nation through their service.

Federal

The Department of Veteran Affairs continues adjudicating claims for compensation and pension beneficiaries. Increases in claims from 2021-2022 are due largely in part to the passage of the PACT ACT Current numbers are as follows for our region.

VA Compensation Claims Metrics 2021	Number of Claims Pending	Number Pending > 125 Days	Percent Pending > 125 Days	Average Days Pending
USA - All Missions Total	611,696	250,083	40.9%	160.3
Northeast District	22,306	8016	35.9%	141.0
MASSACHUSETTS	6277	2805	44.7%	175.5

Courtesy: VA

2022				
USA - All Missions Total	793,550	210,026	26.5%	101.2
Northeast District	164,642	40,396	24.5%	95.9
Boston	5,240	1,285	24.5%	97.2

Passports

The U.S. Department of State is the official governing agency for passport issuance. The Town of Hudson is an official acceptance facility certified by the State Department. The passport program is available to any U.S. Citizen or U. S. National that qualifies. Applicants need not be a Hudson resident to apply. Application forms and fees) are available online at www.travel.state.gov or they may be picked up at Hudson Town Hall from the Town Clerk's or Veteran Services Office.

Jan - Dec 2022 --- Passport applications processed: 84
 --- Revenue: \$ 2940

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Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Stearns-Veterans Director

HUDSON HOUSING AUTHORITY ANNUAL REPORT 2022

The Hudson Housing Authority is authorized by and operates under the provisions of Chapter 121B of the Massachusetts General Laws. Founded in 1962, the Hudson Housing Authority manages and administers low-rent housing programs, which are funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The operations of the Authority are supported entirely by rents, grants, or contracts with the state or federal governments. The Authority is governed by a Board of five commissioners. The Board of Commissioners meets on the second Thursday of each month at a location rotating between the Brigham Circle and Norma Oliver Village community centers. The office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

Rental Assistance

The Hudson Housing Authority administers seventy-two federal Section 8 Vouchers and thirty Massachusetts Rental Vouchers. These programs provide participant property owners with a direct payment on behalf of the family. Family participants contribute no more than 40% of their gross monthly income toward the rent, with the Housing Authority contributing the difference. The combined budget for the rental assistance programs is over \$700,000.00. The Hudson Housing Authority Section 8 waiting list is open. Applicants may apply through the Section 8 Centralized Waiting List at www.affordablehousing.com. Applicants can expect a wait of several years for assistance. The Hudson Housing Authority Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program waitlist is currently closed.

Housing for the Elderly and Handicapped

The Hudson Housing Authority provides 218 one-bedroom apartments for elderly and handicapped persons at two locations, state-aided Brigham Circle and federally-aided Norma Oliver Village.

Waiting lists exist for both programs, and a local resident and veterans' preference is granted at both Brigham Circle and Norma Oliver Village for those who live and/or work in Hudson. Applications are available for both Brigham Circle and Norma Oliver Village at the Authority office at 8 Brigham Circle. Applicants can also apply to Brigham Circle through the centralized state public housing waitlist (CHAMP) at the following website: <https://publichousingapplication.ocd.state.ma.us/>. Please note that there is no asset limitation at either development, and at the Brigham Circle development a wage exclusion adjustment may be possible for elderly persons. The eligibility criteria are outlined below.

Eligibility Criteria

State-aided (Brigham Circle)

Income Limits – One Person	\$70,750.00
Two Persons	\$80,850.00
Age 60, disabled or handicapped	

Federally-aided (Norma Oliver Village)

Income Limits – One Person	\$78,300.00
Two Persons	\$89,500.00
Age 62, disabled or handicapped	

Housing for Special Needs

The Hudson Housing Authority, in cooperation with the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Developmental Services, serves sixteen persons in two group homes. These programs provide educational and employment opportunities in a traditional residential setting.

The Authority continues monitoring the 40B developments Coolidge Greene and J Highlands at Hudson.

Capital Improvements in 2022

Brigham Circle

- Door Buzzer / Intercom System Upgrade \$ 73,331 contract ongoing

Norma Oliver Village

- Common Stairwell Upgrade Development-Wide \$164,099 contract complete
- Development-Wide Appliance Replacement \$164,760 contract ongoing

Housing for Special Needs (49 Washington Street)

- Bathroom Renovation \$ 39,992 contract complete

Housing for Special Needs (8 Irving Street)

- N/A

Hudson Housing Authority Board of Commissioners

Board Members

Term Expires

Chairman:

Bryan R. Johannes, 198 Lincoln Street

May 2024

State Appointee:

Christine Dimare, 21 Edith Road

May 2026

Treasurer:

Stephen Domenicucci, 9 Avon Drive

May 2026

Commissioner:

Sarah Cressy, 45 Pleasant Street

May 2023

Town Tenant Board Member:

Cynthia Janeiro-Ehlke, 111 Broad Street

May 2026

Jaclyn Beaulieu continues to serve as the Authority's Executive Director. The administrative office remains staffed by our dedicated team of Assistant Director Robert Milne, Program Administrator Madison Davies-Waterman, and Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Allison Carroll. Maintenance Supervisor Jon Orkiseski along with maintenance employees John Bucciaglia and Lucas Breton provide exemplary maintenance service for the Authority's properties.

The Hudson Housing Authority wishes to acknowledge the continued service of the Hudson Fire Department and Hudson Police Department. We also wish to thank Executive Assistant, Mr. Thomas Gregory, and the Select Board along with the departments of Council on Aging, Board of Health, Public Works, Town Clerk, Community Development and Veteran's Affairs for their continued support and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
HUDSON HOUSING AUTHORITY