

BIG EVENT AT GHILONI PARK

Upcoming Relay for Life will be both festive and somber

By Jim Ash
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The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life has become a big event in recent years in Marlborough and organizers are busy getting ready for the 2011 Relay next month. Nancy Dalbec of Marlborough understands the effect cancer can have on the people it touches and she will be at the Relay hoping to have an impact.

The Relay is not a typical fundraiser. Teams of people band together for an all night relay walk with a goal of raising money for research to fight against cancer. There is

a festive, carnival-like atmosphere much of the time, with food, fun and games. But there are somber times also as loved ones lost to cancer are remembered.

Relay For Life is the main volunteer-driven cancer fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. Originating in the United States, the Relay For Life event has spread to 21 countries worldwide. Relay events are held in local communities, campus universities, military bases, and in cyberspace.

Although the main objective of Relay is to raise money for cancer research

and cancer patients, the event is held to spread cancer awareness, celebrate the lives of survivors, remember those who lost their lives to cancer, and unite a community in the fight against cancer. It is estimated that Relay For Life events have raised over three billion dollars to date.

According to organizer Jessica Bonnetti, "A typical 'relayer' is one who has a passion in their heart to not let a loved one's death or battles with cancer go unnoticed or forgotten." Nancy Dalbec of Marlborough is one such individual.

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MAYOR SUBMITS PLAN

Final reorganization details

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After nearly a year of argument and debate, including legal threats from a city councilor, Mayor Nancy Stevens filed official plans Monday to create a new Human Services Department. The City Council forwarded the proposal to its Personnel Committee for review. A final vote is expected at one of the council's two meetings in May.

The reorganization would consolidate the Council on Aging, Human Services Agency and Veterans Affairs office into a single department. Currently that would involve Director of Human Services Rosalind Baker, Veterans Agent Gary Brown, and newly-appointed Council on Aging Director Jennifer Carlo. Under the

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Earth Day cleanup at Boys and Girls Club - Marlborough-based American Profit Recovery took on the task of cleaning up the play area of the Boys and Girls Club of Metrowest on Pleasant Street in Marlborough during Earth Day. Shown in picture (l-r) are Michelle Riviello, Austin Charbonneau, Ginny Dwyer and Owner Jeff DiMatteo. See the story on msjnews.com for more details.