



Headmaster Marty Doggett hands a check for the new squad car to Newbury Police Chief Michael A. Reilly. Selectman Joe Story looks on.

Good Neighbors

Governor's Academy Donations Benefit Police, Local Schools

The Governor's Academy in Byfield won the thanks of the Newbury Police this June when the school donated \$30,000 to buy the police department a new, fully outfitted squad car. One of the department's three patrol cars had been damaged in severe flooding that hit the area in May.

"Words can't express our gratitude," Newbury Police Chief Michael Reilly told Headmaster Martin Doggett.

The school – known as Governor Dummer Academy up until July 1 of this year – regularly makes contributions to the local police and fire departments and emergency squads in appreciation of their hard work. Two years ago, the Academy gave \$10,000 to the Byfield Fire Department for its new fire station.

"Over the years, we have been committed to being a good neighbor," Doggett said.

Donations to the police and fire departments and emergency squads are not the only contributions this historic school has made to its community. Doggett recently presented more than 20 used laptop computers to the Newbury Elementary School. The students will use the computers in the classrooms for projects and research.

In June, The Governor's Academy also welcomed area teachers to a multi-day workshop on the Modular Object Oriented Dynamic Learning Environment, known as Moodle. The academy has been using Moodle, an international Internet teaching program, for four years.

The Academy also plays host to the Fireman's Ball, the Great Chef's fundraiser for Anna Jaques Hospital and fundraisers for the local elementary school, all free of charge. The school's tech group also has built sets for the elementary school for the last few years.

Students take an active role when the Academy hosts the New England Special Olympics Fall Soccer Tournament every year. They also work in the Boston Food Bank one weekend morning a year and organize, publicize and help run the two American Red Cross Blood drives that the Academy holds annually.

In addition, students take part in independent community service projects, working in hospitals, local schools, after-school and day care centers, nursing homes and counseling centers.

The academy instills its motto – "not for self, but for others" – in its students by requiring them to take part in community service in order to graduate.

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state tax return. Premiums would be set on a sliding income scale.

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In other matters, Healey, the Republican candidate for governor this fall, said she would like to institute a charitable tax deduction in Massachusetts that would benefit nonprofit organizations. She noted that 70 percent of voters approved that measure in the 2000 elections, but the legislature has ignored the mandate.

The lieutenant governor called nonprofit schools and colleges in Massachusetts "our brain trust" but added that Beacon Hill rarely draws on them to help create public policy.

"If I have the opportunity to [be elected governor]," she said, "I would bring together the academic community with the government so we can draw on that intelligence and expertise. It's important that we have more discussion."

She urged MANS&C members to become more involved in the political process, adding, "I am here to help you in whatever way I can to make your institutions thrive."

A Beverly resident, Healey has two children who attend Shore Country Day School.

She received a bachelor's degree in government from Harvard College in 1982 and went on to receive a Ph.D. in political science and law from Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

Before being elected lieutenant governor in 2002, Healey was chairman of the state Republican Party and a law and public safety consultant. She also is the author of four books.