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UPDATES

This newsletter is being sent to notify all members of our new e-mail address:

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Please make a note of this change for all new correspondence.

MTA LAWSUIT HEARING

We have been informed of the postponement of the scheduled hearing on the legal action in which some of our members are represented by the MTA. As you may recall, the action has been brought against the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager and the Town by five retired MEA/MTA members represented by MTA Legal.

As soon as we are notified of a date we will inform all members. In our last newsletter we invited anyone interested to attend and as soon as we are made aware of a date we will inform all members so those that want to may attend.

NEW HEALTH INSURANCE

Everyone should have received your new insurance cards by now and the flyer sent out describing the new plan. We have received some complaints about the information provided regarding the use of the tier program and how to know what tier applies to *your* physician, specialist, hospital, etc. That information is available at the Town Treasurer's Office and you can contact them at 508-946-2420 or 2421.

However, we would suggest that if you need to call for any health insurance information you get the name of the person with whom you are speaking and note the date and time of your call and ask for a confirmation number (if available) of your call.

INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTION

Gene Turney, the retirees' representative to the Middleboro Insurance Advisory Committee, has sent a letter to the Middleboro Board of Selectmen concerning the Board's failure to comply with the requirements of M.G.L. Chapter 32B in changing the towns' health insurance plan. A copy of the letter has also been sent to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Insurance, Commissioner Joseph Murphy, and to our Attorneys, Dailey and Associates. Assuming the Board replies, it will be interesting to see what the reply is. Should the Board fail to reply as required by the law, another avenue will need to be considered.