

Beacon Hill Byline by Mary Rogeness

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Introducing Rogeness.com

I used to think my office was very modem because I published an e-mail address so that constituents I could contact me on-line through their computers. And it is true that the e-mail channel of communications has improved my ability to respond quickly to your concerns. But in the few years since the introduction of e-mail, computer technology has advanced far beyond simple e-mail communication, and now the office is catching up.

In the year of the Internet, in a time when shoppers can buy everything from books to bedding to beefsteak from a home computer, it became apparent that the office needed an upgrade. The result is Rogeness.com, my new web-page on the Internet.

John O'Keefe, my legislative assistant, has been a prime mover in developing the page, and Excell.net, and East Longmeadow company, is serving as the host for the site. We were excited to discover that the name "Rogeness" had not been claimed as a domain name, so it I now belongs to our office.

The site offers information about the municipalities in our Second: Hampden District and provides links to other sources of information. A kids' page offers educational entertainment for children. Another section includes press coverage of priority issues, and it will soon have an archive of Beacon Hill Byline columns.

It's now up to you to use it, and it's up to me to keep it relevant to the happenings in our district and the state. The site has been operational for about two weeks, and a number of people have already contacted my through the new technology. If you have not logged on, I invite you to check it out. The complete address is as follows: www.rogeness.com. If you simply want to send an e-mail, just use the address of mary@rogeness.com or the published State House address.