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**METHUEN NATIVE MARILYN LONG PARTNERS
WITH CITY TO INSTALL MONUMENT TO THE HORSE**

**Dedication to Take Place Thursday, September 20th, 2007 at 10:00 AM
at the Park at Lowell and Hampshire Streets**

September 13, 2007 (Methuen, MA) ... Longtime horse lover and Methuen native Marilyn Long will see a dream realized on Thursday, September 20th, when a tribute to the role of the horse in Methuen's history is dedicated. After eight years of planning and fundraising, Marilyn's efforts will culminate in the unveiling of the monument on Thursday, September 20th at 10:00 am at the park at Lowell and Hampshire Streets overlooking the Spicket River. Special invited guests include William M. Manzi III, Mayor of the City of Methuen, Ken Bourassa, retired Methuen Fire Chief, and cowboy Rex Trailer, local television celebrity.

Marilyn states, "the horse has given more to the world and to local history than any other animal, and deserves our respect and recognition for all its contributions." As Methuen evolved from a small agricultural community to an industrial center, the horse played an important role in farming, transportation, commerce, the military, public safety, and recreation. The granite monument features an image of a horse team pulling a hook and ladder wagon; the illustration was based on a photograph from the Central Fire Station's museum collection.

Mayor William M. Manzi, III is excited to see the project completed. "After witnessing eight years of hard work and dedication on the part of so many people, I am looking forward to attending the ceremony and viewing the completed monument. It will be a welcome addition to the Methuen's Historic Downtown. We hope it becomes a tourist destination."

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