



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

FEBRUARY 10, 2015

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This week, residents were mailed a copy of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Town Meeting, this year, will begin on Sunday, April 12th at 1:00 PM at the CCHS Auditorium. Residents should also be aware of several important open meetings scheduled for next week where budget articles and recommendations will be discussed. Please contact the Town Manager's office via phone at (978) 318-3000 should you have any questions or concerns.

Mon, Feb. 23	7 PM	Finance Committee	Town House	Public Hearing regarding Town Meeting Articles
Wed, Feb. 25	7 PM	Finance Committee	Town House	School appropriation, CPC, and Capital Articles discussed

Planning & Land Use

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On Tuesday, February 10th, the Planning Board will meet with the Historic District Commission to discuss potential zoning amendments for future consideration for the preservation of houses in the Historic Districts and how the Commission might be better informed when new building lots are created. The Commission submitted a memo to the Planning Board outlining some of the topics they wish to explore with the board. These items have been posted on the Board's web page. Please see: http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_Planning/board for more information.

The Planning Division staff is finalizing a comprehensive review of Planning Board and Board of Appeals application fees to make sure they are adequate to cover the basic time to process an application.

Town Clerk

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A census form was mailed to all Concord households at the end of December; Please return it in the envelope provided, or drop it off at the Town House on the first floor. State law requires an annual town census for all municipalities, and if a census is not returned promptly and you are currently a registered voter, then your voting status will be changed to "Inactive" until we receive a census return. If you have lost the form, then please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 978-318-3080.

Dog Licensing 2015 – All dogs six months of age or older are required to be licensed in Massachusetts. If you haven't licensed your dog for 2015, please contact the Town Clerk's Office. A form was included in the census mailing, and one is available for downloading on the Town Clerk's web page.

Sustainability & Energy Use

Please look for information regarding the "Green your Heat" Program next week. The website is working on some issues in the online portal, but hopes to be up and running for resident exchange by mid-week. If you have questions, please refer to the website: www.greenyourheatconcord.com.

Historic Commission & CPC

Historic District Commission: HDC met on Thursday evening to review two Certificates of Appropriateness within the Historic Districts. The Commission approved the installation of new stone walls at 55 Estabrook Road; the repair/replacement of the brick foundation at 28 Main Street; and the installation of new signage at 14 Walden Street. The Commission also had an opportunity to review potential discussion topics for their upcoming meeting with the Planning Board on Feb. 10 and the proposed policy changes for future reviews of new construction and developments within the Districts.

Community Preservation Committee: The CPC will be presenting CPA funding recommendations to the Finance Committee on Wednesday, February 25. Their next regularly scheduled meeting will be Monday, May 9.

Department of Public Works

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Concord Public Works winter maintenance snow fighting team continue to be well prepared for responses to winter maintenance emergencies. CPW's fleet maintenance staff have worked to ensure all winter maintenance equipment is available for immediate mobilization during these historical and record setting events. Through this reporting period snow fighters have responded to a total of 24 events. The most recent event was another long duration response which began on Saturday, February 7th and required a sustained winter response through Monday, February 9th.

The winter maintenance expenditures and commitments through February 2nd total approximately \$517,951 or 93.3% of the base budget appropriation. It is expected that expenditures and commitments beyond February 2nd will exhaust the base budget allowance requiring use of the \$130,000 winter maintenance contingency funds.



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES DIVISIONS

Council on Aging

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The COA has begun taking sign-ups for low and middle income seniors to have their tax returns completed free of charge. Interested Concord seniors should call the main COA phone number at 978-318-3020 to schedule an appointment with the AARP trained volunteers.

The COA will also be holding the annual Italian lunch sponsored by the Lion's Club on Saturday, February 14th. Reservations are limited to the first 100 participants; please call soon to avoid disappointment. The event will be held at 12:00 noon at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center.

It is still not too late to apply for Fuel assistance through the South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC). Seniors should call the COA office and arrange to have an application sent to them.

There will be a "Lunch and Learn" event about Medicare's Observation status on Tuesday, February 17th at Noon at Harvey Wheeler. Reservations are required.

The COA would like to remind everyone that Healthy Concord is sponsoring "The Maturing Family", on Wednesday, March 4th from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Willard School Auditorium. Admission is free, but you should register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-maturing-family-tickets-14576409433> or you may call the COA directly.

Youth Services

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Healthy Concord, in collaboration with the Center for Parents and Teachers and Concord Carlisle Youth Services, invites you to participate in a community conversation about youth and stress. Join leaders from Concord schools, community organizations, youth and adults in a structured conversation designed to identify the practices and policies that result in stress for our youth and our families, and strategize how we can address these together.

UPDATED SNOW DATE: Please join us for a presentation of the results from the Emerson Hospital 2014 Youth Risk Behavior Survey of Concord-Carlisle Community Monday, February 9th, 7 p.m., CCHS Learning Commons (snow date: Wednesday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m.) The survey is administered on a voluntary basis to public school students in grades 6, 8 and 9 through 12. The five main survey topics include: Safety; Sexuality; Use of Tobacco, Alcohol and Drugs; Mental Health and Wellness; and, Bullying. A panel of representatives from both school and community organizations will be available for a Q&A session. <https://www.emersonhospital.org/>

By: Laura Lunig, Rec. Services Director

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The Recreation Department experienced a lively registration week beginning with tickets going on sale for the Shamrock Ball on Monday, February 2nd. The event is to be held at the Westford Regency Hotel on March 14, 2015. It serves as the Department's primary fundraiser for the Department's Summer Camp scholarship fund. Having sold out in 2 days, this event continues to be a staple for the community.



Fathers & their daughters pose for a photo at last year's ball

The 8th Grade Valentine's Day Party was held on Saturday, February 7th. Proceeds for this event benefit Concord Carlisle Community Chest.

There will be a vacation week program for those students in the Recreation Department's school year programs. The program, which is held at 90 Stow Street operates from 8AM -6PM, has field trips and fun activities planned daily. The Recreation Commission will be meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:30 at the Hunt Recreation Center.

By: Pam Higgins

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The Beede Center was impacted by the record snowfall this past week. Upon reopening after the weekend's event, there were several leaks in the upstairs fitness and lobby areas. Maintenance personnel believed that large amounts of snow was blown into the roof top HVAC vents leaking into the interior sections. Monday's storm caused snow to be blown into the elevator shaft landing on the top of the elevator car blowing out the electrical control board. It was determined that the roof vent for the elevator needed immediate attention or the new board that was installed would also fail. Maintenance personnel Jim Macone and Skip Sisson responded instantly with a quick and cost-effective solution.

In honor of February being "Heart Health" month, the Beede Center's membership promotion includes the joining fee (normally \$199) to be based upon your Systolic blood Pressure measurement. Beede staff will take any applicant's blood pressure measurements at their request. The center boasted more than two thousand, two hundred users this week who braved the storms and outside messes to use the pools and fitness equipment.

