

## **Town Manager's Report**

### **January 6, 2015**

**To: Board of Selectmen**  
**From Christopher Whelan, Town Manager**

**Following are some of the matters reported on this week by various Town Departments:**

- **Veterans Services –**
  - Five Chapter 115 cases renewed for January to June, 2016. Medical records, rent certificates, social security award letters, medical prescriptions and pension information must be secured by the veteran service officer so that the case can be authorized by the Department of Veterans' Services in Boston.
  - Department of Veterans' Services monthly close-out for the Town of Concord paid out benefits so that the town receives its 75% reimbursement.
  - Prescription bills collected and processed for recipient of chapter 115 benefits so that her case is renewed for the month of January, 2015.
  - Assist returning veteran from Afghanistan filing for "Welcome Home Bonus". This benefit/bonus is for returning veterans who have served in Afghanistan or Iraq since 9/11.
  - Assist WWII veteran with financial assistance via Chapter 115 benefits.
  - Assist W. Concord senior veteran applying for prescription advantage coverage along with Medicare Part B and supplemental health insurance coverage
- **Community Services -**
  - Community Services received 10 emails and 12 phone calls this week related to assistance requests.
  - Requests for assistance were for housing issues, food assistance, fuel assistance, mental health services, domestic violence services, utility bill payment assistance and job search assistance.
  - Community Services collaborated with Concord COA, Concord Housing Authority, SMOC, SNAP, Minuteman Arc, DVSN and the Regional Housing Services.



- **Recreation**

- The boys and girls basketball programs begin this week with 171 boys and 105 girls in the 3rd through 8<sup>th</sup> grade programs. 19 teams will begin their games next weekend at the Hunt Gym and Concord Academy.
- The Middle School and Elementary ski programs will begin on Tuesday weather permitting. There are a total of 151 students in the ski program.
- **Family Open Gym** opens on Monday. There will be equipment such as balls, hula hoops and other play features in the Hunt Gym for families and children up to age 6. This program is **free**. Call the Recreation Department for more information at 978-369-6460.
- **Danner Destephano's last day will be Friday, January 9, 2015.** There will be a Reception for Invitees and Town Employees from 3:00-4:30 and an Open House for the public from 4:30-6:00. Please join us as we thank and honor Danner after 36 years of exemplary service to the Town and the Concord community.