



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: November 16th 2015

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) – MassDOT hosts Public Information Meeting, November 17th

Contact: (978) 318-3290

MassDOT has scheduled a public information meeting for **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17th** to discuss the 75% design plans of the proposed Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) in Concord. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Harvey Wheeler Community Center at 1276 Main Street. An open house for individual property owners abutting the trail to review the proposed design adjacent to their property will take place immediately before the meeting beginning at 6:15 p.m. Members of the BFRT Advisory Committee, MassDOT staff and the design consultant will be present to answer questions and interpret plans as needed.

All Concord residents are invited to attend to learn more about the 75% design and to provide input for the plans. Light refreshments will be provided, courtesy of the Friends of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. For more information, please visit the Town's website at:
http://concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_Freeman/index.

Board/Committee Vacancies

The Town is looking for residents to fill positions on a variety of boards/commissions/committees.

If interested, please call (978) 318-3000, or find info online:
www.concordma.gov/Pages/ConcordMA_BOS/vacancies

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HUMAN SERVICES DIVISIONS

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Community Services

Contact: 978-318-3034

The Community Services Coordinator (CSC) received 68 emails, 26 phone calls and had 5 office/home visits this week all related to assistance requests. The focus of the requests were for assistance with paying utility bills, car payments, rental payments, for food assistance, housing assistance, transportation assistance and fuel assistance.

The Community Services Coordinator publicized three opportunities for holiday donations to all town employees. The Holiday Gift Card Drive, the Holiday Gift/Toy Drive and The Concord Cares program.

The Annual Gift Card Donation Drive: Donated gift cards will be distributed to low income families in Concord who have received services from the Community Services department throughout the past year.

Concord Cares program: A free emergency oil disbursement program for Concord families in need.
Gift Drive -- Concord Carlisle Community Chest / Concord Carlisle Youth Services Gifts/Toys for children ages 0-15yrs. will be accepted from November 30th-Dec. 11th at several drop-off locations in Concord and West Concord. For additional information please contact Aileen Buford

SMOC Fuel Assistance – 2015-2016 Fuel Assistance Program Season is now open! If you are a Concord resident under the age of 60 and are interested in applying for fuel assistance, please contact Aileen Buford, MSW for an informational packet. Eligibility is based on household size and household income.

OPEN TABLE – FOOD PANTRY IS IN NEED OF DONATIONS most especially non-perishable sources of protein, such as canned fish, ham, hash, chili, beef stew and spam. Donations are accepted at 105 Everett Street on Thursdays from 12-3pm. For further information please contact 978.369.2275.

Open Table offers a community supper in Concord on Thursdays at First Parish Church (20 Lexington Road) at 5:30pm and has pantry items available at this location from 4:30pm-6:30pm for anyone who is in need of food. No application is required, everyone is welcome. For additional information call 978.369.2275 or visit the website at www.opentable.org.

Community Services (Continued)

Concord Cares – Emergency Heating Oil program – disburses 75 gallons of free oil to Concord families in emergent need. To apply contact Aileen Buford or if over age 60 contact the Concord Council on Aging at 978.318.3020. After hours **EMERGENCY NEED**, contact the Fire Department at 978.318.4888 or the Police Department at 978.318.3400.

Veterans' Services

Contact (978) 318-3038

The Office of Veterans' Services received calls from several residents veterans requesting assistance with obtaining the medals they earned while serving in the Navy during World War II, military records that they misplaced after serving during the Korean War, groceries from the food pantry, getting health insurance, fuel assistance, Commonwealth of Massachusetts forms reporting the benefits the veteran is receiving so that the veteran can receive additional benefits and finally, information on Department of Veterans Affairs assistance with "assisted living" or "aid and attendance" benefits for a veteran who requires assistance bathing, eating and/or dressing.

The Veteran Service Officer assisted with the annual Veterans' Day exercise at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. The flag retirement ceremony went well despite the poor weather conditions. In spite of the weather, the event was well attended.

During the afternoon of Veterans' Day, the Veterans Services Officer was the guest speaker at Concord Park Assisted Living on Commonwealth Avenue where twelve veteran residents were given citations for their military service.





CONCORD PUBLIC WORKS (CPW)

ADMINISTRATION • ENGINEERING • HIGHWAY & GROUNDS • SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING • WATER & SEWER

Contact: (978) 318-3206

2015 Phase II Roads Program - Project contractor Cedrone Trucking is nearing completion for this construction season. Project sub-contractor P.J. Albert reclaimed, fine-graded and compacted the sub-base material on Hunter's Ridge Rd. the week of November 9th. PJ Albert and CPW paved binder course of pavement on Saturday, November 14th. This will conclude work for this construction season. The road will be left at binder course for the winter which will allow any imperfections to become evident throughout the freeze/thaw cycle. Cedrone and PJ Albert are expected to re-commence work in the late spring or early summer of 2016; at which time the final course of pavement will be installed, the driveway transitions will be blended as necessary, the sidewalk will be replaced, and loam and seed will be placed on disturbed shoulders. Also as part of this program Thoreau Ct and Thoreau St intersection improvements are scheduled to be finalized the week of November 16th by reconstructing a small section of Thoreau Ct. to facilitate drainage.

Winter Preparations – CPW Highway Division crews continue to prepare for the upcoming winter maintenance season. In addition to testing all equipment to ensure it is ready at any time for winter storms, extra parts and supplies are being added to the fleet maintenance inventory to help minimize down-time if a vehicle needs to be repaired. On November 5, 2015, the annual training was held for all 'Snow Fighters'; this training provided a great opportunity for all 'Snow Fighters' to prepare for the upcoming winter. During this training, an overview of last winter's operations was provided, routes were assigned with any changes noted, and plow operators drove their routes and marked any obstructions that could be damaged during the winter.

Fall Maintenance Projects –The warm fall temperatures have been beneficial to all CPW crews. CPW Grounds Division crews have started the fall clean-up program and have been working on infield maintenance starting with Ripley Field. Both programs will continue throughout the month, weather permitting. CPW Highway Division crews have continued with drainage maintenance including catch basin cleaning, drainage structure repairs, and detention basin mowing. Full depth patching has also been ongoing with repairs recently completed at the entrance to the Walden Street public parking lot.

Annual Landfill Inspection - Weston & Sampson Engineers conducted an annual landfill inspection on Friday, November 6th. Following their inspection they report that no deficiencies are noted and no corrective action is required. The annual landfill inspection report will be forwarded to the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) when received. The DEP requires an annual landfill inspection by a third-party DEP-approved inspector for closed landfills in the Commonwealth. The inspection report will also be included with the next two-year landfill report, which will summarize the monitoring results and other activities performed at the landfill in 2014-2015. The next two-year report will be submitted to the DEP in February 2016. The DEP requires two-year reports for all MA closed landfills in addition to one-year landfill inspections reports.

Paint Shed - The paint shed is now closed for the season. The final paint collection for this year was 10/31/15. A total of 432 residents dropped off paint at the paint shed this season; 196 residents picked up paint for reuse. The paint shed will reopen on April 2, 2016.

School Bus Transportation and Maintenance Center – Concord Public Works has been designated by the Town Manager to manage the design and construction of the new school bus facility to be located at the former W.R. Grace property with access off Knox Trail Road. The Feasibility Analysis phase has commenced with the recent contract award for design and architectural services to Weston and Sampson, Inc. A project kick-off meeting took place on November 5th. One of the near-term critical path items includes the coordination of potable water and fire protection. The project team intends to meet with the Acton Water District Commissioners at their December meeting to make this formal request. In addition, a facility programming meeting took place on November 16th at which time the project team met with School Department fleet maintenance and supervisory staff to review facility requirements. The facility is anticipated to be constructed and at substantial completion in January 2017.