

## Town Manager's Report Monday, October 21, 2013

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

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

### **LIBRARY**

**Sunday Hours:** Sunday hours resumed at the Main Library on October 20. The Main Library will now be open from 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Sundays through May 2014.

**Festival of Authors:** The Concord Festival of Authors series has begun. Yesterday CFPL hosted a very successful poetry reading with Charles Coe at the Fowler Branch Library with approximately 30 people in attendance. On Friday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. CFPL will host Mystery Night at the Main Library with a panel comprised of Linda Barnes, Daniel Palmer, and Mike Cooper. Also at the Main Library the following evening, October 26 at 7:00 p.m. Caldecott Award Winner Author, Jerry Pinkney will deliver the 2013 Leslie Riedel Memorial Lecture for Young Readers. On Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m., New Literary Voices 2013 will take place at the Fowler Branch with authors Ursula DeYong, David R. Gillham, and Abi Maxwell. Residents are encouraged to attend one or more of these free literary events.

**Oral History:** The next round of oral history interviews will take place November 12 – 14. Interviewees included in this round will be Ivan Massar, Terry Rothermel, Peter Lovis, Janet and Henry Vaillant, and Debra Stark.

**Special Collections:** The Special Collections Department recently mounted the Revolutionary-era Town records digitized through participation in Digital Commonwealth on the CFPL website. They are accessible at <http://www.concordlibrary.org/scollect/reports/index.html>.

Special Collections recently received a major gift of Joseph C. Wheeler papers relating to Mr. Wheeler's long career in foreign aid and diplomacy.

**Summer Reading Program Award:** In 2009, the Boston Bruins began partnering with the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and the Massachusetts Library System to create an on-line summer reading program. As part of this summer's program names of young participants in different age categories were submitted to the planning committee for chances to win a variety of prizes donated by the Bruins. A young participant of the Concord Free Public Library's club, 9 year old James Hoagland, won a shirt autographed by the Boston Bruins. Below is a photo taken at the Concord Free Public Library of a proud James Hoagland holding his prized possession. Congratulations, James!



**2013 Summer Reading Prize Winner, James Hoagland**

## **LIGHT DEPARTMENT**

**Concord Light Participates in Sustainability Panel:** On October 15, Concord Light's Energy Conservation Coordinator, Jan Aceti, joined Town Manager Chris Whelan and CPW Environmental Services Program Administrator Rod Robison in delivering a presentation to the Concord Climate Action Network (ConcordCAN) on the Town's sustainability initiatives. Concord Light's focus was on the Concord Conserves Campaign, the workplace energy conservation campaign launched in Concord's municipal buildings on October 7.

## **POLICE**

**Operational Services:** On Tuesday October 15, a report was taken regarding the larceny of money from the account of a resident of the town. This involved the theft of checks which were transacted. As a result an investigation was conducted. On Friday October 18, a resident of Acton was placed under arrest as a result of this investigation. A search warrant was executed at the arrestee's home on that same day. The investigation of this case is continuing.

On Thursday October 17, a hit and run crash was reported on Church St near the Fowler Library. An elderly driver was observed leaving the area after striking a fence. The driver, a Concord resident, was located a short distance away by Officer Capone. A summons was issued for leaving the scene of a property damage accident and the Registry of Motor Vehicles was advised of the incident.

On Thursday October 17, Officer Toumayan responded to the Middlesex Savings Bank on a report of a fraudulent check that had been cashed in Concord Center. The investigation is continuing.

On Friday October 18, a motor vehicle crash occurred on Main St by Edgewood Rd. Officer Soll responded and conducted an investigation. As a result a resident of Rhode Island will be summoned to court for negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

**Community Services:** On Saturday October 19, officers assisted Concord Public Works with their annual fall "Drop Off Swap Off" day at CPW. Officers provided assistance with traffic and parking. The event was a success with no issues reported.

On Sunday October 20, officers assisted The First Parish Church with their annual Crop Walk. Officers assisted pedestrians during the walk, and provided assistance with traffic and parking for the event.

**Administrative Services:** Testing for Concord Public Safety dispatch vacancies will be conducted this coming week.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

**Roads Program Update:** The Roads Program is moving along at a steady pace. This past week E.H. Perkins completed the drainage improvements within the Crescent/Wilson/Nashoba/Garland/Hosmer neighborhood as well as other improvements on Baker Ave, and Saw Mill Rd. This includes the installation of two bio-retention areas and concludes drainage improvements this calendar year. Lazaro also milled the top course of pavement on Caterina Heights, installed curb ramps, and adjusted granite edging where necessary.

Below is a preliminary schedule for the week of October 21:

CPW anticipates milling the worst sections of Fitchburg Tpk. the week of Oct. 21 and paving the following week. The limits will be two large sections. The first is from Garfield Rd through the intersection of Sudbury Rd. and the second is from Sudbury Town line to just beyond Plainfield Rd. The work will be completed during the night to minimize disruption of traffic to the maximum extent practical.

### Monday

- Begin reclamation operations within the Crescent/Wilson/Nashoba/Garland/Hosmer neighborhood.
- Adjust utility castings on Caterina Heights.
- Install erosion control on Fitchburg Tpk.

### Tuesday

- Continue reclamation and begin fine grading and compacting operations within the Crescent/Wilson/Nashoba/Garland/Hosmer neighborhood.

- CPW will survey base material to ensure proper lines and grades.

#### Wednesday

- Continue fine grading and compacting operations within the Crescent/Wilson/Nashoba/Garland/Hosmer neighborhood.
- CPW will continue to survey the base material to ensure proper lines and grades.
- Begin paving top course on Caterina Heights.

#### Wednesday (Night: 8pm to 5am)

- Begin milling operations on Fitchburg Turnpike

#### Thursday

- Finish paving Caterina Heights.
- Pave intermediate course of pavement on Brook Trail Rd (part of 2012 Roads Program)

#### Thursday (Night: 8pm to 5am)

- Continue milling operations on Fitchburg Tpk.

#### Friday

- Compaction and other material testing with in the Crescent/Wilson/Nashoba/Garland/Hosmer neighborhood.
- Begin reclamation operations on Saw Mill Rd. and possibly Baker Ave.
- Begin utility casting adjustments on Fitchburg Turnpike.
- Install infiltration basin on Fitchburg Turnpike.

As usual, the schedule is subject to change based on delays and weather.