



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

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Concord Municipal Light Plant

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Substation 219 Transformer Testing:

Last week CMLP completed maintenance testing of the new Station 219 transformers installed in 2013. Having been through all the seasons and load conditions over the last 18 months, we wanted to be sure that all components were performing as expected. The results we received on Friday indicated that both transformers are doing great and ready to continue providing reliable service to Concord.



AFFORDABLE HOUSING OPPORTUNITY:

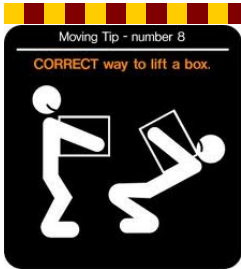
Bedford Affordable Housing
The Crossing at Bedford: 54 Loomis Street
www.TheCrossingAtBedford.com



There will be a lottery for 2 affordable homes available at The Crossing at Bedford. These 2 homes will be sold at affordable prices to households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median income. It is anticipated that the first affordable homes will be ready in summer 2015.

A public information session will be held on April 28th, 2015 at 6pm in Bedford Town Hall (10 Mudge Way, Bedford, MA). Applications must be delivered by 2pm on June 9th, 2015. For details on the development, go to their website. For details regarding the lottery, call 617-782-6900

Households cannot have more than \$75,000 in assets.
The Maximum Household Income Limits are: \$48,800 (1 person), \$55,800 (2 people), \$62,750 (3 people), \$69,700 (4 people).



Concord-Carlisle High School: Community Surplus Day

This week is move-in week at the new High School building. April 27th will mark the first day of classes for students. The now former High School building is being readied for demolition. Community non-profit organizations have been invited to a "surplus day" on Friday, April 24th. Whatever surplus equipment and furnishings remain will be available to the community on Saturday, April 25th. The building will be open from 9 AM to 1 PM on Saturday. The fee, payable to the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District, has been set at \$20 per carload. Enter from the Walden Street entrance.



CC YOUTH SERVICES

Jennifer Clarke, Coordinator

CCYS works closely with adjoining towns and organizations to

Clearing Away the Smoke: Facts and Fiction about Marijuana and Youth. Residents and students can learn the facts about marijuana use from a panel of experts on **Tuesday, April 28th, 2015 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm** at Lexington High School in the library media center, room 149. Sponsored by Town of Lexington's Human Service Department, the Lexington High School PTSA and the Lexington Public Schools' Department of Physical Education and Wellness Prevention.

Lincoln-Sudbury RHS Connections welcomes Concord and Carlisle families to **Proms, Parties, and Parked Cars** on **Wednesday, April 29th at 7:30** in the LS cafeteria for a discussion geared towards helping parents plan for the upcoming proms with their children.



PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

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Building Inspections Division

Eastern States Building Officials Federation meeting: The Building Inspections staff attended building code training courses in Portsmouth, New Hampshire on Monday. The courses attended focused on transitioning from the 2009 to the 2015 International Building Code and the 2015 Residential Building Codes.

CCHS Certificate of Use and Occupancy: The Building Inspections office has amended the Certificate of Use and Occupancy to allow students and staff to occupy the new High School building.

Middlesex School - Clay Dormitory: The Building Inspections Division has issued a building permit to renovate/remodel Middlesex School's Clay dormitory.

Natural Resources Division

Massachusetts Society of Municipal Conservation Professionals (MSMCP): DNR staff attended the MSCMP Annual Meeting at Mass Audubon's Broad Meadow Brook Wildlife Sanctuary in Worcester. The focus of the annual meeting was on land management, topics ranging from baseline boundary preparation and monitoring protocol, preparation of land management plans, and regulations related to other power driven mobility devices.

Heywood Meadow: Bid documents to reconstruct the stone wall along Lexington Road, remove a section of wall along Heywood Street, and construct stone steps into the meadow are now available. Division staff will hold a pre-bid meeting with prospective bidders on April 28, and bids are due to the Finance Office by May 7. Construction is anticipated to begin in early summer. For more information please contact the Division of Natural Resources at 978.318.3285.

Planning Division

Sustainable Communities Conference at Devens: Director Marcia Rasmussen participated in a panel discussion titled "Local Land Preservation" at the Massachusetts Sustainable Communities and Campuses Conference on Thursday, April 16th. The focus of the presentation highlighted the variety of options available to preserve green corridors as walking and biking trails. Other Concord residents representing CSEC and ConcordCAN also attended the event.

Affordable Housing Lottery Training: On Thursday Senior Planner Lara Kritzer attended a seminar on Fair Housing requirements and how to apply these requirements to new Affordable Housing Lotteries. The program was sponsored by the Massachusetts Housing Partnership and provided certification to housing professionals on the process and requirements to insure that all new affordable units are sold or rented in accordance with State and Federal housing requirements.

Health Division

Septic system permitting: 3 Building Reviews to determine adequacy of septic system for residential expansion; 1 sewer review; 3 septic system deep test holes witnessed; 5 septic permits issued and 1 denied; 2 Certificates of Compliance issued 3 septic field inspections. 10 phone/emails with engineers and residents to resolve complicated septic design issues.

Food service: 8 routine inspections; 1 complaint investigation; 1 response to malfunction/repair of ventilation system at a restaurant. Several Inspections to resolve damage from a fire in the kitchen at Alcott School so kitchen could be re-opened.

Other: 2 housing complaints; 1 nuisance complaint. 2 inspections to respond to complaint about violation of bottled water bylaw.



Community Services

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The Community Services Coordinator received 18 phone calls, 37 emails and had 3 home/office visits related to assistance requests. Assistance related issues focused on housing, Mass Health Enrollment assistance, Summer Camp scholarship information, bill payment assistance and fuel assistance.

The CSC worked collaboratively with the Concord COA, Minuteman Protective Services, the Concord Library staff, SMOG, SNAP, Concord public schools, Community Education, Mass Health, Concord Police Dept., Concord Fire Dept, Concord Youth Services and the Concord Carlisle Community Chest.

The CSC participated in a CCTV taping of the monthly Carlisle Council on Aging CCTV informational segment. The CSC and a representative from MSPP Interface referral service were guests on the segment. The CSC provided information about the role of the Community Services Coordinator and the services that are offered for residents of Concord and Carlisle who are under the age of 60. The CCTV segment can be seen by clicking on this link <http://vp.telvue.com/preview?id>



Tuesday, May 5, 2015 at 7:00pm – Concord Carlisle High School – Community Education presents “Today’s Media, Windows on a Violent World: How to Talk to Your Children About What They See” This is a free presentation.

Advance reservations strongly suggested. Contact the Concord-Carlisle Schools, Adult & Community Education (978) 318-1432 or online at www.ace.colonial.net (event #4573) =T00341&video=233409

Veterans’ Services

Dick Krug, VA: dkrug@concordma.gov

The veteran service officer met with the Secretary of MA Veterans Services, Francisco Urena, to outline the direction that MA Veterans Services will take in the future to service veterans and their families living in MA.

The VSO also met with a group of concerned residents about up-grading the existing war memorial in Concord Center with more “green space” and placement of the Concord Bell from a decommissioned naval vessel.

Several veterans were assisted with questions and forms pertaining to VA housing, public housing, identification medals and their status as veterans when serving in active military.



Concord Free Public Library

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CFPL Online Newsletter: The Library currently offers a monthly online newsletter, which features library news and details about upcoming programs. With 900+ subscribers to date, we encourage you to sign-up for this valuable service at <http://tinyurl.com/cfplnewsletter>

Crafts for Kids during School Vacation Week: The Fowler Branch Library will be hosting a drop-in craft time on Wednesday, April 22nd at 3:00 p.m. Children of all ages are welcome to stop by to create butterfly window decorations. This free activity will take place at the Fowler Branch, 1322 Main Street.

Toddler Sing-Along: Children’s musician, Ed Morgan will be at the Main Library on Friday, April 24th at 3:00 p.m. to lead toddlers and their families in song. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, this popular series is not to be missed.

Earth Day Program: Biologist Bryan Windmiller, founder of *Grassroots Wildlife Conservation, Inc.*, will speak at the Concord Free Public Library, 129 Main Street on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The talk will focus on the conservation and management of the Great Meadows population of the threatened Blanding’s Turtle. This free program is recommended for children age 8 years+ and for others with an interest in these conversation efforts.

Upcoming Technology Workshops: Learn about downloading library Magazines to your device on April 22, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Drop-In Computer or Device Help on April 24, 2015 @ 3:00 p.m. Learn the basics about Google Calendar on April 29, 2015 @ 3:00 p.m.

Library Page Opportunities: The Town of Concord is currently recruiting for two Library Page positions at the Library. Details about these opportunities are available at http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_HR/Announcement%20Packet%20-%20Library%20Page%20-%20202015.pdf

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