



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week Of: July 6, 2015

The Concord-Carlisle Regional High School Building Committee Report

The CCHS Building Committee was charged by the voters and town meetings of both Concord and Carlisle to move forward with the design and construction of a new Concord-Carlisle Regional High School facility. This article is one in a series that is intended to inform the residents of Concord and Carlisle about status of the project and to highlight key project elements including schedule, design components, sustainability efforts and construction activities.

Phase II Update

Demolition and abatement activities continue for the old school building and will continue into the summer. Demolition will be completed prior to the beginning of the new academic year. Work to install the permanent loop road and other site activities will also occur during the summer months. The project team also plans to use the summer months to close out Phase I activities and continue commissioning the new building's mechanical systems. Landscape features are being installed and plantings will continue into the late summer and early fall.

The Building Committee has been concerned about the potential liability for removing regulated materials from the old building since the project began. As part of the strategic plan to address this issue, the Building Committee implemented a comprehensive testing program to gain as much knowledge as possible regarding existing conditions.

The Committee also established a reserve for the abatement process and raised it by \$400,000 to \$1.6 million. In addition, because they recognized the potential financial exposure to the project, the Building Committee voted two years ago to establish a goal of having \$2 million in contingency available for the start of the abatement and demolition process. Through strong financial management and planning, the \$2 million target goal in contingency was achieved.

The concerns regarding the amounts of regulated materials were correct. Due to the extent of materials in both the main gym and in the exterior walls of the old building, the cost for abatement has exceeded the \$1.6 million reserve. Currently, it is estimated that the additional cost for the demolition and abatement process will be \$1.2 million which brings the known total cost for this aspect of the project to \$2.8 million. While unfortunate, the Building Committee had the foresight to set aside reserves to address additional abatement costs. The project budget contingency remains at a healthy \$800,000. The abatement process is more than half-way complete and should be completed by the end of the summer. Once this milestone is achieved, the Building Committee will know the final liability for abatement and the remaining financial risk for the building project will have passed.

The project remains on schedule and is expected to be complete by December. The next meeting of the CCHS Building Committee is scheduled for 6 p.m. on July 15th at the new CCHS.

IMPORTANT NEWS & NOTICES

The MBTA Fitchburg Line has suspended service along the entire line every Saturday and Sunday beginning Saturday, April 25th, through Sunday, November 22nd. Busing will not be provided.

Beginning Saturday, April 25th, through Sunday, November 22nd, the weekend Fitchburg Line services will also be suspended along the entire line due to the Fitchburg Commuter Rail Line Improvement Project. Busing will not be provided during weekend service interruptions.

Customers are advised to seek alternate modes of transportation. Weekday service levels will not be affected by the ongoing improvement work. Regular weekend service will be provided on Labor Day weekend (September 5-6) and Thanksgiving weekend (November 28-29).

Additionally, the following stops shall be affected: North Station, Porter, Belmont, Waverly, Waltham, Brandeis/Roberts Kendal Green, Hastings, Silver Hill, Lincoln, Concord, West Concord, South Acton, Littleton/Route 495, Ayer, Shirley and North Leominster.

Click here for more information: [http://www.mbta.com/uploadedfiles/About the T/T Projects/T Projects List/FitchburgLineExtendedWeekendShutdownFactSheetREV17MAR15.pdf](http://www.mbta.com/uploadedfiles/About%20the%20T/T%20Projects/T%20Projects%20List/FitchburgLineExtendedWeekendShutdownFactSheetREV17MAR15.pdf)



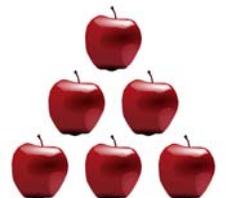
Donations are Needed

New/Unused Backpacks for school age children K-8 & School Supplies such as pens, pencils, loose leaf paper, folders, notebooks, colored pencils, erasers, pencil cases, glue sticks, kids scissors, dry erase markers, etc. Donation Deadline is July 31st, 2015

For more information please contact Aileen Buford, Community Services Coordinator at (978) 318-3034 or abuford@concordma.gov.

Donations can be dropped off at two locations in Concord:

- ** Harvey Wheeler Community Center
- ** 141 Keyes Road, Concord, MA
1st floor, near the conference room





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Main Street (Route 62), Rail Road Bridge Reconstruction, Alternate Lane Closures Planned – MBTA contractor, J.F. White, continues to construct Phase 2 improvements of the Sudbury River, Assabet River and Route 62 Bridges in Concord. Beginning on Monday July 13, 2015 it is expected that temporary lane closures will be required at the Main Street bridge location from 7:00 AM – 3:30 PM to allow for the installation of temporary shoring towers. A full Main Street closure is currently planned for the weekend of July 18th and 19th or July 25th and July 26th from 6:00 AM – 6:00 PM, depending on project progress. This weekend full closure will allow for the erection of structural steel girders and beams. A second full closure of Main Street is tentatively planned to occur beginning Wednesday August 26th – September 2nd to allow for the demolition of the existing RR bridge and roll-in of newly constructed permanent bridge.

Nagog Pond Water Treatment Plant Design – CPW staff with engineering consultants, Environmental Partners Group and Solar Design Associates, continue to advance design, inclusive of a potential photo voltaic system to power the water treatment facility. The intent is to complete preliminary design in preparation of a planned fiscal year 2017 or 2018 borrowing authorization request. A preliminary site plan review meeting is scheduled with the Town of Acton technical review staff to discuss the project and permitting requirements.

2015/2016 Roads Program - CPW is making steady progress on the Roads Program work throughout Concord. The 2015/2016 - Phase I Roads Program is well underway and commenced with the installation of a new water main on a large section of Deacon Haynes Road. In addition to the water upgrades, minor drainage improvements also began. Lazaro Paving is tentatively scheduled to reclaim Belknap Street (from Thoreau Street to Main Street) in anticipation of the installation of the first course of pavement. Binder course on Belknap Street and top course paving on Conant Street are tentatively scheduled for either Tuesday, July 14th or Wednesday, July 15th. All upcoming work is weather dependent. Concurrently, incidental project work such as but not limited to, surveying the road grades, testing of materials, verifying sub-base compaction limits, installing curb ramps, preparing driveway transitions and removing/resetting curb will also be completed.

Sidewalk Program - The Main Street Sidewalk Improvement Project is in full swing and project contractor, Century Paving Corporation, has begun reconstructing the sidewalk between Keyes Road and the Main Entrance of Concord Academy by Academy Lane. There is temporary parking restriction in the vicinity of the work area. Century Paving anticipates completing the first segment of the project (Keyes Road to Main Entrance of Concord Academy) by the end of this week. Century will then begin working from the Main Entrance of Concord Academy towards Nashawtuc Road the week of July 13th, installing new concrete sidewalks, driveway aprons, and curb ramps. Additional upcoming contract work will include reconstructing the portion of sidewalk abutting the library frontage and reconstruction of the brick crosswalk near Academy Lane. This work is tentatively scheduled for late July and mid-August, respectively.

97 Thoreau Street – The CPW-Engineering Division designed Sustainable Infrastructure Stormwater Retrofit Project located at 97 Thoreau Street will begin construction the week of July 13th. Pecora Contracting has provided a preliminary schedule anticipating the project to tentatively reach substantial completion by mid-August. This project will include the installation of a tree-box filter for stormwater treatment and infiltration, two landscape areas, porous pavers, a water fountain, recycling containers, a solar trash compactor and two curb ramps. The contractor is anticipating the installation of the tree-box filter and the water service for the fountain to begin during the first week of construction. The following weeks will include the reconstruction of the cement concrete sidewalk, the installation of the curb ramps, installing the bollards, installing the landscape areas, setting the porous pavers and all other incidental work.

TOWN CELEBRITY NEWS



Concord's Council on Aging (COA) was pleased to help Lil Jenney celebrate her 100th Birthday at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center last week. Lil has been an active member of the COA for 35 years! She still comes every week to enjoy

lunch with her many friends and to stay and play a little Bingo. Lil was presented with a tiara and was crowned "Queen of the COA" for the day and received a bouquet of flowers. An auditorium full of people joined in singing her an enthusiastic "Happy Birthday" and shared in her birthday cake.



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Seeking Friendly Visitors

The COA is looking for a few volunteers who are interested in visiting with a Concord senior in their home on a regular basis. These are seniors who have minimal supports in the community and would benefit from a weekly or bi-weekly visit from a "friendly visitor". Please call the COA at 978-318-3020 and ask to speak to Program Supervisor, Bonny Wilbur if interested.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Community Services Coordinator met with 3 residents during home or office visits, received 14 phone calls and 48 emails related to assistance requests.

During the week the CSC participated in the interview process with the Youth Services Coordinator, Jennifer Clarke and the Senior Town Planner, Lara Kritzer to fill the summer intern position that the three departments will share. The new summer intern will start on July 9th and work through the month of August.

The Community Services and Youth Services Department are managing a **Back to School Backpack and School Supply program** during the months of July & August. Any modest to low-income Concord or Carlisle family who would benefit from receiving a school supply filled backpack for their school-age child/children should contact Aileen Buford, MSW for more information at 978.318.3034 or abuford@concordma.gov.

Also, anyone interested in donating a backpack, school supplies or both, please contact Aileen Buford, MSW at 978.318.3034 or through confidential email at abuford@concordma.gov

Veterans' Services

The office of military records was notified by veterans' services of Concord requesting records for three local veterans. The first veteran was requesting the records for social security purposes. The second for filing with the VA a disability related to "agent orange" and a gangrene infection. The third request was for a family of a deceased veteran and needed for final arrangements. As the new fiscal year begins in July, all chapter 115 cases related to financial assistance were renewed for the next six months. The town will pay these benefits while waiting for the state to authorize each case individually. All chapter 115 cases were closed out for the month of June and have been authorized.

CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Fowler Branch Library has a new exhibit entitled, *Concord Gardens, 1922-1929*. It consists of images taken by photographer Charles Darling to illustrate articles by Florence Taft Eaton and summer in Concord.

On June 6th, Olympians John Biglow and Bill Becklean made a presentation based on the book, *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics* by Daniel J. Brown. Their talk profiled the lives of the rowers featured in the book, while relating the story to their own experiences. The program took place at 7:00 p.m. at the Fowler Branch Library, 1322 Main Street.

The first summer concert on the lawn at the Main Library will take place this Wednesday, July 8th at 7:00 p.m. and will feature Latin music by Samba Tremeterra. In the event of rain, the alternate location will be the Umbrella Community Center.

Databases of the Month – Ancestry.com and Heritage Quest Ancestry.com, accessible in the library and Heritage Quest, accessible both in the library and via remote access are popular for searching your family tree and family history. Ancestry.com is the largest on-line genealogy subscription service that offers thousands of records to aid you with your search. Go to the Library Home page, www.concordlibrary.org and click the heading "Reference" then "Databases"- Scroll down to "General" or "History" and click on "Ancestry". Before beginning your search, click on the Ancestry tool bar to familiarize yourself with its many features. Start by searching a family member that you know the most about. Ancestry will then list databases that contain information about your ancestor.

The Heritage Quest database offers census information, city directories, a large genealogical periodical database(PERSI) and much more. Go to the Concord Library website (www.concordlibrary.org.) and follow the same steps for Ancestry.com (Heritage Quest is only listed under "History") A very useful feature of Heritage Quest is the highlighting of family units and individuals in the census records. It is also good to start with an ancestor about whom you know some basic facts like birth year, marriage date, etc

Reference librarians are always available to assist with research and can be reached at 978-318-3347.