



# TOWN OF CONCORD

## Town Manager's Report

June 9, 2015

### SUMMER HOURS

The Town of Concord will again operate on an altered schedule for the eight-week summer period beginning Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup> and ending Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day). The schedule of public and staff hours will be posted on the Town's website:

#### PUBLIC BUSINESS HOURS

**Town House:**

Mondays - Thursdays: 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM  
Fridays: 8:30 AM – Noon

**141 Keyes Road:**

Mondays - Thursdays: 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM  
Fridays: 8:30 AM – Noon

**Public Works:**

Hours TBD, please check website for details.

#### PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Department of Recreation will soon begin the process for the renovation and rehabilitation of the 51 Laws Brook Road and Rideout Recreation properties. Many of the improvements the Department would like to see will likely require approval and review of several town boards and commissions including: the Planning Board, the Natural Resources Commission and the Zoning Boards.

Before this process is to commence, the Recreation Commission and the Town Manager's Office would like to hold an informational planning meeting for any interested parties as well as the direct abutters to the properties. It is a goal of the Town, and Recreation Commission, to renovate these sites in-line with the objectives outlined by the community and facility neighbors.

**The Recreation Department will be hosting a meeting, for all interested parties, on the evening of Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will begin promptly at 6:30 PM, and will be held in the Multi-purpose Room of the Hunt Recreation Center located at 90 Stow Street in Concord.**

#### CONCORD MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT

##### CMLP Increases Energy Efficient Lighting Rebates:

If it's been years since your business upgraded its lighting to more energy efficient lamps and fixtures, there's never been a better time to take action. Old lighting can use twice as much electricity as new systems. And, starting June 1, 2015, Concord Light increased the rebate that it offers to businesses to help cover the costs of indoor lighting upgrades. The new rebates will cover an average of 30% of customers' lighting installation costs, up from an average of 16% of upfront costs covered by the old rebates. Go to [http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA\\_LightPlant/CommercialLightingLandingPage](http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_LightPlant/CommercialLightingLandingPage) for more information or contact Jan Aceti, Energy Conservation Coordinator at Concord Light, at 978-318-3151 or [jaceti@concordma.gov](mailto:jaceti@concordma.gov).

**Rate Changes Across the Board:** Rate changes for business and residential customers went into effect May 1. The changes are part of a cost-of-service study performed at the end of 2014, and will update CMLP's rates to reflect current costs. Demand charges dropped for Medium and Large customers, shifting more cost recovery to volumetric charges. For all customers, the rates were unbundled in the CMLP tariff and for billing. Customers can expect to see more line items on the bill as the volumetric charges are now split out into the wholesale cost categories. Because of the diversity of business energy use, the rate impacts will vary by customer. Visit our [website](#) to review the tariffs, or call us at 978-318-3101 to discuss how the changes might impact your household or business based on your account history.

#### GREEN YOUR HEAT WITH A COOL\$1,000 IN REBATES

Weatherization (insulating, sealing air leaks, & installing programmable thermostats) will help you keep cool in summer. Weatherized homes are more comfortable because they are not as drafty and are shielded from the temperature outside – whether its too cold or too hot out. They are also quieter, as you can't hear street noise as much. Join 150 of your neighbors who have already begun using this Town-sponsored program to get a free home review, \$1,000 rebate, and chance to save up to 15% on energy bills. Sign up today at [www.greenyourheatconcord.com](http://www.greenyourheatconcord.com) or call Sage-well at (617) 963-8141. Or call Concord's Energy Manager, Pamela Cady: (978) 318-3149 or [pcady@concordma.gov](mailto:pcady@concordma.gov).



## PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

### PLANNING DIVISION

**Community Preservation Committee June 1st meeting:** The CPC welcomed new member Dee Ortnier to the Commission. The final drafts of the Grant Agreements for non-profit projects were reviewed and approved. The Commission's procedures and review process for the upcoming year were also reviewed. Members elected Bouzha Cookman as the new chair; Dee Ortnier as Vice Chair; Paul Mahoney as Secretary; and Geoffrey Taylor as Treasurer. The Commission plans to meet again in July to complete the update of the Community Preservation Plan in time for the fall 2015 funding round.

**Historic Districts Commission June 4th meeting:** The HDC reviewed one continued and eight new applications for changes within the Historic Districts. Members approved seven Certificates of Appropriateness for: a new addition, windows and lighting at 25 Lowell Road; new lighting and signage at 122-207 Main Street, Concord Academy; mobile chicken coops at 33A Barrett's Mill Road; new fencing, paving, and mechanical equipment at 81 Elm Street, Trinity Episcopal Church; new signage at 30 Monument Square; changes to the approved design of 310 Lexington Road; and new lighting at 478 Lexington Road. The Commission continued an application for an addition and exterior renovations at 548 Lexington Road to allow time for a site visit before the next meeting, and denied the application to approve the amended design of 427 Lowell Road as constructed.

**Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee June 4th meeting:** The BFRT Advisory Committee reviewed the update memorandum provided by Marcia Rasmussen and discussed preferences for surface treatment of the headwalls for the Powdermill Road culvert; bike racks for use along the trail; some of the changes in design for a portion of the trail near the Nashoba Brook bridge and the need to provide content for the historic interpretive signs along the trail, particularly in West Concord. Submittal of the 75% design plans to MassDOT by Greenman-Pedersen is expected to be June 12th. Additionally, ground-breaking for construction of Phase 2A is being rescheduled to allow Secretary of Transportation Stephanie Pollack to attend.



### HUMAN SERVICES NEWS

The Human Services Divisions which include the Youth, Community and Veterans Divisions—received a generous gift this past week from the Concord COA. The Division social workers now have transportation for making client home visits and deliver-

ing items to residents who may be in need of assistance. Our new transportation will also be helpful for getting back and forth to meetings both in and out of Town.

We wanted to take this opportunity to send a big THANK YOU to Kate Hodges, Assistant Town Manager and Ginger Quarles, COA Director for making this a reality!!

### NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION

**Natural Resources Commission June 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting:** The NRC heard the following matters: a Notice of Intent for 23 Musketakid Road to demolish a portion of the existing house and construct a slightly larger addition and a Request for Determination of Applicability to demolish the existing house at 211 Park Lane. Three Orders were issued for: the Music and Campus Center at Middlesex School; pond treatment at Musketakid Sportsmen's Club; and construction of a new house at 1767 Lowell Road. An Emergency Certification was ratified for Concord Public Works allowing rip-rap reinforcement of a section of Cambridge Turnpike related to the dam breach at Crosby's Pond which temporarily flooded Cambridge Turnpike earlier this week. Certificates of Compliance were issued for projects at 530 Virginia Road and 57 Walden Terrace. Two new applications received this week for the June 17<sup>th</sup> meeting include: a Notice of Intent for Hanscom Field to replace all Medium Intensity Approach Light System Replacement (MALSR) components including direct-earth-buried (DEB) cables, FAM towers and equipment, foundation repairs, and upgrades to the MALSR equipment building, and a Notice of Intent for 144 Park Lane to expand the existing lawn and install a foundation drain.

**White Pond:** The final White Pond Watershed Management Plan is complete and available online at [www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA\\_NaturalResources/index](http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_NaturalResources/index). Building from that Plan, DNR staff submitted a Section 319 grant this week to implement watershed improvements at White Pond, focusing on managing Town lands, restoring eroded slopes, and upgrading stormwater management at the public boat launch and access road. Ranger interviews are underway for two positions, with a primary focus on educating users on the rules and regulations at White Pond.

**Conservation Crew:** Both Conservation Crew members are now on board. Cody Fitzgerald started on May 18<sup>th</sup> and Matthew Xavier started this past Monday. They will be conducting invasive species removal projects, mowing, constructing kiosks, and performing other land management projects with the Town through August.

**Town-wide Trail Map:** A new Trail Map is now available on the Division of Natural Resources (DNR) webpage at: [http://concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA\\_NaturalResources/2015%20Trail%20Map.pdf](http://concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_NaturalResources/2015%20Trail%20Map.pdf). Hard copies will soon be available for purchase at the DNR Office at 141 Keyes Road and at the Town House at 22 Monument Square.





## HUMAN SERVICES DIVISIONS

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### CONCORD LIBRARY Book Sale Success



The Friends of CFPL held their annual book sale on Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> and raised \$21,102.40. A heartfelt thank you to all residents who donated

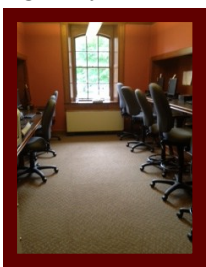
books to the library throughout the year, helped at the sale, and/or purchased books on Saturday. This wonderful community fundraising event would not be possible without your generosity and support.

### CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Successful Flower Fables Events:** During the month of May CFPL celebrated the 160th anniversary of the original publication of Louisa May Alcott's Flower Fables. Accompanying events for the Flower Fables exhibit in the front lobby included: Drop in Storytime on Tuesday, May 26th at the Fowler Branch and on Friday, May 29th at the Main Library. A Visit from Louisa May Alcott of Concord's Orchard House took place on Saturday, May 30th from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. on Main Library's front lawn. A total of 37 people attended these celebratory events.

**2015 Massachusetts Children's Book Award Winners:** The 2015 Massachusetts Children's Book Award list is now available and can be accessed at [http://www.salemstate.edu/assets/images/Master\\_List\\_MCBA\\_2015\\_Final.pdf](http://www.salemstate.edu/assets/images/Master_List_MCBA_2015_Final.pdf)

**New Gallery Exhibit:** During the month of June CCHS photography teacher, Adam Gooder is exhibiting his "Visions of Light" photographs in the Main Library's art gallery.



**New Carpeting at Main Library:** Michael Tascione of the Complete Carpet Center in Boxborough replaced the carpeting in the Main Library's computer alcove on 6/7. The new carpet squares offer a much cleaner and more welcoming look.

### VETERANS OUTREACH

The office of veterans' services closed out the month of May with the state office of veterans' services so that all chapter 115 cases are authorized for the town's 75% reimbursement.

### COUNCIL ON AGING

The new Art Space exhibiter at Harvey Wheeler is Frederic Berthoff from Concord. Mr. Berthoff is a self-taught painter with an affinity for historic sites and public figures. The exhibit will be up in the hallway at Harvey Wheeler until July 16<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to come by and enjoy!



The COA hosted their Annual Volunteer Appreciation on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is the COA's annual opportunity to publicly thank the many volunteers (over 150 now!) for all of the hours and hours of time that they donate to us each

year. The auditorium was filled with volunteers who enjoyed wonderful entertainment and a caterer lunch. The COA thanks the Concord Friends of the Aging for providing a portion of the funding that makes this event possible each year.

The COA reminds senior residents that Harvey Wheeler is air conditioned and if their homes are hot and they need relief from the heat they can come to Harvey Wheeler for a while curing our normal business hours to cool off. If we have a real heat wave that lasts several days, the Fire Chief may declared Harvey Wheeler as a Cooling Center for the Town and hours may be extended in this case.

### YOUTH & COMMUNITY SERVICES

CCHS is already planning for the 2015-16 school year. Sixty-three eligible K-8 students have signed up to receive a free backpack filled with school supplies. Plans are to distribute these backpacks over the summer before school starts up in the fall. Do you personally know a student who could use backpack? Do you want to donate to this great program? Donations of new, unused backpacks filled with **all** of the following items are greatly appreciated:



Pencils (plain and colored), pens, pencil case, glue sticks, erasers, pencil sharpeners, ruler, loose-leaf paper, 3 folders, 2 notebooks. Please contact Aileen Buford, CS Coordinator at 978.318.3034 or [abuford@concordma.gov](mailto:abuford@concordma.gov) for further program information or to see how you can help.