



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

MAY 5, 2015



REUSIT & Concord Public Works
Reuse, Recycling & Oversized Waste
DropOff & SwapOff
Saturday, May 9, 2015
DropOff: 9:30-3:00 SwapOff: 9:30-1:00
(The Fall Drop/Swap will be Oct. 17th)
Concord Public Works—133 Keyes Road
Payment by **Check Only** to "Town of Concord"

2015 Town Meeting Follow-Up

The unduplicated count of 2015 Annual Town Meeting attendees is 1,171, which represents 9.4% of Concord's registered voters. Concord's Annual Town Meeting approved six Zoning Bylaw amendments and one General Bylaw addition (Plastic Bag Reduction Bylaw), all of which are subject to Attorney General review. The bylaws have been submitted to the Attorney General, along with the required supporting documents. The Attorney General's review is expected to be completed on or before August 1, 2015.

All presentations for 2015 Annual Town Meeting and 2015 Special Town Meeting are now available on the Town of Concord Website, including those articles that were on the Consent Calendar.

For Town Meeting presentations, please see:

http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_BOS/2015%20Town%20Meeting/2015-TM-Presentations/2015-TM-Presentations-index

For Special Town Meeting presentations, please see:

<http://www.concordma.gov/pages/Concord A BOS/2015 Special Town Meeting/2015-STM-Presentations-index>

For a summary of the results of the 2015 Annual & Special Town Meetings:

http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_BOS/2015%20Town%20Meeting/Town%20Meeting%20Final%20Update%204.16.15.pdf

Please note that minutes of the meetings will be posted at a later date.

For those who attended Town Meeting or Special Town Meeting, we are looking for your feedback! Click the link below, and download a questionnaire to provide input to the Moderator.

http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_BOS/Town%20Meeting%20Questionnaire%20Revised%205.6.14.pdf



PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

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Health Division

Routine Health Division Activities—Health Division staff provided the following services:

Septic system permitting: 2 Building Reviews to determine adequacy of septic system for residential expansion; 1 sewer review; 3 septic system deep test holes witnessed; 2 permits issued; 2 Certificates of Compliance issued; 8 septic field inspections.

Food service: 4 inspections related to repair/renovation of food service establishments; 2 complaint investigations and 1 order to correct letter issued.

Emergency Planning event held at the Council on Aging:

Public Health Nurse Catherine Joyce, RN, coordinated an emergency planning event for seniors at the COA, at which the Health Division provided information on planning for sheltering at home and for evacuating to the Town shelter at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center. The Concord Fire Department and Concord Police Department provided information on lock boxes for seniors and home safety. Members of the Concord CERT team toured the new shelter facility to familiarize themselves with operation of the shelter. Approximately 50 seniors participated in the event.

License/Permit Renewals: In a joint effort, Administrative Assistant Karen Byrne and Public Health Inspector Gabrielle White mailed out renewal permit applications for: 116 Animal Licensees; 63 Retail Food Service Establishments; 18 Municipal/Charitable Food Service Establishments; 129 Food Service Establishments (restaurants, take out seasonal, catering base of operations or multi-event vendors, bed & breakfasts); 2 funeral homes; 56 Hazardous Materials Registrations; 2 motels; 35 Recreational Camps; 18 Tobacco and Nicotine. Licenses expiring on 5/31 of each year are reviewed and processed by Ms. Byrne accordingly.

Housing Inspections and Tenant Complaints on the Rise:

Health Division staff has fielded numerous calls over the past few weeks from tenants and landlords. Many of the issues that need to be addressed are civil matters between the parties and do not fall within the purview of the Health Department. However, once the parties are advised of that fact, in most all cases one or both parties insist upon a full housing inspection under Chapter 2 of the State Sanitary Code. If a party files a complaint with the Health Division the dwelling must be inspected under the law.



Building Inspections Division

Enforcement action taken on illegal B&B/tourist homes: The Building Inspection Division continues to take zoning enforcement action against half a dozen property owners who are advertising on the airbnb.com and vrbo.com web sites to rent rooms within their homes on a night to night basis.

Old Concord-Carlisle High School demolition begins: The Building Inspections Division has issued a demolition permit allowing some hazardous waste removal and some limited interior demolition to start in the old High School building.

Planning Division

West Concord Advisory Committee Open House: The WCAC Open House was held on Tuesday, April 28th at the HWCC. Attendance at this annual event was again outstanding, with over 100 people attending to see and hear about current development and plans to improve walkability and open space connections in West Concord.

Preliminary Plan submitted for Commerford Road land: On April 28th, the developer Symes Development & Permitting LLC submitted an application for a 19-lot Preliminary Subdivision Plan for the 46.5 acres off Commerford Road. The Plan incorporates a through-road from Commerford Road to Annursnac Hill Road with two small cul-de-sacs off the through-road, an intermittent stream crossing, a wetland crossing with significant fill and retaining walls and 33,857 s.f. of wetland replication. The Planning Board has 45 days to render its decision and this item has been scheduled for the May 26, 2015 meeting.

Concord Housing Development Corporation Small Grants Program:

The CHDC has announced two important changes to its Small Grants Program beginning in its next funding round in June 2015. Given the success of the program, which provides grant funds to income eligible homeowners for projects to meet health and safety needs anywhere on the property, the amount available will be increased from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per project application. The funding schedule has also been revised and there will now be two funding rounds per year in January and June. Applications may be submitted to the Planning Division any time before June 30, 2015 for consideration in the CHDC's next round of Small Grants Program funds. For further information, please contact Senior Planner Lara Kritzer at lkritzer@concordma.gov or ext.3293.





As prom and graduation season approaches, Concord Carlisle Youth Services, Concord PD and Carlisle PD are reaching out to parents, students and the community that surrounds them to offer practical tips, ideas and activities that will help keep teens safe during prom season and beyond.



The Recreation Department **Touch a Truck-Safety Day** will be held on May 17th from 1:00-4:00 at the Willard School parking lot. Come see you favorite trucks while enjoying various vendors and a Bounce House. Admission is \$5 per person.

Register for Summer Camp at Concord Recreation this week and receive 10% off. Register in person at the Hunt Recreation Center, by the phone or online at www.concordma.gov/recreation. When registering online use promo code: CAMP10 Promotion ends May 8th.

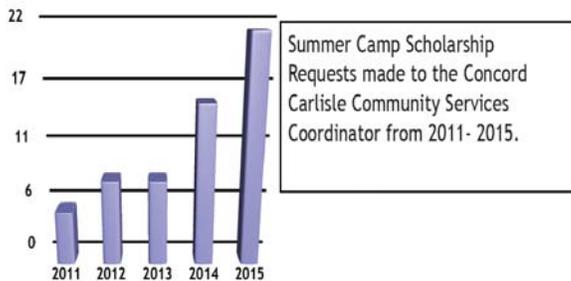
Family Swim at the Emerson Pool will be opening for the season on June 22 and run through August 23. **Sign up for a 5 week session for only \$99.** Call for more information at 978-369-6460.

Veterans' Services

The office received a call from a CCHS student requesting to be able to interview a Korean or Vietnam war veteran for a high school project. The VSO contacted a Vietnam Air Force veteran who was willing to work with the student.

Community Services

This week the Community Services Coordinator submitted a list of requests for summer camp scholarships to the Silent Fund committee. This year the CSC had 22 requests for assistance with summer camp.



On Friday, May 1st, the Community Services Coordinator will participate as a guest panelist in the **“Community Collaboration and Hoarding: Clearing a Path to Success”** – conference at North Shore Elder Services in Danvers, MA.



Concord Free Public Library

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Special Collections Exhibit

A new exhibit is on display in the lower level Special Collections cases on the 150th anniversary of the publication of Henry David Thoreau's *Cape Cod*. The exhibit uses various editions of the book itself, including a first edition, and is illustrated with Herbert Wendell Gleason's images of Cape Cod (1903).

Flower Fables Celebration

During the month of May CFPL will be celebrating the 160th anniversary of the original publication of Louisa May Alcott's *Flower Fables*. Event highlights include a special visit from Jan Turnquist of Concord's Orchard House, who will lead children in period games, related drop-in stories and crafts at both library locations, and a display of the original *Flower Fables* manuscripts. Check the library website for related programs www.concordlibrary.org

Korean Music Concert

In celebration of Korean Family Month and Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month a music/dance concert will be held at the Umbrella Community Arts Center on Saturday, May 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. A musical group consisting of gayageum (Korean 12- or 25-string instrument), percussion and bass clarinet will perform traditional as well as contemporary rendition of the Korean Music. Performance of the Children's Traditional Dance Group based in Quincy will include fan dance and other dances. A reception will follow. All are welcome to attend this free event.

Mother's Day Poetry Reading

The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library will feature award-winning poet Susannah Nevison on Sunday, May 10, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at the Main Library with poetry, music and tea in celebration of Mother's Day.

Susannah Nevison will read from her recent collection, *Teratology* (Persea Books, 2015), which won the Lexi Rudnitsky First Book Prize in Poetry. Susannah is also the recipient of a 2013 Academy of American Poets Larry Levis Prize, the 2013 American Literary Review Poetry Prize, the 2014 Patricia Aakhus award from Southern Indiana Review, and a 2014 Pushcart Prize nomination. Concord-Carlisle High School cellists Aiden Snorek-Yates and Jeffrey Zhu will perform Allegro from the Concerto in G minor for Two Cellos by Vivaldi. A reception with tea, cake and sweets will follow the reading.

Database of the Month

Need to find a new dentist, dry cleaner, hearing aid supplier, or car repair mechanic within 5 or so miles of Concord? Now you can find the best using the Consumers' CHECKBOOK online database. Service providers of all types in the Boston area, including Concord, are rated by quality and price. What could be more useful?

