

Town Manager's Report

Monday, March 31, 2014

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

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

Power Outages: CMLP has been experiencing some outages. In addition to the outages near Crosby's Market and near Garfield Road, which were believed to be caused by falling limbs, today there are two additional outages: one at Philip Farm Road off Virginia Road and the other on Minot Road in the Peter Spring Road area. The Philip Farm situation is a recurrence of an outage that occurred over the weekend; it is believed to be related to a failed submersible transformer in that area. CMLP has stopped using submersible transformers and deploys above-ground pad-mounted transformers wherever possible, due to this kind of failure. They will have to test all of the submersibles in the area to find out which one is having the problem. As of this writing, CMLP did not yet know the cause of the Minot Road problem.

Flooding: Cambridge Turnpike is open, but the Mill Brook is encroaching onto the pavement and a closure may be necessary if the water rises much further. The culvert on Rt. 117 near Plainfield Road has been under construction since last fall and is surcharged at the moment - as is the culvert on Virginia Road at Elm Brook. All roads are open now. MEMA has issued a flood warning saying that the Assabet and Sudbury Rivers will continue to rise until Wednesday morning.

The Fire Dept. is ready to receive flooded basement complaints and has 10 pumps available to pump out flooded basements to be sure home heating systems are operating properly. So far, they haven't received any calls for assistance.

LIBRARY

Workshop: The next workshop on downloading eBooks to your Kindle will be held this Wednesday, April 2 @ 3:00 p.m. at the Fowler Branch Library. Please register for the session on the library's web site at www.concordlibrary.org

Poetry Events: The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library will host "An Evening with Irish Poet, Michael O'Siadhail" on Saturday, April 5, 2014 @ 7:30 p.m. at the Main Library. Brian O'Donovan of WGBH will introduce the poet. A reception, book signing, and Irish music will follow the reading. All are welcome to attend.

In celebration of National Poetry Month, local actor Stephen Collins will perform a one act play, *Unlaunched Voices: An Afternoon with Walt Whitman* written and directed by Michael Keamy on Saturday, April 5, 2014 @ 3:00 p.m. at the Fowler Branch Library.

Technology Enhancements: Among the exciting offerings this spring is the migration of the Minuteman Library Network's integrated library system (ILS) to a new platform called Sierra. Scheduled to occur on April 21, the new catalog will offer many enhancements, the most notable of which is an integrated results list that includes materials in multiple formats including books, eBooks, and journal articles. Another improvement will be the ability to download digital content directly from the catalog results list without the need to log on to the OverDrive service. We are pleased to offer these changes, which will make your library experience that much easier.

For more frequent updates, please be sure to follow us on Twitter @CFPL_Updates

Trophy Visit: Calling all Concord Red Sox fans! The Boston Red Sox 2013 World Series trophy will be coming to the Main Library on Thursday, April 10, 2014, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Community members are invited to attend the event and take photos with the trophy.



POLICE

Operational Services: On Monday, March 24, Officer Young responded to CVS on Sudbury Rd for a report of baby formula being stolen from the store. Officer Young met with an employee who works for loss prevention whom informed him of the circumstances regarding the prior theft. Officer Young obtained video surveillance of the larceny as well as identifying the subject involved. The case is currently under investigation and the suspect has been involved in similar incidents.

On Tuesday, March 25, Officer Manchuso and Inspector Monahan responded to the Best Western for a report of an argument between two guests. Officers located the involved parties (both of whom knew each other) and after interviewing them, determined that it was a simple argument over money. A report was filed regarding the incident.

On Saturday, March 29, Inspector Skinner and Officer Landers responded to the area of 870 ORNAC for a report of a motor vehicle collision. Officers located the single car crash

and summoned Concord Fire as the operator was trapped inside. The operator was quickly extricated and transported to Emerson Hospital with minor injuries. Inspector Skinner completed an investigation into the crash and determined that the operator had committed two motor vehicle infractions. The operator was issued a summons to appear in Concord District Court for operating a motor vehicle negligently and marked lanes violation.

On Saturday, March 29, Sergeant Connell and Detective Camilleri investigated a report of a disturbance at the Route 2 Exxon Station. The disturbance was reported as involving two subjects and possibly a knife. Officers arrived and identified several witnesses along with the fact that the involved parties had already left the Station. Officers were able to locate the involved parties, based on witness information, and subsequently interview them regarding what had happened. Officers learned that there was no knife involved and that the dispute was over a vehicle blocking the path of another trying to exit the Station. A report was filed on the incident.