



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: September 6, 2016

Concord Will Soon Reveal Redesigned Website

The Town has worked hard over the past 6+ months to redesign the concordma.gov website. Coming soon, the Town's official website will be revealed and will provide improved navigation, easier access to information, a more interactive platform, and modern look for our community to learn more about the activity of their local government!

Keep an eye out on our social media pages (on Twitter, [@concord_ma](https://twitter.com/concord_ma), on Facebook: facebook.com/concordmass) for the official launch announcement!

The Concord Public-Private Partnership Study Committee Public Forum

Thursday, Sept. 8, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Concord Town House Hearing Room

The Concord Public-Private Partnership Study Committee, created by the Concord Select Board earlier this year, will hold a public forum to summarize their findings to date and solicit comment from the public. The forum is an opportunity for the public to voice their thoughts on the pluses and minuses of public-private partnerships and to suggest guidelines for future partnerships. The committee wants to hear from residents before making a report to the Select Board. The public is urged to attend.

Back to School—Resources Available to Families in Concord

Contact: (978) 318-3043

It's Back to School Time! There are a wealth of community resources available to help youth make healthy decisions. Poor choices have an impact not only on an individual, but to communities as well. The suite of tools and resources found at <http://healthprograms.edc.org/audience/community-members> or www.concordma.gov/youth can be used to help youth and families make healthy decisions that will not only benefit them, but the communities they live in as well.

Community Service News

Contact: (978) 318-3034

The FUEL ASSISTANCE SEASON is approaching. Anyone under the age of 60 who is interested in learning more about the South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) fuel assistance program should contact Bonny Wilbur, Community Services Coordinator, at tel. 978-318-3034 or bwilbur@concordma.gov. Eligible households receive assistance paid directly to their heating vendor; eligibility is based on annual income and family size. The fuel assistance season opens November 1, 2016.

Are your possessions taking over your home? A 14-week Decluttering Group is starting Wednesday, September 28, 2016 from 1:30pm to 3:00pm at Minuteman Senior Services located at 26 Crosby Drive in Bedford, MA. The group is open to adults of all ages, however space is limited and pre-registration is required. For more information contact Susan at 781-221-7052 or rsvp@minutemansenior.org

Updating Resident Information on Code Red for Emergencies

After the last Code Red (reverse 911) communication that was sent out regarding the water ban, it was brought to Town Staff's attention that some resident information in the Code Red system was outdated; in fact, 33% is outdated. The Town is urging residents to update their information if it has changed, so emergency information can successfully reach as many residents as possible. Please go to

<https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/24AFEFD5643B> to sign up.





DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

Natural Resources • Planning • Building • Health

Natural Resources Division

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Rangers and Conservation Crew: Rangers Roan Callahan and Brendan Burke, and Conservation Crew Andrew Carlson and Sean Joyce finished up this week and are returning to their college studies. Much was accomplished this year: invasive species removal projects, constructing and maintaining trails and kiosks, enforcing regulations at White Pond, and general maintenance of Town conservation lands.

Old Calf Pasture Habitat Restoration: New England Wildflower Society began another round of invasive species control to improve habitat for the rare Britton's violet at this 21-acre conservation land. The treatment involves an herbicide application to glossy buckthorn, bittersweet, and other invasive plant species, and has resulted in a substantial reduction of the numbers of invasive plants. A count of the Britton's violet will be undertaken next spring to assess the health of the violet population, documented as the largest population in New England.



Dense buckthorn at Old Calf Pasture (2007)



After treatment

Health Division

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Concord Public Schools food service inspections: At the request of CPS staff, pre-opening inspections of all Concord Public Schools food service facilities were completed on August 30 and all facilities were deemed ready to open.

Planning Division

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Hazard Mitigation Plan 2016 Update: Fire Chief Mark Cotreau worked with MAPC (our regional planning agency) Planners to organize a meeting of Town staff to update and map the Town's Critical Facilities Inventory, identify potential new development/redevelopment and discuss a public involvement and outreach process. DPLM staff from Planning, Natural Resources, Health and Building Inspections participated in the local hazard mitigation planning team. This is a program funded by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

Historic Districts Commission meeting on Sept. 1: The HDC reviewed five new and three continued applications for changes within the Historic Districts; approving Certificates of Appropriateness for a new granite walkway at 141 Keyes Road; a new rear entrance surround and window changes at 65 Main Street; and a new sign and planter at 12 Monument Square (Holy Family Parish). The Commission also discussed and continued several applications to allow the Applicants time to gather additional information including a proposal for new windows at 77 Lexington Road; design of the new building and changes to 200 Lexington Road (Concord Museum); proposed new signage at 269 Monument Street (The Old Manse) and design of the proposed new house at 12 Bow Street. Lastly, the Commission continued its discussion of the proposed additions and alterations at 352 Lexington Road to allow time for a site visit at 8:30 A.M. on Thursday, Sept. 15th.