



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: December 5, 2016

Special Town Meeting on Thur. Dec. 8

Concord voters are encouraged to attend Special Town Meeting on Thursday, Dec. 8 at 7pm at CCHS, 500 Walden St.

The Town of Concord has made arrangements for food to be made available to residents attending the December 8 Special Town Meeting at Concord-Carlisle High School. The following options (and potentially more) will be available:

- Juices, flavored waters
- Granola Bars
- Yogurts
- Muffins, cookies
- Hummus and Chips
- Chips & Salsa
- Pre-made side salads

There will be no meals, only snack-type items. Also, the items will be CASH ONLY—credit cards will not be able to be accepted.

For more information on this Special Town Meeting, go to www.concordma.gov/townmeeting and choose 2016 to find the December meeting's page.

Cooler Concord Fair Seeks Volunteers and Sponsors

Contact: Jill Appel, (978) 835-7520

The Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee (CSEC) will be holding an event on February 4, 2017 geared toward reducing Concord's carbon footprint and is seeking sponsors and interested volunteers to contribute. The event will be held at CCHS from 10am to 4pm. Contact Jill Appel, CSEC Member, for more information.

Community Service News

Contact: (978) 318-3034

The Good Neighbor Energy Fund (GNEF), a fuel assistance program through the Salvation Army, is available to individuals and families who do not qualify for SMOC Fuel Assistance. This program is specifically for those having a household income between 60% - 80% of the State Median Income Level. The Fund opened for the season just this week. Concord residents under the age of 60 can contact Bonny Wilbur, Community Services Coordinator, at bwilbur@concordma.gov or tel. 978-318-3034 for more information.

Thank You For Taking The Town Government Survey

The data collection portion of the Town Government Survey was completed last Friday. With 7,047 questionnaires mailed out to Concord residential households, a total of 1,022 residents responded. Results from the survey will be published next month. Thank you to all respondents for providing feedback on how the Town government runs. This information is instrumental in helping us provide better programs and services.

Library News

Contact: (978) 318-3301

The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library are honored to present a reading and Q&A with Gregory Pardlo, winner of the 2015 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, on Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Library. Pardlo will be introduced by Robert Pinsky, three-term Poet Laureate of America. Free and open to all.

Over the weekend, the Friends of CFPL raised \$9,984 at their holiday book sale. This record-breaking total is \$1,361 higher than last year. Congratulations to the Friends on this wonderful success. Many thanks to all residents, who contributed books to the library throughout the year and shopped at this year's sale.

The finalist for the Head of Reference position has accepted our job offer and is completing the pre-employment process now. If all goes as planned, it is anticipated that this new supervisor will begin in late December.

On Friday, 12/2 Human Resources launched two part-time Library Assistant positions at 15 hours/week. One is being advertised internally and the 2nd is a broader recruitment. Both positions have a closing date of December 16, 2016.

CFPL will close at 1:00 p.m. on December 24 and will be closed all day on December 25 & 26, 2016 and January 1 & 2, 2017.

On 12/10, the Fowler Branch Library will be hosting a gingerbread decorating workshop for children ages 5 & up. The program is free, but requires advance registration at www.concordlibrary.org. We anticipate that Dr. Andrea Resciniti's annual gingerbread house will arrive at the Main Library later this week in time to inspire these young gingerbread artists.