



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: October 12, 2016

Town of Concord Recognized for Budget Document for 12th Consecutive

For the 12th consecutive year, the Town of Concord has been recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association for meeting the criteria to win the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The award is a reflection of the Town's commitment to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting; this is achieved by the Town's budget document meeting the following guidelines by serving as a:

- Policy document
- Financial plan
- Operations guide
- Communications device

Many other governmental entities across the country have received this award, but only four other entities in Massachusetts had met the criteria.

Community Service News

Contact: (978) 318-3034

Beacon Santa Applications Have Arrived!

Any Concord resident who has children under the age of 18 in their household, and who qualifies for low-income financial assistance programs may qualify for the Beacon Santa Fund. Beacon Santa is a nonprofit organization that has helped families provide holiday gifts for their children since 1965. The fund helps families in Concord and 14 other communities. **The application deadline is OCTOBER 31, 2016.** Applications must be signed by a social worker, clergy, school nurse or teacher, or other designated professional who can attest to the legitimacy of the request. In addition, a letter written by the applicant expressing the reason for the need is required. Applications are available at the Town House or please contact Bonny Wilbur, Concord Community Services Coordinator by phone (number above) or email bwilbur@concordma.gov with any questions or to request that an application be mailed to you.

Concord Public Works

Contact: (978) 318-3206

Fall Water Main Flushing

Flushing will begin Tuesday, October 11th. Flushing will be taking place from 9 AM-3 PM Tuesday through Friday, October 11th through 14th and Monday through Thursday, October 17th through 20th in the neighborhoods of Annursnac Hill, Elm Street, Great Road and West Concord including Laws Brook Road, Harrington Avenue and Thoreau Hills. Please visit www.concordma.gov/flushing for more detailed information.

Veterans Services

Contact: (978) 318-3038

The office was contacted by the father of a recently deceased veteran requesting information on veteran cemeteries and receiving military honors. The information was provided along with assistance to other local veterans regarding topics such as benefits for surviving spouse of a 100% service connected veteran, providing information on VA healthcare for a W. Concord veteran in need of hearing aids, providing "retired flags" to Concord Public Celebration Committee for November 11 flag retirement at Sleepy Hollow Cemetery, and contacting the Concord Police Department requesting a color guard for a ceremony that will take place on November 12 at the Concord War Memorial for the upgrading (sponsored by the Rotary Club of Concord) with new stone work, plantings and the placement of the Concord bell that was donated to the town from the US Navy vessel- USS Concord after being decommissioned.

Please feel free to call the Town's Veterans Agent at the number above with any questions.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT
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Natural Resources Division

Contact: (978) 318-3285

Punkatasset Invasives Removal Work: “Rivers and Revolutions” students from CCHS began a nine-week effort to remove invasives from Punkatasset. The students will be conducting invasives removal weekly for this effort through the fall. We appreciate their enthusiastic efforts!

Natural Resources Commission: The NRC heard the following matters at their October 5th meeting: the continued Notice of Intent (NOI) to construct a garage, additions, pool, and patio at 328 Border Road; the continued NOI for site renovations at Concord Museum; an NOI for Unisys Corporation to decommission groundwater monitoring well near White Pond; and an NOI for Middlesex School to renovate and expand the Theater Arts Building with associated site improvements. The Commission issued Orders for 328 Border Road, Unisys Corporation, and Massport Authority to make repairs to the perimeter fence.

New applications received this week for the October 19th meeting include: an NOI for 211 College Road to demolish a garage and reconstruct a single family house and a Request for Determination of Applicability for the National Park Service to repave the parking lot at 31B Monument Street.

Health Division

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Senior Flu clinic: The Senior Flu Clinic is scheduled for Thursday, October 20, 2016 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Council on Aging Harvey Wheeler Community Center. All Concord residents age 60 years and above are welcome to attend. There is no charge to attend the clinic but residents are asked to bring their health insurance cards to the clinic. Pneumonia vaccine will also be available at the Senior Clinic. All vaccines are administered by Emerson Hospital Home Care.

Trails End Café now in Lincoln, MA: Pre-opening inspections were completed for the new Trails End Café in Lincoln which opened this week at the site of the old Whistle Stop restaurant, 145 Lincoln Rd.

Planning Division

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495/MetroWest Partnership: The Partnership, founded over ten years ago as a non-profit regional advocacy organization focused on economic development along the 495 corridor between Westford in the north to Foxborough at the south, met on Thursday featuring an update on ‘All Electric Tolling’ and CrossTown Connect. Director Marcia Rasmussen attended the meeting and learned that the All Electric Tolling on the Mass Turnpike goes ‘live’ at 10:00 p.m. on October 28th; that all toll booths will be removed by the end of November 2016 and that the reconfigured on/off ramps will be completed by November 2017. Also, CrossTown Connect is supporting the efforts of Maynard to test the provision of shuttle service between Maynard center and the South Acton commuter train station for residents and employees in Maynard.

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Advisory Committee meeting of October 6th: The Advisory Committee discussed the Director’s update on BFRT Phases 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D. The Construction bid package for the Phase 2C section in Concord is being advertised; bids are currently expected to be opened on November 15, 2016, although addenda that may be issued could delay the bid opening if not submitted by the end of next week.

Building Inspections Division

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New England Municipal Building Officials Seminar: Building Inspector Laurie Livoli attended this year’s Building Official Seminar held at UMass Amherst. Of special interest was the seminar offered on the ‘new standard of care for structural fire protection’ (based on lessons learned from the structural failures on September 11th 2001) and ‘renovation of existing buildings under IEBC 2015’.