



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: April 2nd, 2018

2018 Annual Town Meeting

Concord's Annual Town Meeting will be held beginning April 9th at the Concord Carlisle High School gym. For those with hearing difficulties, a stenographer has been hired to provide visual assistance. If you have questions or would like to request assistance at the Annual Town Meeting please contact the Town Manager's Office at 978-318-3000.

Beede and Books

CFPL has partnered with the Beede Swim and Fitness Center to offer a monthly program "Beede and Books" beginning on April 2nd at 11am. This free program is recommended for ages 3+. All are welcome to join the fun!

The next Beede and Books will be Monday May 7th from 11am-12pm followed by Monday June 4th from 11am-12pm

New Fire Engine

The newest Fire Engine is ready for Concord! The new engine is replacing one from the West Concord Station 2 fire.

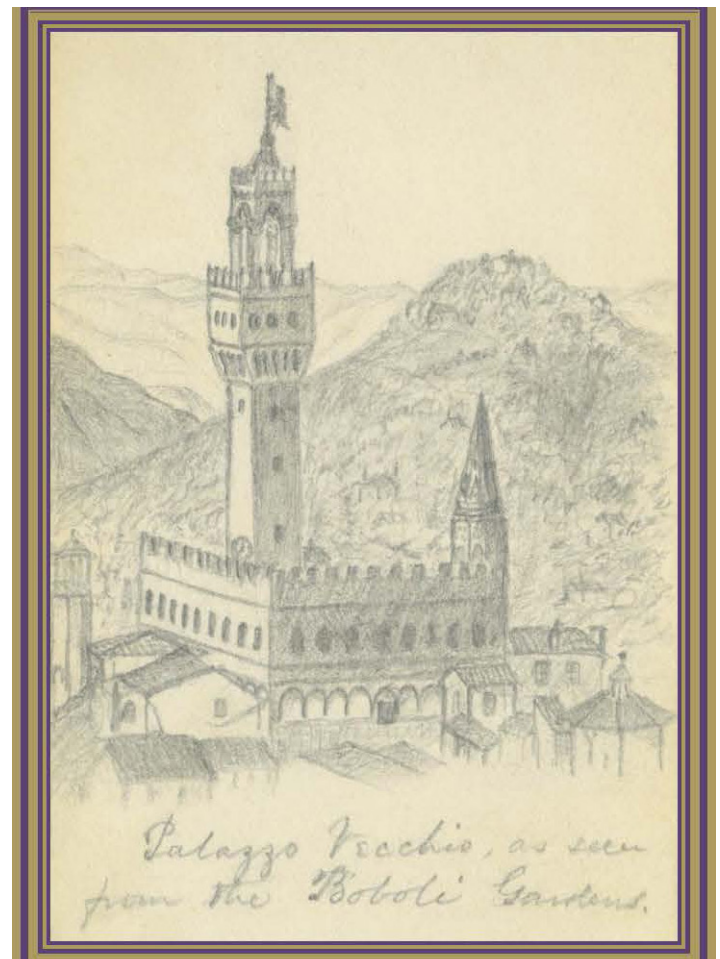


Special Collections

"No picture could be more lovely": Ada Shepard with the Hawthornes in Florence, 1858

The forthcoming exhibition features the sketchbooks and letters of Ada Shepard, a well-educated, perceptive young woman who served as governess to the children of Nathaniel and Sophia Hawthorne while they were in Europe between 1857 and 1859, with the focus on the family's sojourn in Florence in 1858. Ada's letters, in particular, provide a window into a young American woman's experiences in mid-century Europe.

Join us for the grand opening on Friday, April 6, 2018, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Concord Free Public Library Rotunda. A lecture by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Megan Marshall, biographer of the Peabody sisters, Margaret Fuller, and Elizabeth Bishop, will be followed by elegant refreshments and an opportunity to view the exhibition.



Upcoming Parent Seminars

The Board of Health and CC Youth Services are partners with the Center for Parents and Teachers for two upcoming parent education seminars. First is regarding Vaping on April 4th <http://www.centerforparentsandteachers.org/vaping.html>.

The second seminar is April 24th regarding social host liability. <http://www.centerforparentsandteachers.org/social-host-liability.html>?

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to everyone who came to Concord Recreation's Easter Egg Hunt, petting zoo, and Easter Bunny Greet at Beede on Friday the 31st. It was a great success! See a few photos below and view many more at [facebook.com/concordmass](https://www.facebook.com/concordmass)



Autism Awareness Month

In recognition of Autism Awareness Month, Concord Police will invite residents with ASD, as well as parents or caregivers, to tour the police station and meet with officers. The meetings will allow officers to get to know members of the community who live with autism in order to better serve them should they come into contact during an emergency or other call for service.

Concord Police have begun utilizing the National Autism Association's Meet The Police program, which encourages parents and caregivers to complete a "meet sheet" that will form the basis of a more trusting relationship between law enforcement and those affected by ASD.

In addition, officers will be conducting training throughout the month on how to recognize and interact with someone on the autism spectrum. They will also be showing their support for members of the autism community by wearing blue "Autism Speaks" pins on their uniforms.

Concord Police will also work to raise autism awareness by displaying blue lights in the police station windows throughout the month of April. On April 2, at 7:30 p.m., Concord Police will participate in the nationwide awareness initiative, "Light It Up Blue." At that time, a Public Safety Dispatcher will announce to all patrols who are not handling an active call to pull to the side of the road in and activate their cruiser's blue lights for one minute to raise awareness as part of National Autism Awareness Month and the World Awareness Day.

