

Town Manager's Report August 12, 2014

To: Board of Selectmen
From Christopher Whelan, Town Manager

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

Town Manager's Office:

- **Youth Services** - Youth Services Coordinator Jennifer Clarke is partnering with Healthy Concord to coordinate an upcoming community book read. The book, ***The Happiness Advantage***, by Harvard researcher, Shawn Achor proposes a different route to success. In his book he describes how a positive mindset allows our brains to become more engaged, creative, motivated, energetic, resilient, and productive at work and school. This discovery is supported by rigorous research in psychology and neuroscience, management studies, and the bottom lines of organizations around the globe. Adults and teens are invited to join **Healthy Concord** for a book talk on ***The Happiness Advantage***, facilitated by Colleen Meaney, CCHS Assistant Principal, and a CCHS student. Books are available at the Concord Public Library and through the Concord Bookshop.
 - **Monday, September 8, 2014 7 -9 pm**
 - **Harvey Wheeler Community Center**

Questions? Contact Jill Block, Healthy Concord Coordinator – jillblock16@gmail.com

- **Recreation** - The annual **Concord Open Golf tournament** was a greater success than was first reported last week. The tournament netted an additional \$10,000 in proceeds bringing the total net raised to over \$70,000 dollars. All net proceeds go to funding summer day camp scholarships for Concord residents. Special Thanks to the Lamont Family for their generous donation to this tournament and to Chip Cannon and his family for his prodigious work in securing corporate sponsorships for the tournament.

Laura Lunig reports that Fall registrations and classes are already filling up for the popular **Before and After School Programs**. Contact the Recreation Department for further information.

- **Community/Youth Services** – Aileen Buford & Jennifer Clarke along with summer intern Jana Herman are busy putting the final touches on the first Town of Concord Social Services Resource Guide. The reference guide will become a one stop resource for those seeking contact information on any one of a wide range of social and informational services. The guide will be available on line and we are exploring sponsorships to have hard copies produced as well. A Fall launch is anticipated
- **Senior Center** – Ginger Quarles reports that the construction project at the Harvey Wheeler building is continuing. Bids for the demolition and insulation removal in the attic along with bids for the reinstallation of new insulation are currently being sought. The final phase of the work which includes the installation of an energy management system is expected to be completed this fall.
- **Veterans Affairs** – On August 22, 2014 The Town of Concord and the US Postal Service will hold a ceremony commemorating the Postal Service's issuance of a "Medal of Honor" postage stamp and the military career of Capt. Thomas Hudner, US Navy Retired of Concord. Capt. Hudner is one of two living recipients of the Medal of Honor in Massachusetts and the only recipient from the Korean War. The Postal Service initiated the ceremony to represent the connection between the stamp and Capt. Hudner. The ceremony will be held at the Concord Museum, 200 Lexington Road on Friday, August 22, 2014 and open to the public. Speakers at the event will include Captain Hudner, Steven Ng, Chairman of the Concord Board of Selectmen, State Representative Cory Atkins and representatives of the US Postal Service ,