



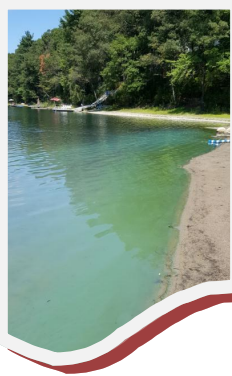
TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week Of: August 31 , 2015

WHITE POND RECREATIONAL WATER USE ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT

August 31, 2015



A public health advisory continues to be in effect for White Pond due to an ongoing bloom of cyanobacteria (blue-green algae).

The Mass. Dept. of Public Health (MDPH) most recently took water samples at the Thoreau Club boat launch area on White Pond on Wednesday August 26.

Laboratory analysis showed cyanobacteria levels of 20,300 cells/ml, below the MDPH guideline level of 70,000 cells/ml. Microcystin toxin was not detected.

According to MDPH guidelines, samples collected a week apart with levels below the guidelines are required before the advisory should be lifted. The result above will be considered the first low sample, and MDPH will sample the water again on August 31st. The Health Division should have these results on Wednesday September 2. MDPH recommends that the current water use advisory remain in place for now.

MDPH recommends an advisory or closure when:

- A visible scum or mat layer is present OR
- The blue-green algal cell count exceeds 70,000 cells/milliliter
- The microcystin level of lysed cells exceeds 14 parts per billion (ppb)

The algae bloom is visible as a blue-green or green floating scum. Scums of algal cells may also be washed up on the shoreline. All should be avoided.

The Concord Board of Health strongly advises:

- Not to swim in the water
- Not to allow your pet to swim in or drink the water.
- To rinse pets and children off immediately if they come into contact with an algae bloom.
- To avoid contact with areas of algae concentration-even on shore.
- Not to swallow water and be sure to rinse off after contact.

Town of Concord Launches Social Media



Last week, the Town of Concord launched town-wide social media accounts on both Facebook and Twitter. The Town hopes to inform and engage the community through these channels, in addition to the already established means of communicating information. The community is encouraged to share photos, information and feedback through these channels. Find the links below:

www.facebook.com/ConcordMass

www.twitter.com/Concord_MA

Concord Town House Hours Change

Please note that effective Tuesday September 8th, the Town House's hours of operation will revert back to:

Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm

Concord Free Public Library

Patty Diotte, Library Assistant, retired from the Concord Free Public Library on Friday, August 28, 2015 after 14 years. We offer Patty our thanks and congratulations as she embarks on this next stage in her life.

Welcome to:

- Greg Carter, the new full-time Circulation Assistant at the Main Library
- Olivia Hanselman, the new part-time Library Page. Olivia is entering her sophomore year at Concord Carlisle High School.

CFPL will be closed Sept. 5, 6 & 7, 2015 for Labor Day weekend. Saturday hours at both library locations will resume on September 12th.



HUMAN SERVICES DIVISIONS

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Veterans Services

This past week, Veterans Services was hard at work assisting local veterans in:

- Obtaining Veterans Affairs (VA) ID cards
- Filing an annual Concord Housing Authority recertification application
- Obtaining misplaced military and medical records
- Receiving Chapter 115 benefits
- Filing forms received from the Department of Veterans Affairs and Mass Health.

Additionally, Veterans Services completed a survey sent out by the Boston VA in order to identify ways in which the healthcare system in the area can improve service.

Community Services continued

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FUEL ASSISTANCE season is approaching. If anyone under the age of 60 is interested in learning more about the SMOC fuel assistance program, and to receive an informational packet, please contact the Community Services office at 978-318-3034 or abuford@concordma.gov

Are your possessions taking over your home? Our **De-Clutterers' Group** can help! 10 week group starting Wednesday October 7th, 2015 at 10:00am until 11:30am at Minuteman Senior Services located at 26 Crosby Drive, Bedford, MA. Space is limited, Pre-Registration is required. For adults of all ages. For more information contact Susan at 781-221-7052 or rsvp@minutemansenior.org

Come join the Carlisle Council on Aging for an Intergenerational (ages 12 & up) **Tap Dancing Class!** Call the Carlisle COA to register at 978.371.2895. Mondays 1:30-2:30pm at the First Religious Society, 27 School Street. Starts September 14 through November 30th, 2015 \$40 for the session.

Community Services

WEEK IN REVIEW: AUGUST 24-28TH 2015

This week the Community Services Coordinator received 25 phone calls, 33 emails and had 7 office visits all related to assistance requests. The focus of the requests were for food assistance, housing assistance, bill payment assistance, school supply requests, clothing assistance, transportation and landlord issues.

Anyone under the age of 60 looking for resources and or financial assistance can call or email the Community Services Coordinator, Aileen Buford, MSW for assistance at 978.318.3034 or abuford@concordma.gov

The Community & Youth Services Division is continuing to distribute backpacks and school supplies to eligible families in Concord & Carlisle. If you know of anyone who might benefit from receiving a backpack and school supplies for the new school year please contact the Community Services office at 978-318-3034 or abuford@concordma.gov

USEFUL RESOURCES:

Metro West Legal Services provides free legal help for low-income, elderly and disabled people. Handles cases involving housing issues, domestic violence, government benefit and education. www.mwlegal.org 800-696-1501

Massachusetts Legal Resource Finder can help you find free civil legal aid, free self-help materials and legal information, court based lawyer for the day programs and lawyer referral services www.masslrf.org

Domestic Violence Services Network advocates support clients in identifying their own pace for change and finding appropriate intervention. They also assist in risk assessment, safety planning and referrals to viable, effective and appropriate resources. 888.399.6111 or 978.318.3421 www.dvvp.org or DVVAP@concordma.gov





CONCORD PUBLIC WORKS

ADMINISTRATION • ENGINEERING • HIGHWAY & GROUNDS • SOLID WASTE & RECYCLING • WATER & SEWER

Westford Rd Culvert Replacement

This project, also funded in part through CPW's successful grant application to the FEMA/MEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, was awarded to Aqua Line Utility Inc. last week. CPW-Engineering expects contracts to be signed/finalized the week of 8/31. Once finalized, CPW will hold a pre-construction meeting to discuss project schedules, permit compliance, as well as other pertinent information. The project will close a portion of Westford Road and will require a minor detour during construction similar to the detour in place upon the culverts failure. Tentatively, the project is scheduled to be substantially completed by the end of September.

2015 Roads Program

Roads program project contractor Lazaro Paving and subcontractor Fenton and Son continued to make progress on the various streets the week of August 24th. Highlights included installing drainage components and finalizing a full depth reconstruction effort on Pilgrim and Southfield Roads. On Saturday, August 29th, Fenton and Son replaced an antiquated culvert on Fitchburg Turnpike. This work was funded in part through CPW's successful grant application to the FEMA/MEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Work anticipated for the week of August 31st includes the commencement of reclamation work in the Southfield/Riverdale neighborhood and the installation of the sidewalk at the intersection of Deacon Haynes and Old Marlboro Roads.

Concord School Bus Transportation and Maintenance Center

With the finalization of the 214Y Main Street (formerly W.R. Grace Site) property acquisition, CPW finalized procurement and contract negotiations with Vertex Companies, Inc. who will serve as the Town's Owner's Project Manager. A request for qualifications for engineering and architectural design services has been developed and is currently being advertised with responses due on 9/10/15. Based on the current planning level schedule, CPW anticipates beginning schematic design in late October with construction scheduled to commence in summer 2016.

Hunters Ridge Road

The project contract which includes water main replacement and roadway reconstruction work was awarded to Cedrone Trucking last week. CPW-Engineering expects contracts to be signed and finalized the week of August 31st. Once contracts are finalized, CPW will hold a pre-construction meeting to discuss project schedule and other pertinent information. CPW's Engineering and Water and Sewer Divisions will conduct a morning neighborhood outreach meeting prior to work commencing in September.

97 Thoreau Street

Project contractor Pecora Contracting began work on the reconstruction of the sidewalk/curb ramp on Thoreau Street across from the pocket park on the week of August 24th. Pecora also installed the loam for the landscape areas. The project is nearing substantial completion. Remaining work for the project is anticipated to be completed the week of August 31st, including the installation of the solar trash compactor, water fountain, plants, tree, concrete sidewalks and accessible ramp work across from the park.

Water Management Act – 15 Year Permit Application

CPW's Water Division recently submitted an application to MassDEP for the renewal of a 15-year water allocation permit. Based on preliminary screening assessments provided by MassDEP, Concord has been informed our permit renewal process will require consideration of water withdrawal minimization and mitigation in the interest of reducing alleged impacts on local stream flows and cold water fisheries.

Black Birch Planned Residential Development, 8in. Common Water Service Installation

The work for this project has begun. The first phase included installation work on Forest Ridge Rd. near the Thoreau Club.