



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week Of: October 12th 2015

Trunk or Treat!

Concord Recreation is ghoulishly delighted to announce our first Trunk or Treat event to be held Saturday, October 24th at the Municipal Parking Lot on Keyes Road from 5:00-7:00pm. It is a safe, fun, creative spootacular way for Concord's children to enjoy Halloween. The fun begins when people gather, in their vehicles, in the municipal parking lot on Keyes Road. They open their trunks or the back of their vehicles, and decorate. How you decorate your vehicle is up to you. There are the obvious Halloween themed decorations, or you can choose a theme that echoes your costume, your favorite sports team or maybe even a super hero. When it's time to TRUNK OR TREAT, someone will remain behind to pass out the treats, while the little ghost, goblins, witches, princesses and superheroes gather up ooie-gooie-luscious treats. Younger children should be accompanied by an adult, while older children may TRUNK OR TREAT on their own. Please provide wrapped treats or non-food items.

Please arrive at the parking lot no later than 5:15 p.m., as the trunk or treat event will begin the promptly at 5:30 p.m.

There is no charge to participate, pre-registration is required. Please call the Recreation Department-978-369-6460 to register for the event or for more information. Rain Date is October 25th same time.

Trunk or Treat



Town Manager's Report Survey

Please take this short survey to help us better serve our readers!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6B5DDVH>

'Out of Darkness' Walk

Concord-Carlisle Youth Services and the Town of Concord Youth Advisory Board proudly hosted the Metrowest/CC Out of Darkness Walk for Suicide Prevention on Oct. 4th at the Hunt Recreation Center. Over 250 registrants participated by raising money, walking the 3 mile route through downtown, and/or volunteering. Proceeds from this walk will fund Youth Mental Health First Aid training being held on Nov. 6 & 13.

To register, search for Course 2241 at:

https://www.ace.colonial.net/ccace/course_search.php

Concord Free Public Library(CFPL) News

On display in the art gallery is "The Reality Which Surrounds Us": Thoreau's Landscape in Survey, Text, and Image; An Exhibition Drawn from the Library's William Munroe Special Collections October 13 – December 30, 2015. A special exhibition opening and reception will be held Friday, October 16, 2015 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend and can R.S.V.P. to 978-318-3355 or meckel@minlib.net

As part of the CFPL's Full STEAM Ahead Grant, Town of Concord departments will partner with the Library to offer a Scarecrow Festival on the front lawn of the Concord Free Public Library, 129 Main Street from October 17th –24th. The scarecrows will highlight how STEAM skills support our daily lives. Event participants will include: the Concord Police and Fire Departments, Concord Municipal Light Plant, the IT Department, and the Concord Recreation Department's Afterschool program, among others. Visitors who stop by to see the scarecrows will also be able to enjoy a story-walk based on the book, *The Little Scarecrow* by Margaret Wise Brown.

Beginning Sunday, October 18th CFPL will resume Sunday service at the Main Library by opening from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. that day. These seasonal hours will be in effect through May 2016.

The 2015 Ruth Ratner Miller Award for Excellence in American History will be presented by the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library to Robert Dallek, author of "Camelot's Court: Inside the Kennedy White House" on Saturday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Main Library. Tickets: Adults \$15, Students \$5.

Oral history interviewees scheduled for November include: Russell Robb III; Barbara Wheeler; Mary Lawrence; Court Booth. For a complete listing of interviews in the Renee Garrellick Oral History Program Collection 1977 – Present visit http://www.concordlibrary.org/scollect/Fin_Aids/OralHistories.htm

Veterans' Services

Last week, the Veterans Services Officer worked with local veterans on the following:

- A local family of a veteran requested help in seeking "aid and attendance" benefits, which are given to veterans who can no longer care for themselves alone.
- Assisting the daughter of a recently deceased veteran seeking military honors for the funeral.
- Groceries were delivered to the homes of veterans in need
- A donation of an air conditioner was made, to be given to a veteran in need

Concord Veterans' Services also was made aware of a half staff notification for a veteran lost in the Korean War. The burial was on 10/6/2015 with full military honors.



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Planning Division

Historic Districts Commission (HDC) meeting of October 8th: The HDC reviewed two continued and one new application for changes within the Historic Districts. The HDC approved one new Certificate of Appropriateness for new lighting at 469 Lowell Road. The HDC also reviewed plans for the proposed new market at Millbrook Tarry. While they agreed to leave the application open until after the Planning Board has reviewed the project, they also voted in favor of the proposed building design is appropriate to the Historic District. Lastly, the HDC continued review of 427 Lowell Road to the October 15th meeting.

740 Elm Street – Best Western/proposed Starbucks: Town staff met with representatives from Best Western Hotel to review the Site Plan Review application for demolition of the existing hotel lobby and some of the hotel rooms, for renovations. Staff also reviewed plans for the proposed construction of a separate 2,241 s.f. restaurant building for Starbucks. Town staff expressed concerns with the additional food service within the hotel, the capacity of the existing septic system for the hotel and Starbucks, the design modifications required for the placement of a parking lot on top of the leach field, the traffic impacts on Route 2, safe pedestrian movement between the hotel and Papa Razzi, and the limited capacity for snow storage.

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT): MassDOT Right-of-Way (ROW) conducted a site visit on October 7th to view the proposed temporary and permanent easement locations and to identify areas of encroachment into the ROW. The MassDOT Project Manager indicated the State's public hearing on the 75% plans would be scheduled for mid-November. Also, a subcommittee of the BFRT Advisory Committee met to discuss the historic information to be included on several signs and plaques in the West Concord area.

Housing Production Plan Workshop: Over 45 people attended the Housing Workshop held at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center on October 6th. Those attending reaffirmed the Town's Housing Goals and provided input on expanding or realizing those goals. The workshop presentation was videotaped by CCTV for future broadcast. More information about housing in Concord is available on the Town's website at: http://concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_Planning

Applications to Community Preservation Committee (CPC): Staff in the Planning Division and Natural Resources Division submitted eight applications for funding consideration to the CPC. The applications included: 1) additional funding of \$125,000 toward Phase 2C and 2B of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail; 2) \$250,000 for a Land Acquisition Fund; 3) \$17,500 for the Regional Housing Services Office; 4) \$250,000 toward the Town House interior renovations and elevator replacement; 5) Wheeler-Harrington House preservation in the amount of \$70,733; 6) Chamberlin Park bridge redesign for \$25,000; 7) \$36,000 for three years of invasive species control at the Old Calf Pasture and 8) \$168,000 toward the White Pond Restoration project.

Natural Resources

Natural Resource Commission (NRC) meeting of October 7th: The NRC heard the following applications: the continued Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Concord Greene Condominium at 1024 Main Street to conduct pond management; the continued NOI to construct a garage at 2112 Main Street; a new NOI for Concord Public Works to improve drainage in Assabet Avenue; an NOI for 1250 Lowell Road to install a dock in Bateman's Pond; a Request for Determination of Applicability to install utilities at 469 Lowell Road; an NOI to make hotel improvements and construct a restaurant at 740 Elm Street/Best Western; an Amendment Request for 144 Park Lane to remove trees and expand the yard; and, an NOI to construct Phase 2C of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. The Commission issued Orders of Conditions for an addition at 37 Fielding Street and Concord Country Club for site improvements. The Commission also approved the installation of an irrigation system and construction of a deck at 128 Lee Drive, tree removal and construction of a barn at Gaining Ground (38A Virginia Road), construction of a portion of a stone wall with fence at 987 Lowell Road, meadow management at 112 Great Meadows Road, and reconstruction of a bench at Fairyland Pond.

Senior Walking Program: Wednesday's walk of the Reformatory Branch Trail, led by Trails Committee member Bob White, was well attended. Next Wednesday's walk will be held at Wright Woods, led by John Snelling. Guided walks will continue through November and will resume again in the Spring but self-guided walks will be scheduled throughout the winter months. For a list of all walks, please visit the Division of Natural Resources website at: http://concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_NaturalResources

Health Division

- The Health Division reminds residents to be careful of infected mosquitos.
- The Senior Flu Clinic will be held on October 15th from 10am-noon at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center
- 4 catering permits reviewed and 2 issued; 3 temporary food event permits issued by food service inspectors
- 5 septic system plan reviews; 3 septic permits issued; 2 septic plan designs denied with revisions requested. 3 Deep test holes witnessed; 8 septic field inspections and 5 Certificates of Compliance issued; 3 sewer reviews and 4 building reviews completed. 1 Well permit issued.