



# TOWN OF CONCORD

## Town Manager's Report

Week of: November 30th 2015

### Traffic Alert for Thu. Dec. 3rd

As proclaimed by the Concord Select Board on their November 16th meeting, December 3rd is "Crucolo Day". At 3:30pm, the largest wheel of Italian cheese in the Western Hemisphere will be delivered to Walden Street. Expect traffic delays (and hospitality from local retailers) in the time preceding, during, and after the event.

### Concord Fire Dept.

Contact: (978) 318-3488

Last winter, the Concord Fire Department responded to Nathan Pratt Drive for a 2 year old child struck on the head by a large branch, which broke off a tree and fell approximately 50 feet before striking the child. The child's name was Joseph Camgemi. He had severe head injuries which required much treatment and ongoing physical therapy.

Last week Joseph stopped by to visit with the firefighters who helped with his pre hospital treatment.

Photographed below L to R are:

FF Keith Cotoni, FF Taylor Soberg, FF Jim Foley, Joseph Camgemi, LT Brian Whitney, FF Will Rolfe and FF Dave Nichols.



(Left) Fire Fighter Cotoni helps Joseph use one of the Department's hoselines.

### Library News

Contact: (978) 318-3301

In December, the Concord Free Public Library (CFPL) is pleased to partner with the Rotary Club of Concord to offer a holiday book and cookie swap at the Fowler Branch Library on Tuesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a plate of cookies and a book they enjoyed to swap with others while enjoying hot cocoa and holiday music with harpist, Rebecca Swett. All are welcome to attend this festive gathering.

The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library's Annual Holiday Book Sale will take place December 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> at the Main Library. Filled with holiday cheer, this sale offers a large selection of gift quality books for all of the readers on your list. The sale proceeds support library programs, museum passes, collections, and more. . . We are grateful to the Concord community for your generous book donations throughout the year and for shopping at the Friends' book sales.

In celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of Jane Austen's *Emma* CFPL is pleased to host a series of related events as follows:

Freelance book publisher Randall Warniers will give a talk and slide presentation entitled, *The Enduring Greatness of Jane Austen's Emma* at the Main Library on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

Join us for film showing of *Emma* (1996) at the Fowler Branch Library on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

CFPL invites you to attend a special literary, Jane Austen Tea. Enjoy tea and scones as we learn about tea's fascinating role in the life and literature of Jane Austen, as well as the social history and customs of this important beverage in Concord and beyond. Lisa Steigerwalt, local tea educator, will present the talk in period dress. All are welcome. Pre-registration is required.

Now an anticipated annual holiday tradition, the Main Library's Children's Department will host a *Paper Snowflake Folding Workshop* led by Thy Toem on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 7:00-8:00 p.m. for children ages eight year & up. Adults are also welcome!



## HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT RECREATION \* SENIOR SERVICES \* SOCIAL SERVICES

### Veterans News

Contact (978) 318-3038

Last week, Veterans' Services had a short, but busy, week.

Private First Class Aaron Cordoba-Martinez, US Army, of Taunton, MA died on November 14, 2015 as a result of his military service. Concord's Veterans' Services Officer (VSO) notified both Concord Fire Fighters and the Office of the State Fire Academy in Sudbury of the "half-staff" notification for November 23, 2015.

Groceries were delivered to the family of a local veteran in time for the Thanksgiving holiday. The family has been working with Community Services and the VSO in pursuing employment opportunities for the veteran.

The family of a local veteran contacted the VSO requesting a copy of the veteran's military records. The VSO contacted the record center in St. Louis, MO and information was provided so that the veteran will receive his records via USPS.

The family of a veteran who recently moved to Concord contacted the VSO requesting assistance with Chapter 115 benefits that the veteran had been receiving in Boston and have the benefit transferred to Concord.

## 2015 HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE

Sponsored by Concord-Carlisle Community Chest & CC Youth Services



**WHEN ?** DECEMBER 1 - 16

**WHERE ?** Festive drop boxes at Concord & Carlisle schools, Cambridge Trust Bank, Cambridge Savings, Middlesex Savings, Concord Recreation and Beede Center, Concord Council on Aging, Concord Town House, Fritz & Gigi, CVS, Sarah Campbell, Concord Toy Shop and at the Parade of Giving & Concord Tree Lighting on December 6.

Online purchases can be sent to the Community Chest Office, 19 Main Street, Concord, MA 01742. For complete list of locations or gift donation questions, contact 978.369.5250. We can arrange to pick up gifts at your Concord or Carlisle home or business too!

**WHO ?** New, unwrapped collection benefits client's ages 0-15 of First Connections, CC Community Services and other Community Chest supported programs. Know a Concord or Carlisle family in need? Contact Aileen Buford, MSW, at 978.318.3034.

#### CHILDREN

- ❖ Toys and action figures
- ❖ Board games
- ❖ Puzzles
- ❖ Arts and crafts kits
- ❖ Lego and building kits
- ❖ Dress-up clothing
- ❖ Hats, gloves and scarves
- ❖ Pajamas

#### TEENS

- ❖ Sports equipment
- ❖ Gift Cards (Target, TJ Maxx, Marshalls, iTunes)
- ❖ Bath and body products
- ❖ Electronics and Headphones
- ❖ PG-13 DVD Movies
- ❖ Boston sports team merchandise
- ❖ Hats, gloves and scarves
- ❖ Pajamas





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**Contact: (978) 318-3206**

**Residential Yard Waste Recycling at Compost Site** - The compost site at 755 Walden Street will remain open Saturdays, through December 12<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting, for yard waste recycling. Residents can bring leaves and grass clippings at no cost; there is a charge for brush. The compost site hours for the remainder of the season, ending Saturday December 12th, will be 9:00am-3:30pm.

**Seasonal Water Fountains** – With the onset of overnight temperatures consistently below freezing, all seasonal water service accounts, including outdoor drinking fountains and hydration stations, have been decommissioned for the winter. CPW Water Division will re-activate these services in the spring when temperatures allow.

**Water Fluoridation** - In accordance with recently revised fluoride dosing guidance provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and subsequently acknowledged by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and Concord Board of Health, as of December 1, 2015 CPW Water Division will adjust Concord's municipal water fluoridation target from 1.0 parts per million (ppm) to 0.7 ppm.

**Crosby's Corner Construction Update** - MassDOT will again employ Daily Lane Closures Eastbound and Westbound in work zones along Route 2. Typical Hours for Lane Closures – Eastbound: 9:30 AM (as traffic allows) – 5:30 PM; Westbound: 6:30 AM – 2:30 PM.

Work scheduled to take place over the next two week period during daytime construction through December 15<sup>th</sup> includes:

Eastbound:

- Install guide signs
- Finish installing guard rail in various locations
- Continue construction of stone wall along Red Maple Lane in Lincoln near Stormwater Basin #7

Westbound :

- Continue installation of Stone Veneer at Retaining Wall #15.
- Install Guide signs

Crosby's Corner Intersection:

- Pour Concrete for triangular islands at Crosby's Corner Intersection

Service Roads:

- Finish re-construction of section of Service Road 4 (Mary's Way) near "The Commons" driveway
- Open Service Road 4 (Mary's Way) to public at new signalized traffic intersection.

**Baseball Field Infield Maintenance** – The recent above average temperatures have allowed CPW Park and Tree Division crews to continue with fall infield maintenance. Most recent efforts have taken place at the 90' baseball diamond at Emerson Field. Crews have been cutting, removing, and replacing sod that is adjacent to the infield clay to level the transition between the two surfaces. Approximately 2,800 square feet of turf grass was removed and replaced at this field. The sod used for this project was grown in Rhode Island using Kentucky Bluegrass seed.





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**Snow and Ice Program Preparations** – CPW Highway Division crews continue fine tuning all winter equipment for the upcoming season. Over the past few weeks the salt brine equipment has been mounted, tested, and the proper preventative maintenance performed. During the first week of December a representative from Cirus Controls will be assisting with inspecting and verifying the calibration of the onboard computerized closed loop ground speed control salt spreaders. These computerized closed loop spreader controls are a valuable tool in accurately applying deicing materials to the roadways and annual calibration of this equipment is important to ensure each spreader is operating as efficiently as possible.

**Traffic Management Group (TMG)** – The TMG was created by the Town Manager to facilitate review of resident inquiries on traffic and parking and to develop programs and processes for review. Typically, the TMG meets monthly and is comprised of members of Concord Public Works and Concord Police Department. Policy guidelines are reviewed by the Public Works Commission, where applicable, prior to adoption. TMG recommendations are generally installed on a trial basis as Concord’s Traffic Regulations allow for monitoring prior to permanent installation and formalization through Select Board approval. Two upcoming trial changes include:

- *Hubbard Street* – The TMG is recommending the removal of six parking spaces on the north side of Hubbard Street at the intersection of Walden Street, adjacent to the post office. While currently marked as short term 20 minute parking, the removal of the spaces is proposed to increase the effective roadway travelled width at the intersection to improve safety as there has been a significant record of concerns related to the narrow roadway with parking at that intersection. Removal of the spaces and posting of signage is anticipated to be completed during December 2016.
- *Estabrook Road* - The TMG is recommending extending the no parking restriction on both sides of Estabrook Road to Barnes Hill Road. Parking for approximately 9 vehicles will be provided between the driveways for #299 and #393 Estabrook Road with posted signage requiring parallel parking. Additionally, signage notifying facility users of alternative parking locations for the Estabrook Woods area will be posted. The current parking configuration results in a situation in which the capacity is frequently exceeded causing vehicles to impact the travel way and create an unsafe condition. Conditions are further exacerbated as winter conditions impact the available parking area on Estabrook Road.

Remember to follow the Town of Concord on social media to get official updates on all things Concord, such as traffic updates, road closures, changes in service, events in Town, and more!



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