



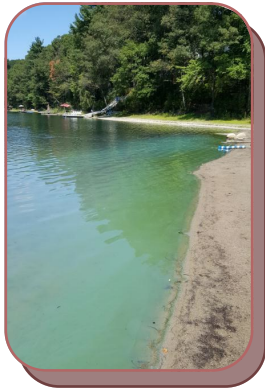
TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week Of: September 7th 2015

WHITE POND RECREATIONAL WATER USE ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT

September 7th 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 Turns 380!



This Saturday, September 12, 2015, the Town of Concord will celebrate its 380th year of incorporation. Concord was incorporated as the first inland settlement in Massachusetts through a grant from the Massachusetts General Court, dated September 12th 1635.

Concord Free Public Library

The Concord Free Public Library would like to thank Milda Contoyannis, who is retiring from the Library after having served for the past 25+ years. We wish her the very best and good luck in this next chapter of her life.

The Concord Free Public Library would also like to welcome the following new employees:

- Nathalie Harty, Head of Reference
- Yvonne Medina, Circulation Assistant

Events—

- October 3rd-Archeology Month: Parkers Revenge: Notes from the Field at 7pm, Main Library
- Concord Festival of Authors begins and goes until November 7th:
 - Oct. 18th @ 3pm- Poetry + "Spin cycles"
 - Oct. 25 @ 3pm- 2015 New Literary Voices

Concord Free Public Library: (978-) 318-3300



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Veterans Services

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

- Bringing food from the food pantry to a veteran in need of assistance but with had no transportation
- Assisting the family of a deceased veteran obtain military records in order to receive military honors at the veteran's funeral
- Receiving Chapter 115 benefits
- Assisting four veterans in filing forms received from the Department of Veterans Affairs and Mass Health.

Additionally, Concord Veterans' Services is working with the US Dept. of Veterans' Affairs in helping locate two veterans that had lost military ID "dog tags" in Vietnam during the Vietnam War.

Council on Aging, Con't

Ragan Willis, Senior Counsel for the US Securities and Exchange Commission, will be at the HWCC on Thursday September 17th at 11am to talk about senior investment fraud. Please call to sign up to attend this presentation about common persuasion tactics used by fraudsters.

Community Services

Contact: Aileen Buford, (978)-318-3034

The Community Services Coordinator received **53 emails, 22 phone calls and had 6 office visits** during the week, all related to assistance requests. The focus of the requests were for food assistance, rent payment assistance, utility payment assistance, school supplies assistance, health insurance assistance, mental health referrals, low-income housing search, and domestic violence issues. For information on available resources, contact Aileen Buford.

Thank you to all who donated backpacks/supplies, as we were able send out **65 backpacks** filled with school supplies to eligible children in Concord & Carlisle in grades K-8. If there are still children in need, contact Aileen Buford.

Upcoming Events

Domestic Violence Services Network (DVSN) is offering its Fall 2015 Volunteer Advocate Training on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30-9:30pm and Saturdays 9am-3:30pm for a 3 week, 40 hour classroom training at the Concord Police Dept. For more info call 978-318-3421. Applications due no later than September 22, 2015.

Parent Toddler Program @ CC Adult/Community Ed. For ages 12-24 months as of Sept 2015. Children can play while parents discuss parenting one year olds. Classes meet Fridays 9:30-11am starting Sept. 18 and go until December 11th. 12 classes are \$150, course #2572. To register, call 978-318-1432.

Carlisle Community Chorus starts Sept. 14th, Mondays from 7-8:45pm in the Community Rm., Robbins Building, Carlisle Pub. Schools. No auditions. All are welcome. Contact taracallahanmusic@gmail.com for more info.

Council on Aging

Contact: 978-318-3020

The COA Fashion Show will be next Monday Sept. 14th at 6pm featuring a variety of local clothing stores. The event will be emceed by Concord Police Detective, Scott Camilleri and is free of charge, but please call ahead, so the COA will have an idea of how many people to expect.

An Emergency Shelter event will be held at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center to inform residents of what it would be like to take shelter at HWCC (Concord's designated shelter). The event will be on Tue. Sept. 29th from 1-3pm at the HWCC. No need to RSVP.

The COA is looking for an additional volunteer to help once a month calling Bingo on Wednesdays from 1-3pm. If interested, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Carol Dromgoole at the number listed above.

The gift shop re-opened Tue Sept. 8th. The store hours are Mon thru Thurs. from 10:30am-2:00pm. Come see the new displays that were carefully organized by our dedicated group of volunteers. If you have donations of jewelry, collectibles, pottery, fine china or holiday themed items, the COA will happily accept these items.



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Infrared Roadway Repairs

North American Infrared was in Concord during the week of August 31st performing asphalt repairs using infrared technology. The infrared repairs occurred at various locations on Main Street, Elm Street, and Old Marlboro Road. The impact to motorists is minimized since the repairs are typically small, allowing one lane of traffic to travel on the road at all times. Infrared repairs are typically made to areas near manholes, catch basins, water boxes, and smaller sections of the roadway that have significant deterioration. Infrared asphalt repairs is a small, multi-step process that includes heating the asphalt until it is soft to a depth of 2-2^{1/2} inches deep, blending new asphalt and rejuvenator into the heated area, and compacting the repaired asphalt using a vibratory roller. These repairs will improve the condition of the roads, minimizing the need for future full depth patches and fills.

Fall Sports Field Preparation

Concord Public Work's Park and Tree Division crews continue to prepare fields for the busy fall sports season. Soccer, lacrosse, baseball and softball are played on many fields throughout Concord that are maintained by Concord Public Works. The accuracy of the game fields is critical and the initial setup can be time consuming. Crews use 300' measuring tapes and nylon cords to establish the appropriate dimensions. Once the game fields are set up and painted, they must be repainted every 5-7 days to maintain the visibility of the lines for coaches, referees, and players. Park and Tree Division crews have started at Emerson Field and will be completing the preparations of all game fields within the next few weeks.

Concord Public Works: (978) 318-3206

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Health Division

Influenza Clinics—The Health Division, in conjunction with the Council On Aging, is holding its annual seasonal influenza clinic for seniors at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center on Thursday October 15th from 10am-12pm. Emerson Hospital Home Care will administer vaccines.

White Pond Health Advisory—This advisory remains in effect due to an ongoing bloom of cyanobacteria, which may produce toxins that could make pets/humans sick. The Mass. Dept of Public Health (MDPH) is continuing to take weekly samples until the bloom fades and will advise when it's safe for the advisory to be lifted.

Mosquito Surveillance— On August 27th, MDPH announced its 1st human case of West Nile Virus. MDPH is conducting an investigation to determine where the person was likely exposed. Aug/Sept are the months where residents are most likely to be infected, check your risk levels and learn more at www.mass.gov/dph/mosquito

Health Division, Con't

Food Services—The Public Health Inspector met with several food service providers and vendors over the past two weeks to provide preliminary consultations, review proposed food service operations and conduct final inspections on new or renovated facilities including:

- Consult with a representative for this year's Farm & Garden market on Sept. 12th about permits needed to serve prepared foods
- Consult with a resident wishing to start a food truck business in Concord.
- Final inspection with a downtown business on 2 of 3 renovation projects and to review the final project prior to when the temporary permit to operate expires.

These, and other meetings with local businesses occurred over the past two weeks.



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Black Birch Planned Residential Development

Construction has begun on the 25-unit Black Birch Planned Residential Development off of Forest Ridge Road. Trees are currently being cut and the road construction has also begun.

Building Inspections Division

As of September 1, 2015, the Building Inspections Division has seen a **12% increase** in the number of building permits issued over the last year.

Demolition Permit issued for 169 Commonwealth Ave

After several months, the demolition permit was issued to the property. The Historical Commission had looked into the property in February when it was also being reviewed by the Natural Resources Commission. Although the house is located at a significant gateway to the West Concord Village, existing conditions show that the building has been significantly altered over the years, thus losing many of its historic attributes.

Concord Museum planning for expansion

Town staff met with representatives of the Concord Museum and their consultant team to review schematic/conceptual design plans for future expansion including an addition to replace the Davis Building which provides expanded space for meeting rooms, class rooms, gallery, collections storage and office space, along with site improvements and expanded on-site parking facilities.

Planning Division

Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

Town staff met on Wednesday with the engineering/design consultant from Greenman Pederson, Inc to discuss features of the 75% design plans for the BFRT. The BFRT Advisory Committee met on Sept. 3rd to discuss/follow up on the plans and requested addition information from GPI and MassDOT.

TD Bank Landscape Plan revisions

After determining the landscape materials hadn't been installed as shown, site visits were held, and a revised plan is expected to be submitted for review.

Natural Resources Division

Natural Resources Commission Meeting of Sept. 2nd

The NRC heard the following matters:

- Notices of Intent (NOI) for Middlesex School and Concord Greene Condominium
- Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for 74 Shadyside Ave. and 118 Wright Road
- Orders of Conditions were issued for 47 Old Bedford Road and 20A Lowell Road.

The NRC will meet again on September 16th

Harrington Avenue Site Restoration

Work to remove a failing timber retaining wall and improve the former Rodgers land in West Concord is largely complete. Plantings will be installed later this month. Walkers and joggers are reminded that access to the property is via an easement near the Old Mill Road intersection.

