



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: January 8th, 2018

Frozen pipes

With the cold weather we've been experiencing frozen pipes are a risk we have to deal with. There are ways to help prevent pipes from freezing and safely thaw them if they are to freeze. Check out the tips below and visit <https://www.mass.gov/news/preventing-and-dealing-with-frozen-pipes> for the full list.

- When the weather is very cold outside, let the water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe – even at a trickle – helps prevent pipes from freezing because the temperature of the water running through it is above freezing.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing. Be sure to move any harmful cleaners and household chemicals up out of the reach of children.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night. By temporarily suspending the use of lower nighttime temperatures, you may incur a higher heating bill, but you can prevent a much more costly repair job if pipes freeze and burst.
- Keep the faucet open. As you treat the frozen pipe and the frozen area begins to melt, water will begin to flow through the frozen area. Running water through the pipe will help melt more ice in the pipe.
- Apply heat to the section of pipe using an electric heating pad wrapped around the pipe, an electric hair dryer, or wrapping pipes with towels soaked in hot water. Do not use a blowtorch, kerosene or propane heater, charcoal stove, or other open flame devices. A blowtorch can make water in a frozen pipe boil and cause the pipe to explode. All open flames in homes present a serious fire danger, as well as a severe risk of exposure to lethal carbon monoxide.

Charging Station

The Town is proud to announce that our first public electric vehicle charging station is operational. Located across from the Concord Free Public Library Main Branch, we are delighted to offer this option for electric cars as we continue to push forward with our desire to make Concord a more sustainable community.



Mapping the Road to Town Meeting Session 2

How It Works and How to Work It: Advocacy, Public Hearings, and You!

Session two of this three part series designed to help you navigate the Town Meeting process in Concord will focus on getting the most out of public hearings whether you are a voter/legislator or a petitioner. Each session is independent of the others.

Please join us on Thursday, January 11th at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center beginning at 7:30pm!



January 4th Storm Update

Cleanup from the January 4th storm is ongoing. Sidewalk cleanup was prioritized for schools and the downtown areas, with sidewalk cleanup continuing this week.

We are asking residents to “adopt a hydrant” to assist our emergency personnel by shoveling out the hydrants with a 3 foot radius. Remember, if there is a fire digging out a hydrant can waste valuable time.

We would like to thank our Town employees for their handling of the storm and ensuring our community’s safety. We would also like to thank our residents who stayed safe and at home—we had no reported accidents in Concord.

