



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: February 25th, 2019

Concord Police Warn of IRS Scams

The Concord Police Department wishes to alert residents of scammers making unsolicited calls claiming to be IRS officials. The scammers demand that the victim pay a bogus tax bill. They con the victim into sending cash, usually through a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. They may also leave "urgent" call-back requests through phone "robo-calls," or via a phishing email. They've even begun politely asking taxpayers to verify their identity over the phone.



Many phone scams use threats to intimidate and bully a victim into paying. Scammers may even threaten to arrest, deport or revoke the license of their victim if they don't receive requested monies.

Scammers often alter caller ID numbers to make it appear that the IRS or another agency is calling. The callers use IRS titles and fake badge numbers to give the appearance of being legitimate. They may use the victim's name, address and other personal information to make the call sound official.

Here are some things the scammers often do, but the IRS will NOT do. Any one of these five things is a tell-tale sign of a scam.

The IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment over the phone, nor will the agency call about taxes owed without first having mailed you several bills.
- Call or email you to verify your identity by asking for personal and financial information.
- Demand that you pay taxes without giving you the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe.
- Require you to use a specific payment method for your taxes, such as a prepaid debit card.
- Ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone or e-mail.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law-enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS and asking for money or to verify your identity, here are steps to be taken:

If you don't owe taxes, or have no reason to think that you do:

- Do not give out any information. Hang up immediately.
- Contact the "IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting" web page. You can also call (800) 366-4484.
- Report the matter to the Federal Trade Commission. Use the "FTC Complaint Assistant" on FTC.gov.

Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" in the notes.

If you know you owe taxes, or think you may owe tax:

- Call the IRS at (800)829-1040 to confirm. IRS staff will assist you.

Stay alert to scams that use the IRS as a lure. Tax scams can happen any time of year, not just during tax season time.

Natural Resources Division will be closed Thursday February 28th and Friday March 1.

Please leave any materials for the Natural Resources Division with the Planning Division on the 1st floor. Building Permit signoffs will be available for pickup within 24 hours.

Annual Rabies Vaccination Clinic
(Concord Residents Only)

Public Works Building 133
Keyes Road, Concord, MA

March 2, 2019
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Dogs Only - 1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.

All dogs must be on a leash accompanied by an adult. Please bring your dog's license and previous rabies certificate.



Cats Only - 1:45 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

All cats must be in a cat carrier.



Please note that the veterinarian on-site reserves the right NOT to administer vaccines to fractious cats (i.e., biting, hissing). These cats will have to be treated in an office visit that is a more controlled environment.

Concord's Power is 54% Carbon Free - 2018

CMLP is strategically working towards a carbon free power supply. In order to achieve this we first started retiring our Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) from three wind projects and a hydro project that CMLP purchases energy from. This represented approximately 17% of Concord's power supply. CMLP's next step was to adopt a strategy to purchase RECs and retire them. To do this there was proposed a \$0.01/kwh increase in the energy charge to the Light Board.

The Light Board adopted this strategy and it was implemented on September 1, 2018. Working with Energy New England CMLP solicited pricing and completed REC transactions for 74,256 MA Class 1 REC, 2018 vintage. This number combined with the 19,115 MA Class 1 REC from the wind and hydro project mentioned above bring the total MA Class 1 REC to 93,371 which will be retired.

Thus Concord's power supply portfolio for 2018 was 54% carbon free! For an explanation as to how REC's work, please visit the link listed below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_12VYXms6-c

Last Day to Register to Vote - March 6th

The last day for residents to register to vote at the 2019 Annual Town Election is Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at 8:00pm. Residents who wish to vote at the March 26th Annual Town Election, must be registered by March 6th. You may register to vote online at www.RegisterToVoteMA.com, in person at the Town House on Mondays through Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm*, or by mail. Call or email the Town Clerk's Office at 318-3080 to receive a mail-in voter registration form.

Check your voter registration status

- online: <https://www.sec.state.ma.us/Voter-RegistrationSearch/MyVoterRegStatus.aspx>;
- By phone: 978-318-3080 ; or
- By email: townclerk@concordma.gov.

*The Town Clerk's Office will be open until 8:00 pm on March 6th for voter registration and routine town business.

For more information please visit concordma.gov/townclerk

