

# TOWN OF CONCORD

# Town Manager's Report

Week of: April 1st, 2019

### **Annual Town Meeting**

The 2019 Annual Town Meeting begins on Monday April 8th at 7pm at the Concord Carlisle High School gym. The warrant can be viewed online as well as all available materials.

For more information please visit concordma.gov/tm2019

Concord Town Moderator Carmin Reiss has announced that four high interest articles on affordable housing funding will be pre-scheduled to be the first business taken up at Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday, April 9th. Pre-scheduling ensures that the four articles, which are a package of recommendations made to the Select Board by its Affordable Housing Funding Committee, will be considered together in the same Meeting session. The four articles include:

•ARTICLE 23. APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
•ARTICLE 24. AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT M.G.L. c.44 55C — MUNICIPAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND
•ARTICLE 25. AUTHORIZE SPECIAL LEGISLATION — REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
•ARTICLE 26. AUTHORIZE SPECIAL LEGISLATION — BUILDING PERMIT FEE SURCHARGE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Voters may learn more about these articles in the Public Hearing materials posted under each article under the Town Meeting tab on the Town's website (www.concordma.gov), and in the Affordable Housing Funding Committee's Preliminary Report of October 29, 2018, which also may be found on the Town's website.

#### 3rd Annual Concord Recreation Egg Hunt

Concord Recreation (concordrecreation.com) will hold their Third Annual Egg Hunt on April 19th beginning at 5PM. The event will take place at the Beede Swim and Fitness Center and the Memorial Field at Concord Carlisle High School. This is a free community event for children age 2 to grade three. Participants will collect candy and prize filled eggs, play games, make crafts, take a photo with the Easter Bunny and more! Egg Hunt times are as follows: Age 2 – 5:15 PM, Age 3 – 5:30 PM, Age 4 (preschool) – 5:45 PM, Grades K&1 – 6:00 PM, and Grades 2&3 – 6:15 PM. Bring your baskets!

### **Camp Scholarships Available**

Spring has arrived and that means it is time to start thinking about summer plans! If you have a child, aged toddler to young adult, interested in attending a camp or summer program, a scholarship may be available. Concord's Silent Fund, and the Concord Carlisle Community Chest both offer scholarship assistance to children from lower-income families. If you are interested please contact Bonny Wilbur, Community Services Coordinator, at bwilbur@concordma.gov or tel. 978-831-3034, for an application form. The deadline for applications is April 26th.

Please note: If you are interested in registering your child for a Concord Recreation Camp, and would like to inquire about financial assistance for those programs, please contact Concord Recreation directly at concordrec.com or tel. 978-287-1050. The Silent Fund and Community Chest scholarships may not be put toward the cost of a Concord Recreation Program.

#### Concord Police and Fire Compete in Open Table Fundraiser

The competition was fierce last Friday night as members from the Concord Police and Concord Fire Departments replaced their guns and hoses for fry pans and spatulas. Open Table's mission is to provide healthy food, friendship, and support to those in need; they offer weekly community meals in Concord and Maynard. To celebrate their 30th year, they hosted a "Chopped for Charity Event" at the Thoreau Club. CPD's team "Locked Up" sported their Culinary Operations Unit aprons while participating in the 'Chopped' style cook-off battling against two other teams. Their main protein was cod, and their secret ingredient was Kettle corn popcorn. They created a delicious looking dish and proudly clinched 2nd place!



Following the main course round was of course dessert! CFD Team "Fire & Icing" had to construct and decorate a gingerbread house in just 30 minutes. They worked seamlessly and crafted a sweet house with sticky marshmallow fire blowing out the roof. The other three teams put up a great fight, but CFD brought home the gold, winning first place! Both teams cheered each other on and had a fantastic time interacting with the crowd and helping to raise money for Open Table and all the incredible things they do for our community.



## **CONCORD CLEANUP**

## Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

The annual cleanup of our community from roadside litter and trash on public lands begins on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>March 30<sup>th</sup></u> and continues through <u>Sunday</u>, <u>April 7<sup>th</sup></u>, with the major emphasis on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>April 6<sup>th</sup></u>.

The Division of Natural Resources will supply yellow bags for miscellaneous litter and clear bags for recyclables (<u>bottles and cans only – no paper</u>), and CPW crews will pick up the bags along the roadside and at intersections beginning Monday, April 8th.

Individuals, families, neighborhood groups, clubs, & organizations should contact the Division of Natural Resources for route assignments and bags.

Please feel free to drop by the office at 141 Keyes Road between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or call 978-318-3285.

Your participation is welcomed and appreciated!!