



# TOWN OF CONCORD

*Office of the Interim Town Manager*

## Operational Status Reports & Departmental Updates

*For the Week Ending May 13, 2022*

### Emergency Services

#### **Police**

- 1348 log entries
- 91 traffic enforcements
- 190 motor vehicle stops
- 2 arrests

### Department of Planning & Land Management

#### **Economic Vitality & Tourism Division**

- The Economic Vitality and Tourism Division completed the first month of Concord's new rental bike system. To date, over 60 rides have been taken by more than 20 users. Revenue generated was just over \$70 for the month of April. May brings a new dedicated website page, ads on social media, new TV screen and more, plus the planning of an official launch that is hopefully combined with the Transportation Advisory Committee and Concord Bikes group in celebration of National Bike to Work Day (Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>).
- The EV&T Division staff have featured articles in the **Discover Magazine** Guide to the Great outdoors (featuring our tours, written by Beth Williams) and in the Summer issue (featuring family friendly Concord, written by Cindy Keene).

#### **Planning Division**

- **Planning Board meeting of May 10:** The Board discussed the recent Town Meeting and failure of Article 33 "Thoreau Depot Business District Zoning Bylaw Amendment" to consider what next steps the Board wished to take. The Board discussed some of the issues and concerns that were raised, the misinformation that was circulated, and ideas for how to move forward. It was noted that many of the ideas, such as the preparation of a TDB traffic study or an economic impact analysis for any zoning bylaw amendment would require funds for the hiring of a consultant, which are not in this year's Town budget. The Board also reviewed revised plans for the roadway improvements to Sunnyside Lane to allow the creation of four additional house lots. The Board continued the public hearing to 7 pm on May 24 to allow the Applicant additional time to address additional comments from the CPW-Engineering Division.

#### **Health Division**

- **Summer is just around the corner:** The Health Division staff continue work on permitting and inspection of pools and summer camps as the summer season is around the corner.
- **White Pond:** Health Division staff is working closely in collaboration with the Natural Resources Division on water testing and cyanobacteria remediation at the White Pond Watershed.

- The Division continues to conduct onsite wastewater systems inspections.

### **Building Inspections Division**

- **Concord Park Assisted Living:** On May 11, the Concord Fire Department requested that the Building Inspections Division send a Building Inspector to 68 Commonwealth Ave, VOA Concord Assisted Living to investigate any potential safety hazards from a broken fire sprinkler head in one of the newly renovated residential units on the second floor. The water damage was contained to the one unit on the second floor and two units on the first floor. The electrical power was shut down to the three units and an electrician will be brought in to remove and replace any fixtures that may have been compromised by the water. The fire sprinkler contractor will also make the necessary repairs to the fire sprinkler system.

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## Human Services

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### **Minuteman Media Network**

- The MMN team recorded the “Active Shooter Training” for Police and Fire, and the video is being put together this week and two versions are being created. The first would be for the safety department as a training video, showing the complete scenario from start to finish. The second would be a shorter one for the public showing the dedication and training that the town does, maybe 1-2 minutes.
- MMN is preparing for CCHS graduation which is coming up on June 4.
- Community groups continue to reach out looking for ideas and assistance with shows, events, talks, and more! We are excited to be imbedded in the community and becoming an important resource for Concord
- The MMN team would like to start a monthly “What’s up Concord” show. We’ll be looking for people, interest stories, up and coming events, etc. Interested? Email [mmnetwork@concordma.gov](mailto:mmnetwork@concordma.gov)

### **Recreation:**

#### **1) Budgets**

- a. Beede budget passed at Town Meeting for FY23. Formulating plans to better coordinate capital project planning and funding sources for Beede GM and Facilities team.

#### **2) White Pond**

- a. White Pond Beach is scheduled to open on 5/28/22, weekends only through June 19. June 20-August 21, we will be open 7 days a week 10A-7P.
- b. If you have not visited the beach recently to see the updates, check it out! Cataldo has done a beautiful job.
- c. Meeting with the new Public Health Director this week to discuss summer communication plans at White Pond regarding algae blooms.
- d. Will also be discussing the cost of daily passes with Public Health and Natural Resources to better accommodate issues that the Rangers have with swimmers at Sachems Cove.

#### **3) Summer Camp**

- a. We continue to struggle to find enough part time staff to work in our summer camps. We have notified families in our Concord River Camp that we will make a decision to run/cancel the program by 6/1 which will displace 80 campers. The inability to find enough staff has also displaced about a dozen METCO students who typically participate in the ½ program.

#### **4) Special Events**

- a. This month, we are running a virtual fishing derby with prize for the largest catch by age categories.
- b. We had a very successful first Kite Festival last Saturday at Rideout Park. It was estimated that there were 300-400 people in attendance.
- c. We are coordinating a Community Yard Sale at the Hunt Recreation Center on May 14.

- 5) Next Recreation Commission meeting is on 5/31 via zoom.

## COA

- The COA is currently recruiting volunteers for the Friendly Visitor program and for Wednesday lunch help. Interested residents are asked to contact Volunteer Coordinator, Vikki Jacobson.
- Harvey Treasure Chest Gift Shop is seeking shoppers! Come and see all of the wonderful, but very inexpensive merchandise. Open at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center Monday – Thursday 10:00am-2:00pm
- Geriatric Health nurse, Valerie Boggia will offer a presentation entitled “Exploring Kidney Stones” on Tuesday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 1pm. Please call to sign up.
- The cinematic version of “The King and I” will be shown on Tuesday May 24<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-3:15pm. Please call to sign up.
- The COA quilters continue to meet on Tuesday from 10:30 to Noon. Come join the fun!
- The COA has three trips planned this summer: Worcester Art Museum on June 9<sup>th</sup>, Tanglewood on July 10<sup>th</sup> and the Ogunquit Playhouse to see “Mr. Hollands’s Opus” on August 18<sup>th</sup>. Please refer to the current edition of the COA newsletter for more details.