



TOWN OF CONCORD

Office of the Town Manager

Operational Status Reports & Departmental Updates

For the Week Ending September 9, 2022

- The Town Clerk's Office coordinated the state primary election on September 6, 2022. The Democratic and Republican race results can be found here <https://concordma.gov/375/Elections-Voting>. The Concord Carlisle Regional High School's capital budget request received a majority of the 4,774 votes cast.

Public Safety

Police Department

Activity Log Sept. 1 – Sept. 7

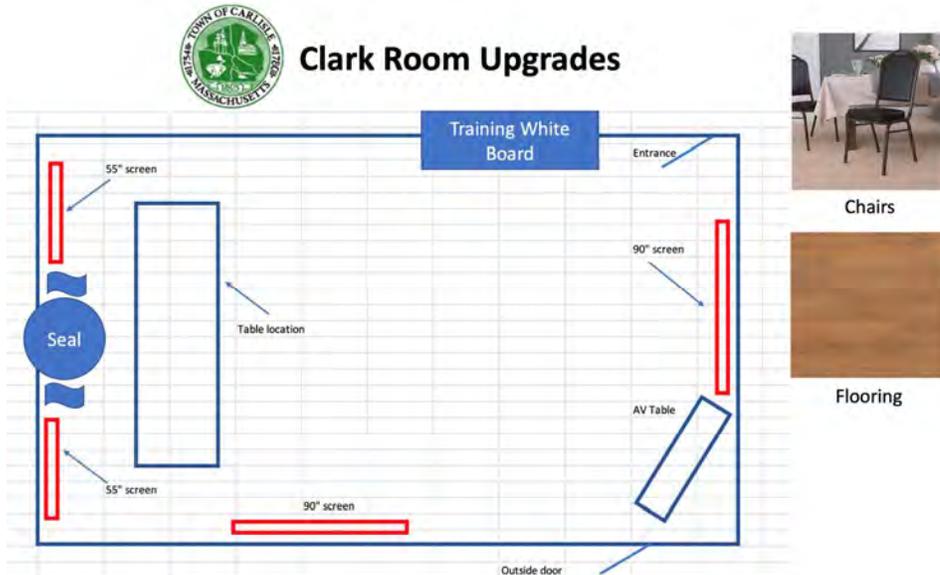
Log items	940
Traffic Enforcement	78
Motor Vehicle Stops	166
Arrests	0

- Chief O'Connor is please to announce that Detective Michael Bordenca has been temporarily promoted to Acting Sergeant. Sergeant Bordenca joined the department in September 2011 and served until April 2013. He was employed by the Lexington Police Department from April 2013-February 2018. While in Lexington he was promoted to Detective and built a reputation as a solid investigator. Although on a rising career path in Lexington he decided he wanted to return to the Concord Police Department and was hired as a Patrol Officer in February of 2018. In April 2021 he was assigned as a Detective. He has served as a Field Training Officer and is a Defensive Tactics Instructor, Taser Instructor, Background Investigator, Sexual Assault Investigator. Through a competitive process he is number one on the Sergeant's promotional list.



- The Department reminds the community of Ag Day activities on September 10th, Main Street will be closed to vehicular traffic from Walden to Monument Square. Officers will assist with the traffic as needed.

- 2 production rebuilds are underway. The Ripley Building Conference room 4 video system is pending quotes. It's unclear when the project will begin. The Carlisle town hall Clark room redesign is moving forward, equipment is on order, and the new Town Administrator, Ryan McLane, has made some changes to the design, adding 4 wall mounted screens, and removing the projector.



- 4 older laptops have been repurposed to support live production computer requirements. Tasks include running Zoom, showing PowerPoint slides, controller Blackmagic ATEM switchers and Streaming hardware and more.
- 20 projects are currently open with 5 new requests coming in this week for live streaming assistance at the Concord Museum. Upcoming events include the Concord Festival of Authors, Concord Carlisle League of Woman Voters DEI events.

Department of Planning and Land Management

Planning

- **250 Old Bedford Road/Concord Children's Center:** Town staff from Planning, Building Inspections, Health, Engineering, Water & Sewer, CMLP, Fire and Police met with the Concord Children's Center, the project consultants, and the construction team for a pre-construction meeting at 250 Old Bedford Road for the new Children's Center. Town staff reviewed with everyone the conditions of the Site Plan Approval, the timing of each condition and what had to be satisfied before the construction team could begin site work and a building permit could be issued. Trees will be removed from the site first in the next few days, then construction fencing and erosion control measures will be installed around the site before site grading is started.
- **West Concord Advisory Committee:** At the September 7th meeting, the WCAC reviewed, and recommended submittal of a proposal prepared by WCAC member Ann Sussman to install 4 signs identifying the West Concord Junction Cultural District along streets in West Concord. The proposal will be reviewed by the West Concord Junction Cultural District Committee at the next meeting on Tuesday, September 13th and submitted to the Select Board for approval. The hope is to install these four signs before Discover West Concord Day, which is scheduled for Saturday, October 15th.

Economic Vitality & Tourism

- **Ag Day/Saturday September 10th:** The Visitor Center will have a table at Ag Day to promote the Concord birthday celebrations and to announce fall tours focusing on the new “Twilight Tour”.
- **Town’s Birthday on Monday, September 12th!** And the 20th Birthday of the Concord Visitor Center in its current location. To celebrate, we are offering complimentary 1 pm tours to all Concord residents with proof of residency. No reservations are needed. This will be offered September 12-17 at 1pm.
- On Thursday September 15th at 12:30 pm, a little **Birthday Celebration** is planned at the Visitor Center (58 Main St). Remarks will be made by the Concord Business Partnership and the Chamber of Commerce; cake will be served! Town of Concord staff and Select Board are invited to attend.
- On Friday Sept 9th Beth Williams will be attending a **networking event with the North of Boston Convention Bureau and MOTT** (Mass Office of Travel and Tourism) to discuss current trends and grants that we may be eligible for.

Health

- **120 Thoreau:** The Health Division continued follow up with orders and inspections regarding a rodent complaint.
- Participated in the **250 Old Bedford Rd.** pre-construction meeting and worked with the applicant on the Food Plan Review application process.
- Performed onsite wastewater system installation inspections as requested.
- **Employee Flu Clinic planned for October 11th:** Worked with the West Concord Pharmacy to set up the employee flu clinic now scheduled for Oct. 11, from 11-1pm at 141 Keyes Rd.

Library

Program Highlights

- The Goodwin Forum, named in honor of Doris Kearns Goodwin and Richard Goodwin, is a multi-use programming space that will foster civic engagement, historical scholarship, intellectual growth, and a love of learning. This new venue honors the Goodwins’ contributions to American political and historical thought, and their love for the Town of Concord.



- Our Summer Reading Program wrapped up the season with a record breaking 770 children participating in the program. Children, parents and library staff were thrilled with the “Read for Beads” program, where older children read in exchange for beads to fill necklaces, and younger children collected rubber duckies for reading. Another very popular highlight of summer reading, were our weekly guessing jars full of

objects. 1,170 children participated! Thanks to the Friends, we were able to award gift certificates to the children with the closest guesses each week. And finally, one of our favorite parts of the summer was our partnership with Concord Recreation Department. Each Tuesday we hosted 150 campers and offered them craft activities and stories.

- The Fowler Library's garden is flourishing! A volunteer pumpkin has taken over the center of the yard to compensate for the plants damaged by the bore, and our tomatoes are massive. Many happy patrons have brought home herbs, tomatoes, squash, and more. Stop by to see if you are luck enough to leave with a fresh vegetable!



- The Fowler Library recently expanded their adult book club offerings with much success: Madeline led Book-a-Mystery, discussing *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. For Fowler Afoot, Laura had new members join her growing group to discuss *The Hummingbird's Gift* by Sy Montgomery. Their conversation was so good that they forgot to turn around during their walk down the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail! Samantha's Afternoon Tea Book Club discussed *The Paris Library* by Janet Sisklien Charles, and the 21 attendees had a fabulous time.
- Special Collections Curator, Anke Voss, is part of a team advising the Historical Commission on revising Concord's *Historic Resources Master Plan*. Anke was appointed a member of the Art, Literature, and Music 250th Celebration Subcommittee, and was also invited to join the Wright Tavern Research team. Anke and Assistant Curator Jessie Hopper are meeting weekly with the curatorial staff of the Concord Museum to develop and design a very exciting joint exhibit planned for 2023.
- Circulation staff have been busy this month, circulating 406 discounted Museum Passes and registering 255 new cardholders this month. In August alone, Concord's patrons checked out 31,000 physical items, plus an additional 5,000 ebooks, eaudiobooks and magazines online through Overdrive/Libby.



Library-Wide Initiatives

- The library will be partnering with several town departments for Sustainability Week which takes place during the last week of September. Programs include a talk about fire safety by our own Concord Fire Chief Thomas Judge, and a seed saving program with Codman Farms. We will also have the annual Climate Ribbon project near the Sudbury Road entrance. "The Climate Ribbon is an arts ritual to grieve what each of us stands to lose to Climate Chaos, and affirm our solidarity as we unite to fight against it". The Health Department will set up a memorable tick display for one week in the library.
- The Library's Reference Department is working closely with the Friends, the Concord Festival of Authors Chair, and many partner organizations around Concord to complete the calendar for the Concord Festival of Authors. The Festival will take place at sites around Concord, including the Library, from October 13 – 31st this year. Check back soon for all of the exciting details at: <https://www.concordfestivalofauthors.org/>