



TOWN OF CONCORD

Office of the Town Manager

Operational Status Reports & Departmental Updates

For the Week Ending June 9th, 2023.

General Administration:

There is a film crew in Concord through the end of June filming a [small independent film called Isle Child](#). It is based on the experiences of a Korean American former Concord resident named Thomas Percy Kim. Kim grew up in Concord in the early to mid-2000s as a transracial adoptee. They are filming in and around Concord center and West Concord through the end of the month. A number of scenes will be shot in a house on Hubbard St. with the homeowner's permission. The neighborhood has been notified with door hangers. The local site manager and my contact information is included on the notification.



The production team is working closely with town departments to mitigate the impact on the community and in neighborhoods. They were at White Pond and Fern St. on Monday and in the center yesterday and so far, I have received no negative reports.



Police Department:

Activity Log:

- Log items: 623
- Traffic enforcement: 50
- Motor vehicle stops: 51
- Motor vehicle crashes and/or paper exchanges: 6
- Arrests: 2

Community:

- Lieutenant Landers and Lieutenant Goldman attended a Concord 250th Public Safety Committee meeting at the Concord Public Library.
- Officers assisted with the Garden tour, handling traffic and parking issues. Detective Bordenca attended the NESPIN Warrants and Affidavit writing training.
- Officers assisted with CCHS graduation and All-Night Live event for students at CCHS.
- Lieutenant Landers and the Department's Mental Health Clinician, Emily Black, attended the 12th annual Mental Health & Law Enforcement Conference at Fitchburg State University. Detective Harrington attended the Boston College cyber security annual conference.

Library:

Innovation & Communication Department Updates:

- The Innovation & Communications Team is excited to open the Workshop makerspace to the public beginning Saturday, June 10 with an Open House from noon to 4pm. This space was made possible by the generous support of the Concord Free Public Library Corporation as part of the recent renovation project at the Main Library.
- The library partnered with the Concord Bookshop to advertise the makerspace's opening in a window display, featuring wooden garland and vinyl decals manufactured by staff on the Workshop's equipment.
- The Workshop's summer series will run June to August and feature weekly classes and drop-in projects including:
 - a weekly K-5 program, Make-It Club,
 - a weekly knitting group, Knitters' Workshop,
 - a Sustainable Makes series in partnership with the Library's Green Team, and
 - laser cutting, embroidery, & glass-etching workshops
- [Check the Library's Calendar of Events](#) for more information on these programs and to register.

Other Library Updates:

- [The Friends of the Concord Free Public Library's Annual Book Sale](#) is this Saturday, June 10th from 10am to 3pm. Stop by to purchase used books in beautiful condition for only a few dollars each. All proceeds support the Concord Free Public Library including programs like Summer Reading, Bikes for Books, Museum Passes, Direct-to-You home delivery, the Music Series and Poetry Series, and other programs, events and services.
- Reference Staff answered 281 general reference questions in May and reserved 177 meeting rooms. Staff answered 155 technology questions and advised 17 patrons on reading selections.
- At the Main Library, Danielle Arana joined the Children's staff as a part-time Library Assistant and Eve Bourbeau-Allard joined the Circulation staff as a full time Library Assistant. The staff wishes Cary Stough well as he leaves this month to pursue his PHD in English in Iowa. He will be sorely missed by many parents, children, and teens in the community, as well as his library colleagues. The library is currently accepting applications to fill the Teen Librarian position.
- The library staff welcomed Doug Meagher, the Library Corporation's new Facilities Manager. Doug worked as the Deputy Town Manager in Concord several years ago, overseeing large renovation projects including the Town House and Harvey Wheeler. As the Library Corporation's Facilities Manager, he will work with the Library Director, Custodial staff, and the Trustees to oversee the maintenance of the library buildings and grounds.
- Summer Schedule Update: The Main Library will be closed on Sundays from June 12th through September 30th. The library will reopen on Sundays starting October 1st. Fowler Library will be closed on Saturdays from July 1st through September 9th. Fowler Library will reopen on Saturdays starting September 10th.

Department of Public Works:

Heywood Street Culvert – Public Works crew responded to excessive flooding in the area of Walden Street in the general vicinity of Magnolia Street. Crews identified a blocked culvert on Heywood Street caused by beaver activity. The flooding upstream of the culvert not only threatened a number of abutting properties but was also posed a potential risk to downstream properties along Mill Brook in the area of Main Street and Concord Lumber if it were to be released suddenly. Crews cleared the obstruction in a controlled manner to relieve upstream flooding while mitigating any potential surge downstream. The effort took several days of strategic and well-coordinated effort amongst various divisions within Public Works.

New Construction Projects – Bidding documents and plans for two pavement preservation contracts, the Main St/Walden St intersection improvements, and the Concord Carlisle High School access road have been completed and advertised for construction with work planned to start this summer.

Commonwealth Ave Reconstruction – The contractor, Newport has scheduled construction from the railroad tracks to the Laws Brook Rd intersection to begin late June and end in October. The work includes drainage, road reconstruction, curbing, sidewalk, and curb bump-outs at the crosswalks. An update was given to the West Concord Advisory Committee on June 7th and a public meeting with abutters is planned for Wednesday June 14th at 8:00 a.m. at the MBTA parking lot.

Street Pavement Markings – The repainting of the pavement markings at several locations has been ongoing but has had many interruptions by rain.

Pine Hill Reservoir: The Water Division contracted CorrTech, of Hopkinton, MA, to perform remotely-operated-vehicle (ROV) interior inspection of the Pine Hill Reservoir. Conducting an ROV inspection allowed the Division to complete this work without having to drain the reservoir - which would have required it be taking it out of service. The inspection report is anticipated to be received in June 2023.