



# TOWN OF CONCORD

Office of the Town Manager

## Operational Status Reports and Departmental Updates For the week ending November 17, 2023

### Police Department

#### Activity Log:

- Log items: 572
- Traffic enforcements: 35
- Motor vehicle stops: 70
- Motor vehicle crashes and/or paper exchanges: 21
- Arrests: 2

#### Community:

- The Concord Police Honor Guard assisted with the Veterans Day Ceremonies.
- Officers conducted a tour of the department for a Concord family.
- LT Landers assisted at an event at the Temple Kerem Shalom.
- Chief Mulcahy attended a Community for Restorative Justice (**C4RJ**) meeting in which he presented the Department's role in restorative justice practices.

### Fire

The Concord Firefighter's Relief Association is once again collecting toys at both stations through December 20<sup>th</sup>

#### Calls for Service

There were 85 calls for service over the last week. Including a response by Engine 3 to a multiple alarm fire in Carlisle. Engine 3 crew were assigned as a rapid extrication team (quick response team for rescue) and later assisted with overhaul of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the building.



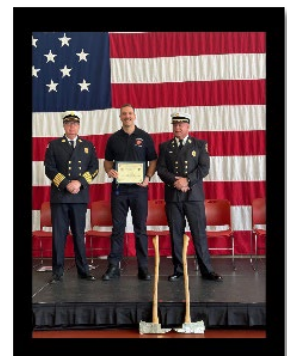
Lt. Dave Nichols investigated the Carlisle fire as part of the regional fire investigation unit.

#### Personnel

Firefighter James Black graduated from the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Recruit Program on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and we are happy to have him back on Shift.

FF Black is shown in the middle with Chief Judge (L) and State Fire Marshal Jon Davine (R).

Welcome new Firefighter Ian Ford who started with the department on Monday November 6<sup>th</sup>.



## **Training**

During the past couple of weeks, Fire Department members have been training with Police Department Mental Health Clinician Emily Black. Emily's role sees her at calls frequently that our staff are at as well. The training was to discuss roles and build a shared understanding of what each responder is capable of. Emily is a tremendous resource to the community and to us.

## **Fire Prevention**

This was a busy week for fire prevention with permits, plan reviews and inspections. It is the time of year for establishments with liquor licenses to receive a joint inspection by the building and fire departments, and that began last week.

Over the next few weeks fire prevention will begin annual holiday season walk-throughs of businesses in town. It is a busy time for businesses and occasionally we may see storage in unusual places, the purpose of the walk-through is to make sure that egresses are clear and storage is done safely.

## **Library**

### **Youth Services**

#### **Teen Lounge**

- The Teen Dungeons and Dragons group continued their new campaign in October, and interest in the group has grown so much that the adventurers have now been split into two groups that will compete against each other to see which group can complete their quest first!
- Teens also had the opportunity to participate in several events in celebration of spooky season, including a game of Ultimate Werewolf, the inaugural meeting of the Paranormal Club, and even pumpkin carving.

### **Children's Library**

- Youth Services staff hosted 60 programs with nearly 2000 total attendees (as compared to last year's 35 programs with 1385 attendees)! Musical Mondays, Make-It Club, and Storytime's continued strongly as we transitioned into the colder months.
- Youth Services also enjoyed several special October events. Those programs included:
  - Three programs in recognition of Dyslexia Awareness Month, including partnerships with Concord-Carlisle Decoding Dyslexia and Concord Public Schools.
  - The annual Pumpkin Decorating Party, which had nearly 200 attendees who decorated 100 pumpkins donated from Scimone Farm.
  - The Second Annual Adopt a Reading Pal series, where 70 children were paired with special stuffed reading dogs and encouraged to read to their dogs at least five times a week. Our adopters met weekly in October for programs about animals, reading, and Library services.
- Youth Services was thrilled to collaborate with Reference and the Library Corporation to welcome Chris Van Dusen for the 8th annual Leslie Riedel Memorial Lecture for Young People.



## **Fowler Library**

- Adult Summer Reading Bingo and the Local Love Campaign completed this month. Thanks to the Friends and the Town of Concord, Fowler staff were thrilled to present a gift certificate to Debra's Natural Gourmet and the Gift of Concord to a few lucky winners.
- Along with Youth Services, Fowler started a series of visits from our busy community. Sargeants Michael Bordenca and Tia Manchuso from the Concord Police Department and Director of Public Health Melanie Dineen were guest readers during storytimes, sharing favorite stories and answering questions about their work.
- Patrons celebrated the last warm days, attending many weekly programs outdoors, including storytimes, Saturday Studio, Craft Lab, Messy Fun, and Preschool Play. Book-a-Mystery, Fowler Afoot, Afternoon Tea Book Club, and Next Chapter Book Club all continued with strong attendance as well.
- Fowler added two new book clubs. The MCBA (Massachusetts Children's Book Award) Book Club, for students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade. Staff also created the Building Community Book Club alongside Art for All, dedicated to discussing ways to foster connection and combat loneliness.
- Fowler joined West Concord businesses for the annual Discover West Concord Day, working with ArtScape to host an artist reception for the *Walking* show.

## **Innovation & Communications**

- The Workshop welcomed artists Jongkuk Lee and Laurie Engdahl, who led free, hands-on workshops in hanji paper and wet felting.
- Workshop staff-led classes in 3D printing, sublimation printing, and laser cutting and checked out 74 tools to the public during Open Maker Hours.

## **Technical Services**

- In September and October, Tech Services staff processed a total of 1,693 new items for the library collections.
- Tech Services successfully provided A/V support at the Annual Concord Festival of Authors events in October.
- On the November 1st staff day, Tech Services offered a well-received tour of the Tech Services Department, including the Book Conservation Studio, to the staff.

## **Special Collections**

From October 1 - December 22, Special Collections is curating an exhibition installed in the

Art Gallery at the Main Library: "Connecting the Community: An Exhibition to Celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Concord Free Public Library." The exhibit highlights the history of the Library's buildings, services, and staff. The exhibition also features displays on the first floor of the Main Library on early circulation procedures,



conservation of the Library's First Collection, and a selection of books checked out to Concord residents, including Louisa May Alcott, Ralph Waldo Emerson, and Ebenezer Rockwood Hoar, in the first decade of the Library's operation.

### **Council on Aging:**

The auditorium at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center was flush with red, white, and blue at Concord's Annual Veterans Day Breakfast on Thursday, Nov. 9. Town officials, Town police, guest speakers from Hanscom Air Force Base were on hand to thank all resident veterans for their service.

Capt. Corey Arthurs (left) USAF based at Hanscom AFB was the featured speaker. Capt. Arthurs recognized all Concord veterans including resident John Howard (R) who served as a Seabee (US Naval Construction Force) during the Viet Nam conflict.



*Massachusetts National Guard (MANG) formed a color guard to start the festivities*

