



Town of Concord

Weekly Operations Report

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General Administration

Town Meeting

The warrant closed on January 3, 2024 for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting to be held on Monday, April 29, 2024 at 7 PM at CCHS.

Town Clerk

The 2024 Census forms were delivered to the Post Office on December 26th for mailing to households in Concord. Attached is an infographic on the Annual Town Census.

What You Should Know About the 2024 Annual Town Census...

- ◆ AN ANNUAL CENSUS OF RESIDENTS IS MANDATORY FOR EVERY CITY AND TOWN IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.
Census information is used to validate and update the residency of voters, to assist the School Department with enrollment information and projections; to assist the Council on Aging with service projections; to prepare the annual jury list, and it's used by several municipal operational departments in the course of their daily work.
- ◆ PLEASE LIST ALL FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS WHOSE LEGAL ADDRESS IS THE SAME.
If Household members are away at school, in military service, or consigned to a nursing/medical facility but use this address as their legal residence, then they should be included.
Information about CHILDREN should be included. It is not made available to the public. It is used by schools for enrollment.
- ◆ KEEP YOUR VOTER STATUS ACTIVE FOR UPCOMING ELECTIONS IN 2024
Tuesday, March 5, 2024
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
Tuesday, September 3, 2024
Tuesday, November 5, 2024
For more information: concordma.gov/elections-voting
- ◆ COMPLETING THE CENSUS DOES NOT REGISTER YOU TO VOTE IN CONCORD!
If you want to register to vote, contact the Town Clerk's Office or go online to sec.state.ma.us/ovr.
There are four Elections and one Town Meeting scheduled for 2024. To vote in these, you must be a registered voter in Concord at least 10 days prior to the event.
- ◆ ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Monday, April 29, 2024
Voter Registration Deadline: 4/19/24
For more information: concordma.gov/667/town-meeting

Sustainability

The Town of Concord was accepted as a participating community into the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Municipal Fossil Fuel Free Building Construction and Renovation Demonstration Project effective March 1, 2024. The designation allows Concord to proceed with the implementation of the fossil fuel-free by-law requiring new construction to be fully fossil fuel free. Concord is one of nine participating communities and the only community to currently have exemptions not contained in the DOER's Model Rule for major renovation projects and new construction affordable housing. A by-law change article will come before the spring 2024 Annual Town Meeting to address these exemptions.

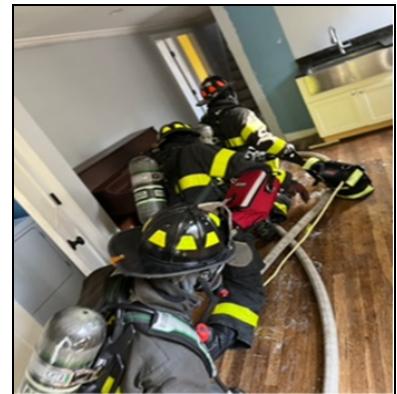
Fire Department

The Concord Firefighter's Relief Association Holiday Toy Drive was a great success. Thank you to everyone that donated this year, and a special thank you to the CCHS Football team and Willard School for your generous donations of toys. This year we were able to provide hundreds of gifts to families in need.



Calls for Service

There were 104 responses during the week, 57 of those being EMS. Engine 4 and Ambulance 3 responded to Littleton's second alarm fire on Christmas Eve. C5 (Lt. Nichols) responded to the Town of Boxborough to assist with a fire investigation as part of the District 14 fire investigation team.



Training

Groups have been conducting numerous evolutions on search and rescue techniques, advancing hose lines, and rapid invention for a down firefighter. The training is being done at a house that is scheduled to be demolished on Main Street.



Personnel

As always, we thank all those on duty and away from their families on Christmas Day. This year's on duty shift included all four female members of the fire department (Lt. Lindsay McGloughlin, FF. Stephanie MacGregor, FF. Elsa Heil, FF. Samantha Hamilton).

Police Department

Thursday, December 21 - Friday, January 5, 2024 (2 weeks)

- Log items: **484**
- Traffic enforcement: **67**
- Motor vehicle stops: **63**
- Motor vehicle crashes and/or paper exchanges: **13**
- Arrests: **6**

Lieutenant Landers assisted with interviews for the Recreation Department Director position.

Officers assisted residents in Monument Square with Christmas Caroling.

Lieutenant Landers and elder affairs officer Detective Rodriguez attended the Holiday luncheon sponsored by the Council on Aging.

Officer Braga continues his Field Training with his current (FTO) Field Training Officer.

Board of Health

Narcan

Narcan is now available at 141 Keyes Rd. 2nd floor. This is available to all town employees or residents that may be interested in having Narcan on hand. The Health Division can provide training to any individual or group that may be interested. Please contact the Public Health Nurse-mcarter@concordma.gov for more information.



Concord Municipal Light Plant

Level Three Chargers

Two level 3 fast charging stations are now installed at the Rideout municipal lot. The installation was funded through a grant from the MassEVIP DC Fast Charging Program.



Recreation

Personnel News

We have a new member joining the team on Monday, January 8. His name is Joe Durant! Joe comes from Southborough Recreation and will fill the open Recreation Supervisor position and will be taking over all of vendor programming, specialty camps, elementary ski program, and one of our after-school programs, welcome, Joe!

Strategic Plan

The final stages of the Recreation Facilities Strategic Plan in coordination with Weston and Sampson were presented to the Recreation Commission on December 19. The hope is to wrap up by April. The 2023 Annual Report has also been submitted.

Winter programming

Winter programming began this week for youth and adult sports, swimming, and fitness classes!

- 188 for the ski programs (grades 2-5, 6-8)
- 309 + for youth basketball league plus 40 volunteers

Council on Aging

Happy New Year!



So long, 2023, helloooo 2024! The Council on Aging hosted an end-of-year bash for nearly 100 seniors at HWCC. The Steve Rudolf Trio played the best of American Pop music and Auld Lang Syne at 11:59:30! A catered lunch featured festive main-stays and the corks on sparkling cider popped. Residents and invited guests enjoyed the comraderie, conga line and spirit in the auditorium's air!



The auditorium was full of music, good food and fun.

Assistant Town Manager, Jess Porter (L) and COA Interim Director, Eilen Bogle, were up to hijinks



HWCC was so raucous the cops came! Derek Rodriguez, Emily Black and Tim Landers offered seniors holiday greetings plus help dished out and serve the yummy foods...



Bernie Jenkins, former COA director, and spouse Bob Andrews, couldn't stay away.

Volunteers Mary Kaiser (L) and Nancy Chandler (right) flanked COA activities coordinator Tina Close (center)



Paul and Marcia White were in the red!

Valerie Lessa, Janice Smith and Joanne Lemire made up a jolly trio.



Claire Griffiths, recently returned to Concord, had a ball!

COA Art Space



Pictured on the left is Gene Rork - Concord senior resident, Lincoln Labs professional and photographer. Two dozen of Gene's magnificent nature photos, featuring mainly local locales, are now on display at "ArtSpace", the exhibit walls at the COA in HWCC. ArtSpace was created over one decade ago to display, inspire, affect spiritually and emotionally - residents who

participate at the COA and the public who use our community center. ArtSpace has featured many artists and photographers, even a basket weaver and the talented little hands from The Concord Carousel Preschool, who are active in the vast Concord art scene. There are eight displays per year and every employee and resident is invited to stop by, take a breath and enjoy the featured works. Below are works by other artists and the display walls at HWCC.

