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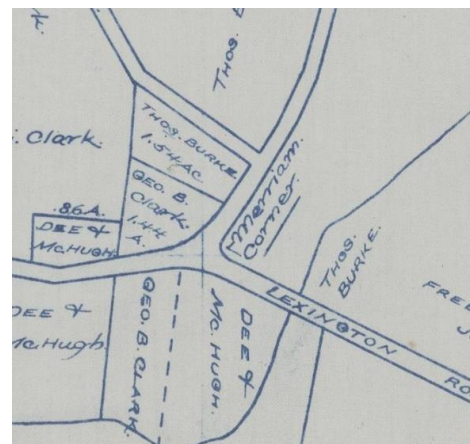
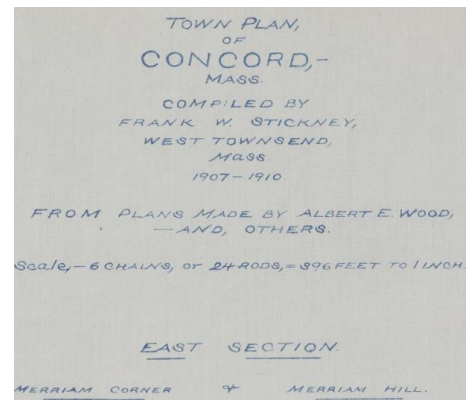
Weekly Operations Report

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General Administration

Town Clerk

Town Archivist Nate Smith is pleased to report that the Town Plans of Concord (1907-1910) Compiled by Frank W. Stickney from Plans by Albert E. Wood and others have been conserved and digitized thanks to Community Preservation funding approved by a Town Meeting in 2022. This set of seven sheets contains the earliest known plans to show individual property boundaries and owners of parcels. The images may be viewed on the Town Archives Digital Repository: [About Town Plans \(1907-1910\) collection - Portal App \(preservica.com\)](#). A georeferenced copy is also available on the GIS website: [Historic Maps | Concord, MA \(concordma.gov\)](#)



Showing our Gratitude

The Town Clerk's Office isn't the only one managing hundreds of vote by mail applications, outgoing ballots and voted ballots being returned. We rely heavily on our wonderful postal workers who do their part every day in any kind of weather to make voting by mail

possible. Alan stops by the Town Clerk's Office twice a day during election season to pick up outgoing ballots and Jason never fails to call us on election day as late in the day as he can to let us know if any additional ballots have been delivered to the post office. Alan, Jason, and all the folks working at 34 Walden Street go above and beyond what their jobs require, and we wanted to show them how much we appreciate them with home baked goods and chocolate dipped strawberries on Valentine's Day.

Pictured to the right: MaryLou Carney, Laurie Austin, and Justine Donovan from the Town Clerk's Office are ready to deliver treats to the Post Office!



Important Dates to Remember for the March 5th Presidential Primary

- **February 24 (Saturday):** In person early voting begins in the Hearing Room of the Town House from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
- **February 24:** Voter registration **deadline** is at 5:00 pm (the Town Clerk's Office will be open until 5:00 pm)
- **February 26-March 1:** In person early voting during normal business hours (Mon-Thu: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm | Fri: 8:30 am - 12:30 pm)
- **February 27 (Tuesday):** Vote by mail application **deadline** is at 5:00 pm (the Town Clerk's Office will be open until 5:00 pm)
- **March 4 (Monday):** **Deadline** to apply for absentee voting in person is at 12 noon
- **March 5 (Tuesday):** Election Day! Polls are open from 7:00 am until 8:00 pm

Voter Information

Upcoming Voter Activities

If you haven't yet registered to vote and otherwise qualify or wish to change your party enrollment, please make note of the voter registration deadlines for each event below:

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- **February 20, 2024: Deadline** to return nomination papers for local office
(Alternative to Caucus nomination)
 - **March 5, 2024:** Presidential Primary: Register to vote before 5:00 pm on 2/24/2024
 - **April 9, 2024:** Annual Town Election: Register to vote before 5:00 pm on 3/29/2024
 - **April 29, 2024:** Annual Town Meeting: Register to vote before 5:00 pm on 4/19/2024
 - **September 3, 2024:** State Primary: Register to vote before 5:00 pm on 8/24/2024
 - **November 5, 2024:** Presidential Election: Register to vote before 5:00 pm on 10/26/2024

Registration link: [Register to Vote!](#)

Police Department

Thursday, February 8 - Wednesday, February 14, 2024

- Log items: 522
- Traffic enforcement: 52
- Motor vehicle stops: 74
- Motor vehicle crashes and/or paper exchanges: 9
- Arrests: 2

Personnel News

Interviews were completed for the Sergeant promotional process on February 8th.

Detective Keith Harrington was recommended to be promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

On February 9th, Detective Keith Harrington was sworn in as Sergeant by the Town Clerk Kaari Tari.

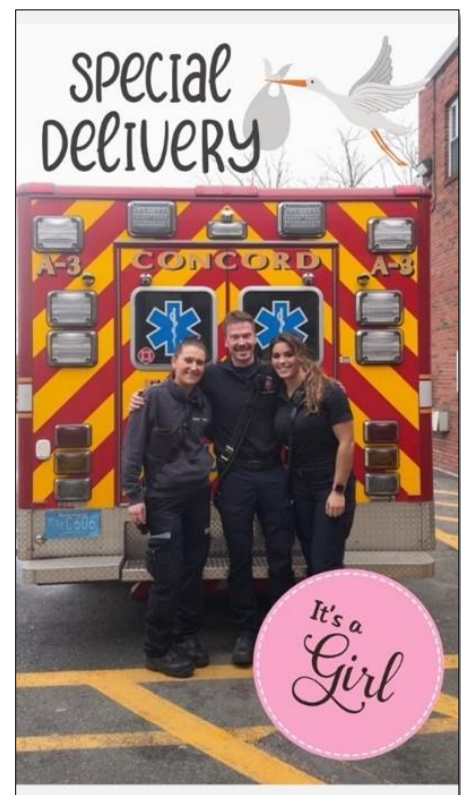
Community

Captain Goldman and Lieutenant Landers attended the Town of Lincoln's intermunicipal planning meeting for the upcoming 250th celebration

Fire Department

Calls for Service:

From February 10th to February 16th, 2024, the Concord Fire Department received 87 calls for service. One of the noteworthy incidents included the West Concord crew delivering a baby at a West Concord home on Sunday, February 11th. Dispatch received a call for a woman in labor and sent A3 and Engine 4 to the location. While they were en route, dispatch provided pre-arrival medical instructions. Upon arrival, the A3 and E4 crews delivered a baby girl successfully. A2 also responded to assist. Kudos to A3 - FF's Lilley & McChesney, E4 - Lt. Todd Niemi, FF's O'Malley, and Harries, A2 - FF's Black & Mike DeRoche, and in Dispatch - Dispatcher Isabelle Karlin for the great team effort!



Grant Award

Concord Fire was awarded a \$13,900 grant from the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services. These funds will be used to purchase ballistic protective equipment and radio equipment.

Training

Training this week included working with some new technical rescue; a 5:1 pulley system that makes moving a person or object much easier.

Fire Prevention

Fire prevention was busy this week with 28 inspections. The new middle school has installed the first set of stairs in the building triggering the requirement for a standpipe for FD use to be installed. A follow-up inspection at the former Papa Razzis confirmed that the fire protection systems were back up and running after having been disabled.

Concord Free Public Library

Teen Lounge

- Teen ran 10 programs in January with a total attendance of 42 teens, up about 30% from January last year.
- The video game tournament on 1/30 was the most well attended program during the very quiet month of January with 9 participants. It featured a surprise upset in the final one-on-one between a 6th-grade wildcard finalist and the previous tournament champion, a high school upperclassman. The young challenger won 3-0.
- Dungeons and Dragons remains the most well attended series program. Both groups added new players this month for a total combined player base of 17 teens. Group A defeated a forty-foot Canada goose (with heavy losses), and group B navigated their way out of a boobytrapped temple with the power of politeness.



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- Teen Librarian Erick continues working with the Concord Pride '24 committee alongside Bethany in Adult Programming and Sara in Youth Services to coordinate programming at the Library and town-wide resources.

Circulation

- Circulation had 18,216 transactions and welcomed 74 new patrons to the CFPL family. Circulation staff created the following book displays: “New Year, New Hobby,” “Short Stories, Small Books,” and “Retellings.”
- Patrons reserved 126 museum passes, with the Museum of Fine Arts in first place by a significant margin, followed by the Museum of Science and the New England Aquarium.
- The Library launched the new Aspen online catalog on its website, and staff have shared Aspen’s exciting new features with patrons!
- Several people in the Circulation Department received training in CPR and AED, and continued their involvement with the CFPL’s Sustainability initiatives.

Reference Services

- The Reference Department answered 352 general reference questions in January, reserved 305 rooms, assisted with 109 technology questions, and provided reading advisory to 10 patrons.
- Thursday Meditation resumed after a lengthy break and is more popular than ever, with an average attendance of 26 participants a week. 11 members of Tuesday Book Discussion met in January to discuss *Orlando* by Virginia Woolf. 14 cooks made healthy recipes for the Cookbook Club. The Library partnered with the Council on Aging to offer a 3-part genealogy course beginning in January, with 20 genealogists attending the course via Zoom.
- Bethany created 2 eye-catching displays in January: “Cozy Crafts” and “Only Murders in the Book.”

Innovation and Communication

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- The Workshop released its Spring 2024 program calendar, with fun new maker activities for all ages February through April!
 - The Cricut Venture, a large-format, computerized paper, and vinyl cutter, has been added to the Workshop's tool collection. Borrow it any time during Open Maker Hours.

Technical Services

- A new ceiling mounted web camera in the Goodwin Forum was used for the first time for a major hybrid event. The web camera allowed the event organizer to broadcast the event and provided quality video and audio to the remote attendees. It was a successful "maiden voyage"!
- Tech Services staff ordered, cataloged, entered, and processed 789 new items in January.

Special Collections

- Special Collections served 63 visitors and researchers and answered 50 reference requests on site.
- Special Collections Assistant Matthew Radulski was promoted to Project Archivist. His processing project will include the processing of the Munroe Family Collection and the Concord Celebrations Collections.
- Circulation Assistant Eve Bourbeau-Allard is processing the Damon Family Collection as her off-desk project.
- Special Collections transitioned to coordinating the installation and promotion of monthly community art exhibitions in the recently dedicated Munroe Gallery.
- The loan agreement for the loan of the [Concord River Survey](#) to The Huntington for [their fall 2024 exhibit](#) has been signed by both institutions.
- We are conducting preliminary research on Special Collections' fall exhibit on [Alicia Keys](#) and an exhibition featuring children's book art illustrators at the Library.

Council on Aging

Valentine's Day Activities

When you're young at heart, it is always fun to gather with friends on Valentine's Day! Singer, writer, and COA volunteer & friend Chris Randall stopped in before lunch service to lead a sing-along of



familiar folk songs. It was a toe-tapping time!

The 4th grade students at Alcott Elementary School sent sweet messages to senior residents with their handmade Valentine cards. Pictured L to R: Laurel Woodward, 4th grade teacher, and Tina Close, COA activities director. The good people at Concord Lexington Periodontics know teeth cleaning is a must following Valentine candy and donated Valentine bags of ChapStick, paste & brushes, etc.

