



*Town of Concord*

# Weekly Operations Report

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## General Administration

### Town Clerk

Election day is Tuesday, June 25th!

- Polls are open from 7 am until 8 pm
- Precincts 4&5 will vote at the armory for this election only
- Precinct 1: vote at 141 Keyes Rd
- Precincts 2&3: vote at 1276 Main Street - Harvey Wheeler Community Center

Vote by mail ballots must be returned to the Town Clerk's Office (not the polls) by 8 pm on election night in order to be counted. In person absentee voting closes at noon on Monday, June 24th.

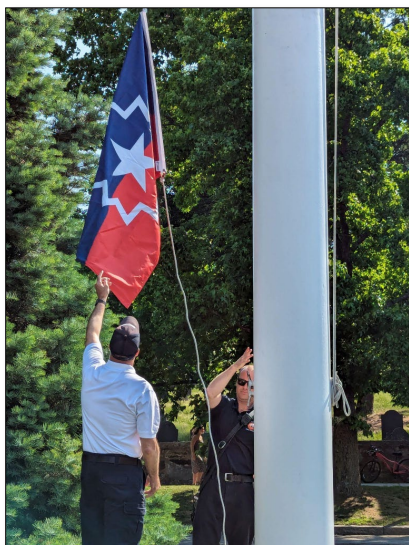
### ConcordPride Fest and Juneteenth

Concord held its first formal recognition of Pride Month on Saturday, June 22, 2024, with a flag raising, march, music, and activities. The crowd was energized, and the mood was festive in celebration of and support for the LGBTQIA+ community. Appreciation to all involved, including staff from the Library, Recreation, DPW, Police, and Fire. Unfortunately, the forecasted weather forced the cancellation of activities at Rideout in the afternoon. (photos by Maia Kennedy Photography)



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This was the second of two flag raising ceremonies held on Monument Square this week. The first was on June 19, in recognition of Juneteenth, the day news of the Emancipation Proclamation, declaring slavery over, reached Texas. Appreciation to the Fire department for their assistance in raising the flag and the Police department for traffic control.



## Police Department

### Calls for Service

Thursday, June 13th - Wednesday, June 19th, 2024

- Log items: **687**
  - Traffic enforcement: **55**
  - Motor vehicle stops: **93**
  - Motor vehicle crashes and/or paper exchanges: **13**
  - Arrests: **5**
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Officers assisted with the Blues Travelers Concert at the Emerson Umbrella on June 14th.

Officers Lordan and Sellards provided tours to a group of children while on patrol of Monument Square.

On June 15th, officers monitored traffic for the Annual Verill Farm Strawberry Festival.

Officers assisted the Fire Department with traffic and security issues on June 18th at the house fire on Bartkus Farm Rd.

Lieutenant Landers and Ms. Emily Black attended the Concord Health Collaborative on June 18th held at the Concord public library.

## **Visitor Center**

### **Staff Update**

On July 1, Beth Williams becomes the Chair of the Board of the Greater Merrimack Valley Convention and Visitor Bureau- a volunteer role

The Greater Merrimack Valley Convention & Visitors Bureau (GMVCVB) is the official destination marketing organization for the Greater Merrimack Valley. Designated by the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (MOTT) to market the region as a premier travel destination for domestic and international travelers; group tours and bus tours; meetings, conferences, and conventions; and sporting events.

- Matt Beres accepted a full-time position as Director of the Arlington Historical Society. Will continue 1 shift per week
  - Matt Ahern- onboarding with a start date of July 1st – National Guardsman, interpreter for the Old Manse
  - Jake Antraisian- High School student at Bedford High School
  - Natalie Samulka- departed for College at UC
  - Marywren Vanderwilden- departed for full time at the Concord Museum
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## Economic Vitality

### Switch box Painting

The painting of one the three switch boxes in West Concord is now complete! This one with the birds was created by Ivy Randall and is at the corner of Main and Church St by Harvey Wheeler and the Fowler Library. The other two are still underway and will be completed by June 30th (the photo on the right is an image of Emily Morrison working on her piece by Main and Baker). These artworks were commissioned by the West Concord Junction Cultural District Committee and funding was provided by the Massachusetts Cultural Council.



## Concord Free Public Library

### Summer Reading Program

The Library's new [Summer Reading program for youth, "Reading Dragons"](#), is shattering previous Summer Reading records. The Library has recorded an astounding 600 participants in the first 10 days of the program, which is more readers enrolled in ten days than total enrollments last summer! Families staying in Concord for the summer, and from as far as Cambodia, Germany and India are participating.

Reading Dragons is a new trading card program the Library is offering, where the kids earn trading cards as rewards for reading. The trading cards have images of a dragon egg that evolves into an infant, adolescent and then adult dragon. There are exclusive cards for different types of activities and events at the Library. Kids also earn raffle tickets with chances to win some stellar prizes that are on display in the Children's Library. [Watch our teaser trailer here.](#) We are so proud of our Head of Youth Services, Sara Dempster, who designed the program and the cards, as well as being very proud of our awesome, creative staff who are fearlessly rolling out this exciting new program. Reading Dragons is made possible by the generous support of the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library.

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Our youngest readers (Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers) can sign up, read, and record each day you read with your child this summer on our events calendar! Every seven days, you will earn a rubber ducky and a ticket for the Grand Prize Raffle!

The Library also offers the "Trial by Firewall" program for Teens, a Summer Maker Program for all ages, and the return of the popular Adult Summer Reading program. The Teen program is just for folks in grades 6 – 12 and is an all-electronic summer reading program. Teens can sign up and report their progress from a phone or computer. For every book or "mission" you complete, you earn a raffle ticket to win sweet prizes curated by teens for teens. Prizes include gift cards, fandom bundles, specialty snacks, and much more, which we will raffle at our Summer Reading Wrap Party on August 23. Teens are also welcome to do the Reading Dragons program instead of, or in addition to, the Trials by Firewall.

The Summer Maker Programs involves making things! Earning prizes! Making more things! Pick up a Workshop Summer Maker Program card and earn a stamp every time you visit from June to August. Collect 10 stamps to trade your card in for special makerspace materials, including: needle-felting and cross-stitching kits, colorful laser cutter acrylic, holographic iron-on vinyl to create your own custom clothes with our Cricut machines, and glow-in-the-dark 3D printing plastic!

And finally, the Adult summer reading program rewards adults who have changes to enter a weekly raffle for fabulous prizes from local businesses. Raffle boxes are available at both the Main Library and Fowler Library.

More information about all Summer Reading and Making Programs can be found on the Library's website:  
<https://concordlibrary.org/events/summer-reading-2024>

Our June Director's Report is also available on the Library's website with further updates from the Library:  
<https://concordlibrary.org/learn/about-us/directors-report>



Photo of kids with their Reading Dragons Training Folders

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