



Town of Concord

Weekly Operations Report

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Town Manager's Office

Sustainability

The Sustainability Roundtable met for the first time on July 26. Sustainability Director Erik Simms led a group representing town departments, as well as representatives from boards and committees and members of the public. Concord has a long history of taking action on climate change. While we have made positive progress, we all know there is so much more to be done to continue these efforts and we know the key to advancing these goals is the continued integration of sustainability across all sectors of Town operations. That requires collaboration, and efforts like the roundtable are an effective tactic to harness the expertise and perspective of Town staff, leadership, boards, committees and other members of the community. The group will meet regularly to receive updates on progress towards reaching sustainability goals as well as to solicit ideas and feedback on strategic action across operations.

Police Department

Calls for Service

Thursday, June 20th - Wednesday, June 26th, 2024

- Log items: **620**
 - Traffic enforcement: **45**
 - Motor vehicle stops: **83**
 - Motor vehicle crashes and/or paper exchanges: **7**
 - Arrests: **2**
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Officers assigned to NEMLEC in various roles responded as part of mutual aid to Boston to assist with the Celtics celebratory parade held on June 21st as part of winning the world championship.

Officers assisted with the Concord Pridefest and March that took place in Monument Square on June 22nd.

Officers were assigned to and assisted at each polling location for the Town Elections on June 25th.

On June 25th, Sergeant O'Connor attended the 250th Public Information working group at MEMA in Framingham.

Fire Department

Calls for Service

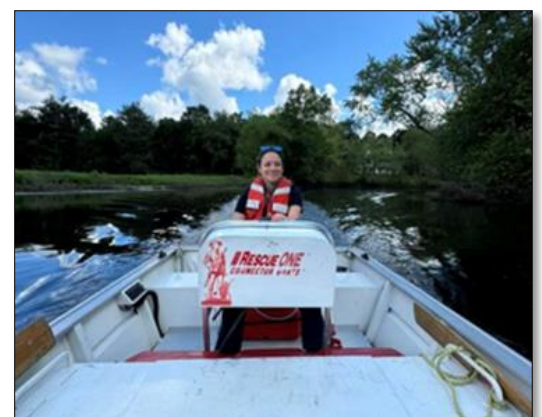
July 15 - 28

During the two-week period between June 15 and June 28, the Concord Fire Department responded to 161 calls for service including a multiple-alarm fire on Tuesday, June 18th. Temperatures in the 90's with high humidity made it necessary to call for 4 alarms to provide relief crews. Fortunately, no one was inside the home. Two firefighters were transported to Emerson Hospital for heat related injuries, and another sustained a foot injury.



Training

Over the past couple of weeks, crews have training on water rescue techniques, boat operation, and working on completing cybersecurity training



Planning and Land Management

Tourism

Concord and Lexington worked with the GMVCVB on a Coop campaign with WCVB which was released today and is live. We will at least have a 1.5 million reach through this campaign. We also will have a 15-second promo playing twice on WCVB every day now through April 2025. The new Lexington Visitors Center is open to the public for guided tours, history rooms, and informational dioramas. The full story can be read [here](#) and more information on the town and things to do can be found [here](#).

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Planning

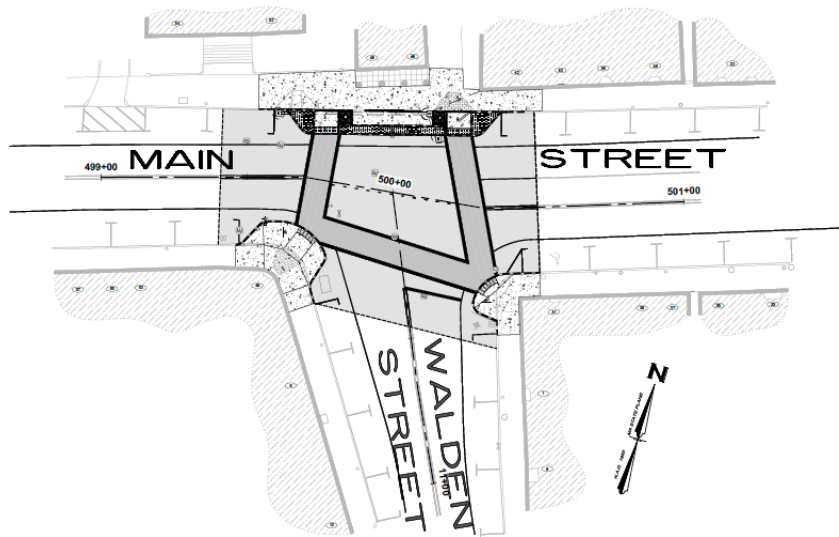
Through a grant with the Safe Routes to School Program, a Walk Assessment was completed for the Thoreau Elementary School. The walk assessment evaluates various routes to the school based on the concerns and improvements required to provide safe walking and biking facilities to students who currently use these streets to commute to Thoreau Elementary school. The Walk Assessment identifies issues and provides recommendations for improvements to curbing, crosswalks, sidewalk/multi-use paths, sidewalk maintenance, signage, and accessible ramps. The goal of the Walk Assessment is to assist the Town in prioritizing projects to ultimately create safe walking and biking infrastructure that will encourage parents/guardians to allow students to choose walking and biking modes to school instead of being driven. Click [HERE](#) to review the report.

Public Works

Engineering

Main Street and Walden Street

The Main Street and Walden Street intersection Improvements are tentatively scheduled to commence on July 8th. This project is designed for better traffic speed management through the intersection and to improve pedestrian safety. The work will include drainage improvements, sidewalk & ADA ramp improvements, installation of bump outs & curbing, and pavement markings. See project limits below. Partial lane closures and altered traffic patterns are expected for the duration of the project.



Street Paving

This week, Lazaro Paving began reclaiming and grading Deergrass Rd, Hayes Rd, North Branch Rd, and Highland St. In addition, they also performed drainage structure replacements (3 catch basins and 2 gutter inlets) on Highland St due to the structures being deteriorated. The stormwater structures were replaced with deep sumps to help improve storm water quality by removing sediments. Next week, Lazaro is scheduled to pave binder course on Deergrass Rd, Hayes Rd, and North Branch Rd starting on Monday and following with Highland St on Tuesday (7/2) and Wednesday (7/3).

Recreation

White Pond:

- Open as of June 17, seven days a week, 10am – 7pm
- We have seen 1807 check-ins from members and 407 guest passes
- Membership is looking good, a slight increase over last year 2024 = 522 Members; 2023= 476 Members
- We are currently only allowing resident members and daily passes, due to a smaller beach this year

Summer Camp:

- Summer Camp Three Rivers is underway!
 - It is fun to see several town staff members bringing in their children
 - Tons of smiles, loud noise, and laughter around Hunt
 - From all reports to date, children and families say it is going well
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- Field Trips are a big hit during camp! Field Trips last week and this week included the below locations.
 - Water Country
 - Launch
 - Kimball's
 - Mel's Funway
 - Strone Zoo
 - Duck Boats & Animal Adventures
 - Below you'll see Lifeguards working to support Emerson pool fun, and campers enjoying their events. Photo credit: Adam Olivier



Pride Event - 6/22

- Recreation stepped up to coordinate and host Pride Day activities!
 - At Hunt Recreation Center's side lawn, we had bouncy houses, music, engaging activities, face painting, and fun.
 - We had a great band to play at Rideout Park, but it had to be canceled due to poor weather.



Beede Swim and Fitness

- June's Pride Pool Party 6/23 - Beede stepped up to support the community by hosting a pool party to celebrate Pride month. We saw roughly 30 participants
- Lifeguards are doing a great job hosting a busy summer at White Pond
- Staff are planning projects to take place during our traditional "August Shutdown"



Council On Aging

Ice Cream Social

Wednesday was Ice Cream Social day at the COA and over 100 senior residents signed up for sweet & creamy concoctions with all the extras.



Resident Nancy Allam forged a close connection with COA director, Dan Petitt.



Blue checks and blue hydrangeas reigned.



Mary Taylor (L) and Sylvia Favalaro enjoyed the cool HWCC auditorium.



The COA could not do it without volunteers like Mary Kaiser (R) and Nancy Chandler (L).



Waiting for the green light to head to the ice cream parlor.
