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February 23, 2026

News and Updates from the Town of Concord

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A Message from the Town Manager

Weathering the Storm

Once again, Concord is in the midst of a significant winter event. I want to begin by thanking our Public Works (CPW), Public Safety, and Concord Municipal Light Plant (CMLP) crews, who have been out since the first flakes fell to keep our primary routes clear and the power on. Their work during these peak blizzard conditions is a reminder of the essential services that keep our town safe and functional.

Please stay off the roads if possible today to allow our plows to work efficiently. Stay

Winter Storm Safety



Before the storm:

- Check your [emergency kit](#) and replenish any items missing or in short supply
- [Review generator safety](#): Never run a generator in an enclosed space.
- Prepare for possible [power outages](#)



During the storm:

- Stay indoors and wear layers of warm clothing
- Check on relatives, neighbors, and friends, particularly if they are elderly or if they live alone
- If you must drive during winter weather conditions, ensure you bring a fully charged cellphone, car charger and an [emergency supplies kit](#) in your car



After the storm:

- Stay informed and pay attention to the information provided by local authorities
- Avoid driving and other travel until conditions have improved.
- [Know the signs of frostbite and hypothermia](#)

-Kerry Lafleur, Town Manager

Town Meeting

Annual Town Meeting Warrant



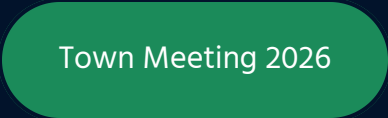
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING 2026
 APRIL 27, 2026 AT 6:30 PM

<http://www.concordma.gov/TM26>

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 Meeting information, public hearing calendar, warrant info, and more....
<https://www.concordma.gov/TM26>

The warrant serves as the agenda for Town Meeting, detailing the various articles that will be subject to a vote, including the municipal operating budget, school budget, enterprise budgets, proposed bylaw amendments, citizen petitions, and additional matters.

Registered voters in Concord are encouraged to take part in the decision-making process at the Town Meeting.



The warrant for the **2026 Town Meeting** is published and can be accessed on the official Town Meeting website. It was also published in the February 20 print edition of the Concord Bridge. Save this special section for reference.

Town Clerk's Office

2026 Dog Licenses - March 31, 2026

The Town Clerk's Office has teamed up with Concord PD's comfort dog who understands the struggle of pets nervously looking at the calendar,

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It's time to license your dog for 2026!

To help your humans remember, try these expert-approved techniques:

- Pause in front of a mirror and whine
- Jump on the mirror and throw your head back dramatically
- Bark whenever you pass the Town House
- Whine whenever you pass the Police Station
- Place your paw on your human's hand and stare deeply
- Place your paw on their jewelry and whine softly

Why license your dog?

- Helps lost dogs get home quickly
- Supports public safety
- Required by Massachusetts law
- Makes Thor very, very proud

2026 Dog Licenses Available Now Online • By Mail • Town Clerk's Office

For more information: <https://concordma.gov/543/Dog-Licenses>



knowing that the licensing grace period ends on March 31, 2026. We've already

licensed 1,269 dogs, but for those still waiting worriedly, Thor has some tips.

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License Your Dog

Fire

Promotions

Congratulations to newly promoted Concord Fire Department officers, Lieutenant Michael DeRoche, Captain William Nelson, and Assistant Chief Sean Murphy. Pictured at left with Assistant Chief Walter Latta and Chief Brian Whitney.



Calls

Included in the 347 calls the CFD responded to in the month of January was the motor vehicle fire on Route 2 East. Route 2 East at Walden Street as shut down briefly while the fire was extinguished. There were no injuries.

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Equipment

The department recently added a new Kabota Rough Terrain Vehicle (RTV) to its fleet, and all crews have completed specialized training to operate it safely in challenging environments. The RTV provides the ability to access patients and other emergency situations that the engines and ambulances can't.



Community Development

Health Division



Emergency Management Training

The Health Division worked with the Fire Department to attend two separate training events on shelters and Emergency Management. The first was on January 13th, hosted by the Town of Natick, included a basic shelter class hosted by MEMA. The second event was the following day, again in Natick, this time a public health tabletop working

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through our shelter policies, procedures and logistics

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Concord's Community Clinician

The Health Division would also like to let residents know that the Concord Community Clinician is available to provide private one-on-one mental health support. Call 978-369-1113 for information or to schedule an appointment.

Concord Health Division in Partnership with Eliot Community Human Services

NEED SUPPORT FOR YOUR MENTAL HEALTH?

Meet with a Concord Community Clinician Today!

This partnership allows our residents immediate access to a therapist.

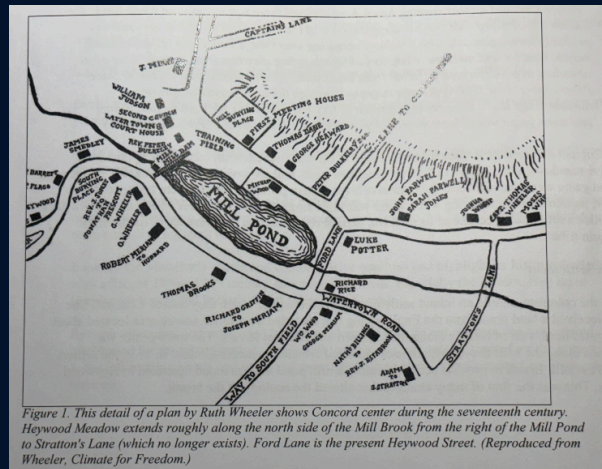
- Access available for anyone ages 5+
- Insurance is not a barrier

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT CALL (978) 369-1113, OPTION 2.




Natural Resources

Historic Land Preservation: A 25-Year Retrospective of Heywood Meadow



Heywood Meadow and the Heywood Meadow Stewardship Committee, the Committee held a 25-year Retrospective in their honor in place of their regular February meeting. Joanne and Mary, along with current chair Peter Lee, Lynn Huggins, first chair of the HMSC, and Susan Clark, former co-chair, presented the history of the meadow and the years of effort to protect and preserve it, touching on the importance of the land to the Algonquins as seasonal hunting and fishing ground, early damming of the Mill Brook by the first colonists to create a Mill Pond, and the historical importance of the meadow as a witness to the events of April 19, 1775.

Beginning in the late 1940s, the land was considered for a police and fire station, a county courthouse, and a visitor center. After several years of debate, the land was permanently protected as conservation land for the benefit of current and future generations, and ongoing efforts to steward and improve the land are carried out by the HMSC. A recording of the discussion will be added soon to the Minuteman Media and the Heywood Meadow Stewardship Committee website.

Building



CMLP Mid-Winter Home Tour

Minuteman Media Network's Tory Wesnofske photographed the Concord Municipal Light Plant's (CMLP) Mid-Winter Home Tour on January 31, 2026.

Two Concord households opened their doors to demonstrate induction stoves, electric vehicle chargers, heat pump water heaters and solar panels. CMLP staff were present at each home and provided information about no-cost coaching services and financial incentives.



Recreation



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**Fun
Inclusive
Supportive**



**WANT TO THRIVE AS
PART OF A TEAM?**

Long Course (April-July)
starting soon, register now!

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Beede Center
Ages 5-19



Otters Swim Club

Want to thrive as part of team? Join the Otters Swim Club today! Open to anyone from ages 5 - 19.

Otters Swim Team

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- Summer Camp – Open Now!
- Spring Programs – February 25
- AfterSchool, Before School, and Early Release – February 25

Coming Events!

Visitor Center launches new winter programming!



History Without Frostbite at the Wright Tavern

Because great ideas were born indoors, too.

Skip the icy sidewalks and step inside one of Concord's most storied spaces for a **warm, lively, and thought-provoking 90-minute history talk** at the historic Wright Tavern.

These mid-day programs pair big ideas with cozy surroundings—and just enough time to learn something meaningful

Women of Concord

March 10 & 26 | Noon–1:30 PM

Meet the women who pushed boundaries, shaped American culture, and led movements for justice—often from right here in Concord. Literature, art, reform, and radical ideas included.

Presented by Stefanie Cloutier and Amy Cole (Visit Concord interpreters)

Tickets

- **\$15** – Talk only

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Plan your own indoor history experience for your group, club, library, class or tour by calling 978-318-3061.

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Come for the stories. Stay warm.

Leave inspired. Capacity 5 minimum to run

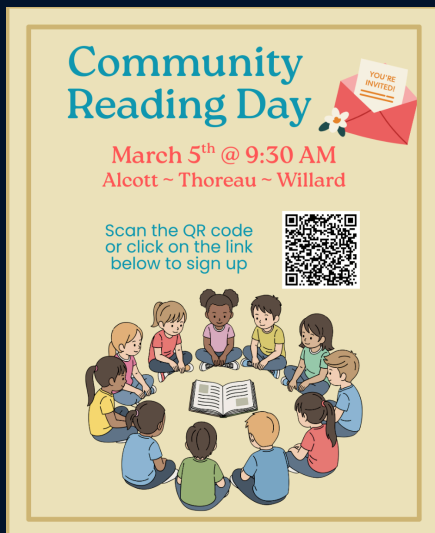
Max 40, min five people to run. 48 hours notice to cancel or book.

Community Reading Day - March 5, 2026 - 9:30 AM

Concord Public Schools is looking for volunteers to help celebrate the joy of literacy!

Community Reading Day on March 5, 2026 is right around the corner, and we

invite residents, local officials, and business owners to spend a morning sharing a story with our students. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with Concord's youth, foster a love for reading, and show our students the diverse voices that make up our community. Whether you're a seasoned storyteller or a first-time reader, your presence in the classroom makes a lasting impact.



Reading Day Sign-up

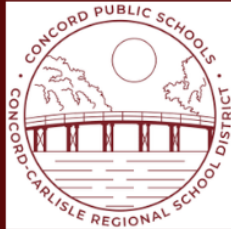
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