



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: February 15, 2016

PayByPhone Arrives at the West Concord Commuter Lot

Town Plans to Remove Honor Box Payment Option by the End of the Year

Contact: (978) 318-3290

The Town of Concord has introduced a new way for drivers using the West Concord commuter parking lot to pay for parking. The service, called PayByPhone, helps MBTA commuter rail customers in Concord more conveniently pay for parking using their mobile phone or Apple Watch. This service has been available as of Wednesday, February 10, 2016 for commuters/customers who register for the PayByPhone service.

Board/Committee Vacancies

Ever consider becoming a part of a board/commission/committee in your local government? The Town is looking for residents to fill positions on a variety of boards/commissions/committees.

If interested, please call (978) 318-3000, or find info online: www.concordma.gov/Pages/ConcordMA_BOS/vacancies

Youth Mental Health First Aid USA Training

March 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

You may know CPR and the Heimlich maneuver. You can call 911, but can you administer first aid in a mental health crisis? Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches parents, family members, caregivers, teachers, school staff, coaches, neighbors, health and human services workers, and other caring citizens how to help an adolescent (age 12-18) who is experiencing a mental health or addictions challenge or is in crisis.

Brought to you by CC Youth Services and CC Adult and Community Education thanks to proceeds from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Walk held in Concord 2015. This course is open to the public for a small registration fee of \$10 which includes course instruction, materials and a boxed lunch. Pre-registration required.

Register for course 3247 at www.ace.colonial.net

Concord Cares Program

Emergency Oil Disbursement Program

- Provides up to 75 gallons emergency fuel for Concord households in heating fuel crisis.
- Contact Community Services Coordinator for residents below age 60 at 978.318.3034
- Contact the Concord Council on Aging for residents age 60 and above 978.318.3020

After hours, emergency need, contact Fire Dept. 978.318.3488 or Police Dept. 978.318.3400

Community Services/Social Services

Contact:(978) 318-3034

The Community Services Coordinator (CSC) received 24 phone calls, 43 emails and had 7 home/office visits all related to assistance requests. The focus of the requests were transportation needs, housing needs, bill payment assistance, rent payment assistance, fuel assistance, food assistance and food and fuel application processing. Of the 24 phone calls, two were new contacts to the Community Services Office.

The CSC continues to work with Concord residents under the age of 60 to assist with applying for **SMOC Fuel Assistance and the Good Neighbor Energy Fund**. Any Concord resident under the age of 60 interested in applying for fuel assistance please contact Aileen Buford, MSW for more information and to determine eligibility.



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Health Division

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Septic system permitting: 1 septic permit issued; 1 septic variance issued; 19 Certificates of Compliance issued. 2 Deep test holes witnessed; 5 septic field inspections. 5 Sewer Reviews and 3 Building Reviews completed. Stan Sosnicki reviewed files for Innovative/Alternative sewage treatment systems in Lincoln (inter-municipal agreement to provide health services to the Town of Lincoln); 7 were not in compliance with operation and monitoring requirements and owners will be ordered to bring their systems into compliance.

Food Service: 3 routine inspections and 7 re-inspections of food establishments to verify earlier violations have been corrected. 1 Food Borne illness investigation performed for a potential case of campylobacter. Food service consultations: Colonial Inn renovation of Forge Bar area; New Life Church application for Commercial Kitchen; The Commons in Lincoln for construction of a new kitchen facility; consultation with a resident to provide guidance about residential retail permitting vs. commercial permitting for a food facility.

Meetings attended: Health Director Susan Rask attended a meeting of the Middlesex Tick Task Force, to plan spring 2016 educational efforts. Assistant Health Director Stan Sosnicki attended the regular monthly meeting of the Lincoln Board of Health and a Massachusetts Environmental Health Association seminar, Onsite Wastewater for Local Environmental Health Officials.

Planning Division

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Bruce Freeman Rail Trail update: Several important action items were completed this week –

- Select Board member Carmin Reiss and Director Marcia Rasmussen met with Senator Barrett, Representative Atkins and Exec. Office of Public Safety Secretary Daniel Bennett to discuss transfer of Dept. of Corrections land to the Town for a small parking facility to serve the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail opposite MCI-Concord;
- The project received its Army Corps of Engineers permit for the bridge work; Greenman-Pedersen, Inc. (GPI) completed the list of properties that were visibly encroaching on the State's R.O.W. for the MassDOT Right-of-way Bureau; updated information was submitted by GPI and Nover-Armstrong Associates to the Natural Resources Commission for its meeting next week; and,
- GPI and CPW-Engineering responded to one of the owners of 30 and 40 Beharrell Street about their concerns about access to the rear of the buildings that abut the State R.O.W./future rail trail and parking facility and how it will be provided.

Historic Districts Commission (HDC) meeting of February 11: The HDC reviewed two continued, and four new, applications for changes in the Historic Districts. The Commission approved Certificates of Appropriateness for the installation of a trellis at 52 Bow Street and the installation of a USS Concord Bell memorial at 12 Main Street (the two continued applications) and for lighting at 169 Lowell Road; signage at 83-91 Main Street; signage at 45 Walden and lighting, paint colors, garage doors and gutters at 427 Lowell Road. The Commission's next meeting will be Thursday, February 18.

Building Inspections Division

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ISO Audit scheduled/preliminary responses being prepared: After viewing hurricane damage from community to community 10+ years ago, and seeing some developments totally destroyed while others were untouched, the Insurance industry recognized the value of reviewing the work of Building Inspections offices, Fire Departments and Water services in communities across the country to establish insurance rates for various communities. Every five years the Insurance Services Office, funded by the insurance industry, conducts an audit in every city and town in Massachusetts. This year the Concord Building Inspections Division audit is scheduled for March 29th, which will result in a Building Code Effectiveness Grading that is used to set new property and structure insurance rates for Concord. The Building Commissioner is working to provide preliminary information in advance of the audit.



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Natural Resources Division

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Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Staff reviewed the following projects for the February 17th NRC meeting: the continued Notice of Intent (NOI) for construction of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail; the continued NOI for construction of a commercial market/office building and parking lot improvements at Millbrook Tarry; the continued NOI for 68 and 18 Cambridge Turnpike for construction of a garage; and an after-the-fact NOI for reconstruction of a driveway and landscaping at 144 Nashoba Road. Minor modifications for the Middlesex School Music Center and installation of an irrigation well at 163 Lindsay Pond Road will also be presented to the Commission at this meeting.

Conservation Coffee: Staff led another stimulating conversation at the Conservation Coffee held on February 9th including a bald eagle siting on the Sudbury River and the newest addition to Estabrook Woods, the 28-acre Woods Haven Farm in Carlisle over which the Sudbury Valley Trustees will acquire a Conservation Restriction. The next Conservation Coffee will be held at 7:30 AM on March 8th in the first floor conference room at 141 Keyes Road. Please note the March Coffee has been moved from the first Tuesday of the month due to elections.