



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: April 4, 2016

FOURTH QUARTER PROPERTY TAX BILLS ISSUED

Contact: (978) 318-3090

Property tax bills for the fourth quarter of Fiscal Year 2016 have been mailed to Concord taxpayers. Fourth quarter payments are due in the Treasurer-Collector's Office at the Town House by 4:30 PM on Monday, May 2, 2016. Postmarks will not verify timely payment. Interest at a rate of 14% per year will accrue from the due date on overdue payments.

Fiscal year 2016 began on July 1, 2015 and will end on June 30, 2016. Tax bills for the first two quarters (due August 3, 2015 and November 2, 2015) were preliminary and based on Fiscal Year 2015 taxes, plus an additional 2.98%. Tax bills for the third and fourth quarters (due February 1, 2016 and May 2, 2016) show the balance of the actual Fiscal Year 2016 taxes, based on the tax rate of \$13.92 per thousand dollars of assessed value.

Any Concord taxpayer who has not received their fourth quarter property tax bill should contact the Treasurer-Collector's Office at 978-318-3050.

Annual Town Meeting to be Held Beginning Monday April 4

Contact: (978) 318-3000

The Town of Concord opened their Annual Town Meeting on April 4, 2016.

Town Meeting is held at:

Concord-Carlisle Regional High School
500 Walden Street

Adjourned sessions start at 7:00pm– if necessary

Tuesday– April 5, 2016– Complete
Wednesday– April 6, 2016
Thursday April 7, 2016

Please call the Concord Town Manager's Office with any questions.

Special Town Election Set for April 14

Contact: (978) 318-3080

The Concord Select Board has called a Special Town Election for Thursday, April 14, 2016 to consider three ballot questions. The questions all ask voters to consider a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, §21C(k). The questions relate to Warrant Articles that are on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, as follows:

Ballot Question 1 – Concord-Carlisle Regional School District – Landfill Site Remediation (see also Article 14 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant)

Ballot Question 2 – School Transportation Facility – Supplemental Appropriation (see also Article 15 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant)

Ballot Question 3 – Minuteman Regional High School Building Project Approval (see also Article 18 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant)

Polls will be open from 7:00 am to 8:00 pm on Election Day, April 14th. If you will be away from Concord during polling hours, or are unable to get to the polls in person on Election Day due to physical limitations or religious beliefs, then you are eligible to vote via absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are available in person at the Town Clerk's Office during office hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm) or a ballot may be mailed to you upon receipt of a written request. The deadline for absentee balloting is Noon on Wednesday, April 13th.



Report a NON-emergency issue in Town online or through the mobile app with Commonwealth Connect/SeeClickFix



HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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Senior Services/Council on Aging

Contact (978) 318-3020

Charlie Card Day: On Thursday, April 7th from 1-3pm the COA will offer residents aged 65 and older the opportunity to apply for a reduced fare Charlie Card which entitles the rider to reduced fares when riding MBTA transportation. You must bring a photo ID with Proof of Age. COA staff will copy your ID, take your photo and supply you with the application form. The new card will be mailed to you directly from the MBTA in 2-6 weeks. There is no charge for the card. You must call to sign up for an appointment.

The COA is pleased to welcome Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan to speak on Tuesday April 12th at 1pm. District Attorney Ryan will be joined by Concord Chief of Police Joseph O'Connor and Concord Police Detective Scott Camilleri. Together, they will present a program entitled: "Keeping Seniors Safe: A Senior Protection Seminar". Please call soon to sign up to attend this important workshop as we expect a lot of interest.

Beach Party! While the outside temperatures might not yet reflect it, the COA Beach party will be a loads of fun with sand, beach balls, palm trees, karaoke and ice cream. Please plan to join us on Friday, April 29th from 1-3pm at Harvey Wheeler. There is no charge for this event but we need folks to sign up in advance.

National Health Care Decisions Week is April 11-16. The COA encourages all seniors to make sure that you have identified someone to act as your health care agent should you be unable to speak for yourself and to be sure you have spoken to your agent about what your wishes are. If you need copies of a Health Care Proxy or the Five Wishes Pamphlet the COA office has these documents available free of charge.

Community Services

Contact: (978) 318-3034

Anyone under the age of 60 who is interested in applying for Fuel Assistance, please contact Aileen Buford, MSW. The deadline for applications has been extended to May 13th, 2016. Email or call for eligibility requirements. 978.318.3034 or abuford@concordma.gov

Any Concord resident interested in applying for a Summer Camp Scholarship, please contact Aileen Buford, MSW at abuford@concordma.gov or 978.318.3034. Deadline to apply is April 25th.

The Garden Club of Concord offers a scholarship for undergrads and graduate students. Applications are due by April 15, 2016. For more information about the application process please contact: Sarah Newton at sarah.b.newton@gmail.com





ASIST

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training

9:30 am - 5:30 pm
April 21 and 22, 2016
Colonial Inn
48 Monument Square
Concord, MA
Cost \$125 per person*
***Actual Cost \$250**
Refreshments and Lunch provided

ASIST is a two-day intensive, interactive and practice-dominated course designed to teach suicide first-aid to help a person at risk stay safe and seek further help as needed.

This training is suitable for mental health and medical professionals, teachers, caregivers, youth workers, police and correctional staff, clergy, and community volunteers.

13 CEU's for SW and LMHC will be awarded upon completion of the program.

Scholarships available

Space is limited! Must register by April 15. For more information call 774 3925420 or to register email trainingasist@gmail.com

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Planning Division

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Tree Preservation Subcommittee (TreePS): The Subcommittee met at 7 am on April 4th to continue researching the issue of tree clearing for development in Town, formulating a plan for citizen engagement, and finding out what other communities have done. The Subcommittee will be meeting at 7am on April 15th to finalize a press release and set of survey questions to begin the public outreach. This effort will continue through April and May, with members attending Town events to hear what people may be thinking and whether the Town should consider tree protection or other measures to mitigate the loss of trees during construction.

Wayfinding/Branding workshop for West Concord: On March 31, an informal Advisory Group representing West Concord business and property owners, town committees, and Town staff met with consultant Mark Favermann to initiate preliminary concepts for 'branding' a wayfinding program for West Concord, which includes titles, logos and imagery that will visually identify West Concord for visitors and others on signs and other way finding elements.

Building Inspections Division

Contact: 978-318-3280

ISO audit conducted: On March 29th the Concord Building Inspections Division was audited by the Insurance Services Office (ISO) in-order to assign a Concord Building Code Effectiveness grading. This grading is used to establish insurance rates for properties in Concord over the next five (5) year period. Through this audit process ISO evaluates the building codes adopted by a community and how the community enforces its building codes through the process of plan reviews and field inspections. The prospect of lessening damage and ultimately lowering insurance costs is an incentive for communities throughout the country to enforce their building codes rigorously. We anticipate receiving results of the audit within three months.

Natural Resources Division

Contact: 978-318-3285

Natural Resources Commission (NRC) meeting of March 30: The following matters were heard: the continued Notice of Intent (NOI) for Concord Public Works (CPW) to replace culverts in Sleepy Hollow cemetery; a continued NOI for 955 Lexington Road to repave a parking lot; a continued NOI for 9 Pond Lane to repair and maintain an existing dam, a continued hearing for 415 Lowell Road to install a swimming pool and landscape improvements; a Request for the Concord Land Conservation Trust to install three 10-meter by 10-meter deer exclosures for research purposes; an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation to confirm wetland boundaries at 40 Squaw Sachem Trail, and a Notice of Intent to demolish and rebuild an existing pump-house at 920 Sudbury Road. A permit was issued to CPW to replace culverts at Sleepy Hollow, for MMNHP to repave the parking lot at 955 Lexington Road, to the Land Trust for the deer exclosures, to Okurowski confirming the wetland boundary at 40 Squaw Sachem Trail, and to Griesinger at 1266 Lowell Road to return a field to agricultural production. Two Minor Modifications for 47 Old Bedford Road to install a solar array and the Division of Natural Resources to install a well for irrigation at 6A Harrington Ave. were also approved.

Health Division

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Concord Carlisle Community Youth and Young Adult Opioid Abuse Forum on April 1st: The breakfast forum coordinated by Youth Services Coordinator Jennifer Clarke, brought together staff from Concord Public Schools, Police and Fire Departments, and public health and local addiction counselors to discuss the emerging opioid problem in Massachusetts. Public Health Director Susan Rask spoke about recent legislation and efforts at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to address this issue. Approximately 30 people from Concord, Carlisle and private schools, clergy, parent groups, and Town offices and board members attended.