



# TOWN OF CONCORD

## Town Manager's Report

Week of: June 6, 2016

### Concord Public Works -Bicycle Giveaway for Concord Residents

Contact: (978) 318-3240

There has been strong initial interest in the bike giveaway to be held from 4:00 PM – 7:30 PM on Wednesday, June 22nd at the Public Works facility located at 133 Keyes Rd. Many residents have contacted Concord Public Works beginning on the morning of June 6th, the day passes became available, to make arrangements to obtain a pass. An official, no cost pass is required to receive a bike, with a two-bike per family limit - on a first come, first choose basis on the day of the event. Residents may pre-register and obtain a limited availability pass to attend the event beforehand by contacting Concord Public Works at (978) 318-3240.

Given the high interest in the bike giveaway, CPW urges residents to obtain their pass early as passes are limited to the existing inventory.

### Paid Summer Internship Opportunity

Contact: (978) 318-3025

The Town of Concord is seeking a paid summer intern to work with our Social Services Division and the Department of Planning and Land Management to assist with a variety of projects. Candidates must have a general knowledge of Microsoft Windows (Word, Excel and Access) and related software, as well as digital cameras/photography.

Candidates must be able to organize information in spreadsheets and perform research and field work as needed. Good communication skills, a positive attitude, excellent verbal and written skills and the ability to work unsupervised are also required. A general understanding of good graphic design is a plus. More information is available on the Town's website on the left-hand side under 'Job Opportunities'. Applications are being accepted until June 20th, or until the right candidate is selected.

### Concord Free Public Library News

As of May 29th, the Concord Free Public Library Main Library is now closed on Sundays until October. The only exception will be June 12th when the Library will open from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. for CCHS students only who are preparing for final exams.

The Concord Free Public Library and Concord Museum collaborative exhibitions related to Thoreau's *Men of Concord* were featured on Jared Bowen's Open Studios program on WGBH on 6/3. The program can be viewed on demand at <http://www.wgbh.org/programs/Open-Studio-With-Jared-Bowen-2162>

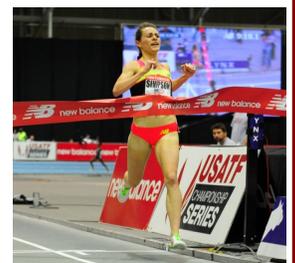
The June Cookbook Club will meet at the Fowler Branch on 6/8 at noon to share recipes from *Paleo Lunches and Breakfasts on the Go* by Diana Rodgers. The author and her husband own the Clark Farm in Carlisle, MA. Rodgers plans to give a presentation during the meeting.

As part of the 'Full STEAM Ahead' grant, Fayth Chamberland, Children's Librarian, plans to set-up three container gardens at the Main Library's Sudbury's Road entrance for children to plant vegetables from seeds supplied by the Concord Seed Lending Library.

The Concord Free Public Library's 2016 Summer Reading Program, "On Your Mark, Get Set . . . Read!" will begin on Saturday, June 11th with a special kick-off event featuring giant games on the Main Library front lawn between 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., sponsored by the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library. All are welcome.



During the month of June, Sudbury photographer, John Keklak, will exhibit a collection of his sports photography at the Fowler Branch Library. Through his work, Keklak strives to capture the emotional intensity and focus of athletes and will share tips for taking great sports photographs at a presentation at the Fowler Branch on June 13th at 7:00 p.m.



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**CONCORD PUBLIC WORKS (CPW)**  
**ADMINISTRATION • ENGINEERING • HIGHWAY & GROUNDS • WATER & SEWER**

Contact: (978) 318-3206

**Public Works Week Celebration – Thursday, June 2, 2016** - Concord Public Works hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> grade from the middle school (over 210 students) on June 2. This was the tenth year that the students were included in this event. This year's theme was: "Public Works – Always There".

Anna Trout, Administrative & Special Projects Coordinator, and the CPW team spent months in preparation for this event in coordination with Doug Shattuck, the Applied Technology teacher from the Middle School, and the teachers and staff that helped as chaperones for the event. Planning begins once again for the next year as soon as the event concludes. Richard Reine PWLF, Director of Public Works, thanked all who made the day a success, as the group assembled for a photo. He acknowledged that this event was made possible by the hard work of the Public Works staff, who spent a great deal of time and effort to prepare. This year's event was a great success, providing a unique opportunity to show students what goes on "behind the scenes" and demonstrated how they can have a positive effect on the environment. Wayne Busa, Concord Schools Transportation Manager, coordinated the five buses and drivers that brought the students to four different locations throughout the day, which made things run smoothly.

Public Works was showcased by the following events this year:

- **Storm water System Maintenance** – CPW Highway and Grounds Division including John Wilson, Jeff Koranda, Bob Trainor, John Hesdorff, Tim Porter, Scott Cullinane and others conducted a session including a catch basin cleaning demonstration – information about how beavers can cause problems with drainage – along with various equipment demonstrations. Tish Hopkins conducted a trivia contest that challenged the students' knowledge of local issues.
- **Stormwater and Water Quality Overview** – CPW Engineering Division led by Bill Renault, including Chris Olbrot, Jake Zwicker and Nate Chin conducted an educational session at Junction Park in West Concord to demonstrate the importance of stormwater management, showing how bio retention works while including some fun activities for the students.
- **Hazardous Waste Disposal** – CPW Administrative Division led by Rod Robison, Environmental Svcs. Program Administrator, along with Paul Reinhardt and Nancey Carroll entertained the students with an educational skit which pointed out how important reuse is for the environment. The students were able to come up with their own innovative ideas in a friendly competition.
- **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Videos** – Pete Laptewicz showed students the public service announcements that they created in class, demonstrating how to prevent stormwater pollution.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant** – A tour of the plant was conducted by CPW Water & Sewer Division, led by Valerie Doerrer with assistance from Woodard and Curran staff. Alex Wahlstrom, CPW Environmental & Regulatory Coordinator, with assistance from Dean Strom, provided a presentation on water conservation including a lively water relay demonstrating the importance of conserving this valuable resource.
- **Best Management Practice for Turf Grass** - Peter Flynn, MCLP, MCA, Park and Tree Operations Supervisor & Tree Warden along with Dan Rowley, Bob Wockenfuss and Mick Hone, conducted a session at Keyes Road where the students learned about turf management and performed hands on pH testing of the soil.

Susan Clark and Steve Barter operated the popcorn machine and distributed popcorn to hungry participants. There are many other employees that also provided assistance with this great event including Andy Giles, Andrew Walker, Rich Hathaway and Rich Weaver.



**Compost Site Volunteers** - On Friday, May 27, 2016, Concord Public Works was fortunate to have 14 members of the senior class at Concord-Carlisle Regional High School assist with cleaning up the Town's compost site located at 755 Walden Street. During the course of the morning members of the group helped spread wood chips and complete general cleanup of the site. The efforts of these volunteers really made a difference and will be noticeable to all users of the composting site.



**Human Services**  
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**Veterans' Services**

Contact: (978) 318-3038

The Office of Veterans' Services has been working with three new veterans who have moved recently to Concord and qualify to receive benefits under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115. Veterans must supply pay check stubs if employed, marriage certificate if married, birth certificates and school letters if they have children and attend school, military records, rent or mortgage information, bank statements to the veteran service officer. All information is forwarded to the Department of Veterans Services in Boston and a benefit formula is applied.

The Service Officer visited several veterans this week picking up their pay check stubs, prescription bills, medical bills, hospital bills, supplemental insurance bills that will be paid via Chapter 115 benefits for qualifying low income veteran families.

The Service Officer assisted two senior veterans who misplaced their benefit checks. A third veteran was assisted with the "food for family" program.

The paperwork filed during the month of May was completed and sent to Boston so the Town receives the 75% reimbursement and the month of June was submitted at the same time for authorization of benefits.

**Community Services**

Contact: (978) 318-3034

CC Youth & Community Services has over 70 K-8 children signed up to receive a back to school backpack and school supplies for the 2016-17 school year. If you or a group would like to assist with donating a backpack, please use a drop-box location listed below or contact CC Youth Services Coordinator, Jennifer Clarke 978.318.3043 / [Jclarke@concordma.gov](mailto:Jclarke@concordma.gov)

Donated backpacks must be new/unused. Donations of pencils, glue sticks, rulers, pencil cases, pencil sharpeners, loose-leaf paper, folders and notebooks are also welcome.



Drop Box locations in Concord are: Harvey Wheeler Community Center until July 15<sup>th</sup> (1276 Main Street) and the Thoreau, Alcott and Willard Elementary School Lobbies until June 17<sup>th</sup>.



Applications are currently being accepted for the Concord Housing Development Corporation Small Grant Program. This grant provides financial assistance to correct conditions dangerous to health and safety, to correct sub-standard conditions; and to improve weatherization and energy efficiency. The grants are offered as unsecured and unconditional funds, with no repayment clauses. The maximum grant available is \$5,000 per grant period and a cap of no more than \$10,000 total from the Small Grant Program over the lifetime of the program for a household at a given property address. Application due date at this time is June 30<sup>th</sup> and again on January 31<sup>st</sup>. To submit an application or to get more details contact Lara Kritzer, Program Administrator, Senior Planner, Dept. of Planning & Land Management, 978.318.3293 or [lkritzer@concordma.gov](mailto:lkritzer@concordma.gov)

June 2016

## Staffing Update for Community Services Coordinator



Aileen Buford (pictured on left), Concord and Carlisle's Community Services Coordinator, will be leaving June 15th to move back to Alabama with her family. While we are thrilled for Aileen, her husband, and their boys, she will be missed a great deal. Her kind heart has touched so many over the years.

We are delighted to announce Bonnie Wilbur (pictured on right) as the new Community Services Coordinator. Bonnie holds a Master's degree in Counseling Psychology.

She spent many years in higher education administration, and for the past five years she has worked as Program Supervisor at Concord's Council on Aging. A mother of two sons, she is looking forward to working with the adults and families in our community.



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 **Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority**

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