



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: July 11, 2016

Outdoor Water Use Restriction In Effect

Contact: (978) 318-3250

The Public Works Commission Has Declared a State of Water Supply Conservation

Due to an extended period of extreme heat and lack of precipitation, customer demand has reached the limits of our available water supply. To curtail water use, the following Outdoor Water Use Restrictions have been put in place, until further notice.

Outdoor Water Use Restriction

Limit Outdoor
Water Use
<2x/week



www.concordma.gov/water

Help Reduce the Summer Peak Demand for Electricity

Contact: (978) 318-3101

The summer peak demand season began June 1 and continues through August 31. Whenever a peak demand for electricity is predicted, CMLP will post a message – usually the day before the event – to News & Notices, CMLP's Twitter followers, Facebook, and the CAP (Concordians Addressing the Peak) Google Group asking citizens to voluntarily reduce electric use during peak demand.

Fifteen percent of your electric bill is directly related to the amount of electricity Concord uses for just one hour during the entire year. That one hour, the *peak demand hour*, occurs on a hot weekday afternoon during the summer months typically between the hours of 12PM – 6PM.

By reducing electric use during these peak demand hours, everyone benefits with lower electric rates and a cleaner environment as the least efficient generating plants operate during peaks. Here are some ideas to try:

- shut off some or all of your lights
- turn up your AC thermostat several degrees
- curtail the use of pool pumps, dryers, and washing machines
- plan a cold picnic supper or cook dinner on the grill
- use a timer for appliances such as a dehumidifier to avoid operation during peak hours

Share your ideas. Do you have more ways to reduce electricity usage on peak demand days? Let us know by emailing your ideas to concordlight@concordma.gov, and we'll share your ideas with others.

Share the word. Follow CMLP on Twitter @CMLPmedia. Also, family and friends in Concord can subscribe to CMLP's CAP Google Group by sending an email with the Subject and Body blank to: Cmlp-cap+subscribe@googlegroups.com. Google Groups will reply requesting verification of your request. This is a one-way email system so members can only receive emails from this site. We will try not to send out more than six notices during the summer season.

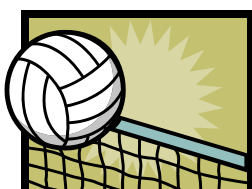
Concord Light's Rebates Now Cover Exterior Lighting

Contact: (978) 318- 3101

When it comes to electricity bills, Concord Light knows that saving money matters to our business customers. Our rebates cover 30-40% of the upfront cost of replacing older, inefficient lighting with current technology that uses less electricity. And, Concord Light's rebates now apply to exterior as well as interior lighting. Up-to-date fixtures and lamps for building security, entrance ways, walkways, parking lots and garages reduce electricity and maintenance costs, and can provide better quality light.

We make it easy by providing a turnkey installation option for business lighting upgrades. One of Concord Light's recommended vendors can handle all the details. However, you may also use your own vendor for the lighting assessment, quote and installation. You are not required to use a Concord Light vendor to receive a rebate.

Visit http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_LightPlant/CommercialLightingLandingPage to learn more. To ensure that rebate money is reserved for your project, have your rebate application reviewed and approved by Concord Light before installation begins.





HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

RECREATION * SENIOR SERVICES * SOCIAL SERVICES

Senior Services/Council on Aging (COA)

Contact: (978) 318-3020

The Senior Services Division/COA wishes to express sincere appreciation for a recently received grant award from the Concord Carlisle Community Chest. The Community Chest grant provides financial support for our Social Service Coordinator, our Volunteer Coordinator and one of our Outreach Coordinators. Support from the Chest and their many generous donors enhance the work of the COA in so many wonderful ways!

Warm welcome to our new van driver Dave Barry! Dave joined our the team in June, has quickly “learned the ropes” and is a wonderful addition. Dave has been a professional driver for the past 20+ years and is looking forward to meeting the transportation needs of Concord’s seniors.

We are pleased to announce that several of our technology tutors are returning for the summer. Seniors who need help with high tech gadgets (smart phones, computers, lap tops, etc) are encouraged to call and make an appointment.

The COA reminds senior residents that the Harvey Wheeler Community Center is air conditioned and if you need a break from the heat, you are welcome to come by to cool off as necessary when we are open. Additionally, please remember to stay hydrated! Dehydration can cause confusion, dizziness, low serum sodium and low blood pressure, which can lead to falls. Please be sure to drink lots of water!

On Monday, July 18th from 6pm to 7:30pm we are pleased to offer the following program: “Taking the Fear out of Downsizing”. We will have two speakers this evening: Laura Moore, from Clutter Clarity and realtor, Greta Donahue. They will demonstrate that when you get ready properly, downsizing goes from overwhelming to comfortable. Please call to sign up.

Youth/Community Services

Contact: (978) 318-3034

The Community Services Coordinator received 20 phone calls and 22 emails all related to requests for assistance. Requests focused mainly on food assistance, parenting support, and financial assistance in regard to housing costs.

Back-to-School Backpacks Program Still Accepting Donations. This program offers free new/unused backpacks that contain school supplies for children going into Kindergarten through the 8th grade. Concord-Carlisle 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 the drop-box at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center (1276 Main Street) until July 15th or contact CC Youth Services Coordinator, Jennifer Clarke, at 978.318.3043 or jjclarke@concordma.gov. Donated backpacks must be new/unused. Donations of pencils, glue sticks, rulers, pencil cases, pens, pencil sharpeners, loose-leaf paper, folders, and notebooks are also welcome. Backpack donations will be accepted through the end of July and early August.

Veterans Services

Contact: (978) 318-3038

The new fiscal year started off with the filing of the last active chapter 115 case for state benefits for a local veteran who is seeking gainful employment.

The family of a local veteran who is suffering from Alzheimer’s requested information on transportation to and from his home to a cooperative adult day in Concord. Information was provided.



DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT
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Planning Division

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Bruce Freeman Rail Trail (BFRT) Advisory Committee meeting on July 7th: The BFRT Advisory Committee reviewed the draft responses to FAQ's prepared by Director Rasmussen and asked that they be posted on the Town's website once revised. The monthly update on BFRT Phases 2A, 2B and 2C was discussed and the following items were noted: nine of the thirteen appraisals have been completed with the final four due by July 14th; Greenman-Pedersen is preparing the easement plans for the permanent easements, the Town easements and the MBTA easement in addition to the Approval Not Required plan for the Dept. of Corrections land transfer to the Town; the Select Board will schedule a public hearing on Monday, August 15th at 5:00 p.m. to consider final actions required by the Town for the BFRT.

Historic Districts Commission (HDC) meeting on July 7: The HDC reviewed five new applications for changes within the Historic Districts and one continued application. New Certificates of Appropriateness were approved for window changes, new paint colors, new railings, and the removal of a chimney at 32 Lowell Road; the reconstruction of a chimney at 47 Lexington Road; a new door sign at 17 Walden Street; and a replacement fence at 229 Lexington Road. The discussion of new paint colors and light fixtures at 324 Sudbury Road was continued to the next meeting to allow the property owner time to consider additional color options. The continued discussion of the repair/replacement of the fence at 40 Lowell Road was also postponed to the July 21 meeting to allow the owner time to develop new options. The Commission will meet again on July 21 and August 4, but has canceled its previously scheduled August 18 meeting.

MassPort Summer Intern: The Planning Division and Social Services Division are pleased to welcome Somerset Gall to the Town as our 2016 MassPort Summer Intern. Ms. Gall is a recent graduate of Concord Academy and will be working through September with various Town Departments on projects such as updating the Social Services handouts and publications; conducting research for the Planning Board and the Comprehensive Long Range Plan Committee; and assisting the Historical Commission in researching their archeological projects.

Tree Preservation Subcommittee (TPS) meeting on July 7th: TPS met to discuss their meeting with the Planning Board on June 21st. The Subcommittee will be looking at using available aerial photos to help provide a more factual analysis of the level of tree clearing for the construction of new single family dwellings over the past three years and begin pulling together components for a draft tree preservation bylaw to present to the Planning Board in September.

Comprehensive Long Range Plan Committee (CLRPC) meeting on July 8th: The CLRPC reviewed a draft overview of the process for the development of the Plan and determined that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for a consultant would include the public outreach/visioning component and the Plan development so that there was consistency throughout the process and modified the draft. The goal is to advertise the RFP in the Central Register this month. At each of the next three meetings, the Committee plans to discuss two of the APA Sustainability Principles and begin identifying core issues (July 22nd Livable Built Environment & Harmony with Nature; August 12th Resilient Economy & Interwoven Equity; August 22nd Healthy Community & Responsible Regionalism).

Planning Board: At the next meeting on July 12th, the Board will be reviewing and, discussing with the contractor, the Tree Trimming Plan for the Town's solar project at the W.R. Grace property. Copies of the draft Plan can be found on the Planning Board web page under Meeting Documents:

http://www.concordma.gov/Pages/ConcordMA_Planning/Meeting%20Documents



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Natural Resources Division

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Japanese Knotweed Management: If you walk the Reformatory Branch Trail you will notice an area of dead or dying Japanese Knotweed near Lowell Road. The Division of Natural Resources is conducting a pilot project to manage this aggressive, invasive species that has recently invaded Mill Brook Way. Please excuse our appearance during this management effort.

Barrett's Mill Conservation Land Kiosk: A new kiosk has been installed at the Barrett's Mill Conservation Land parking area. This kiosk will serve the Barrett's Mill and Finigan Way conservation areas. A new trail guide was developed and is now available at the kiosk, at the Division of Natural Resources Office, and on the Town website at: www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_NaturalResources



Natural Resources Commission meeting on July 6th: The following 12 matters were heard: a Notice of Intent (NOI) for 300 Baker Avenue to expand the parking lot; a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) for 83 Pilgrim Road to reaffirm the wetland boundary; an NOI for Middlesex School to replace a culvert; an NOI for Concord Public Works to replace a culvert in Lowell Road; an RDA for 332/334 Bedford Street to install a swing set; an RDA for 69 Gifford Lane to confirm the wetland boundary associated with the construction of a deck; an NOI for 91 Hayward Mill Road to construct a garage; an RDA for 87 Elsinore Street to remove a well pump house and reactivate an irrigation system; an NOI for the Concord Museum for site modifications and parking lot expansion; an NOI for 136 Laurel Street to demolish and reconstruct a single family house; and NOI for 63 Virginia Road to install a solar array; and an NOI to construct a footbridge at the Second Division Brook Conservation Land. The Commission also issued a Minor Modification to the Silver Hill Association to utilize an aeration system to manage algae at Silver Hill Pond and extended the pond management program for another three years. The Commission also issued a one-year Extension to the Town-wide maintenance Order for Concord Public Works.

New applications received this week for the July 20th meeting include: an NOI for 296 Bedford Street to replace a culvert; an NOI for 269 Sudbury Road to demolish and reconstruct a single-family house; and, an NOI for Concord Public Works to replace two culverts on Shadyside Avenue.

Health Division

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School Bus Facility off Knox Trail: a permit was issued for construction of the septic system at the bus maintenance facility on the former W.R. Grace land.

99 Restaurant at 13 Commonwealth Ave: The 99 will be closed for several days as they undergo a renovation of the bar, service galley, and dining areas. Health Division staff met with the facility manager and construction crew to ensure renovations would bring the facility into full compliance the State regulations for food service establishments.

Building Inspections Division

Contact: (978) 318-3280

Black Horse Place PRD off Commerford Road: The building permits have been issued this week for two new homes in this 19-unit development. These are the first units to be under construction.