



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: August 15, 2016

Expanded Hours for Compost Site

The Compost Site at 755 Walden Street is open Saturdays 9am-3pm. In addition to those hours, a pilot program has been established to also open the compost site on Wednesday's beginning August 3 through October 12, from 3-6pm. The extended hours from October 19 through November 23 will be 3-5:30pm. Concord residents can drop off leaves and grass clippings free of charge. Brush can be dropped off for \$5 per carload (checks payable to Town of Concord). Free compost is also available. For additional information call Concord Public Works at (978) 318-3240.

Updating Resident Information on Code Red for Emergencies

After the last Code Red (reverse 911) communication that was sent out regarding the water ban, it was brought to Town Staff's attention that some resident information in the Code Red system was outdated; in fact, 33% is outdated. The Town is urging residents to update their information if it has changed, so emergency information can successfully reach as many residents as possible. Please go to <https://public.coderedweb.com/cne/en-US/BFB7CC4C6C0A> to sign up.



Backpack Program Begins to Give Backpacks to Families in Need

Contact: (978) 318-3034

The Community & Youth Services Division continues to distribute new, unused backpacks and school supplies to eligible families in Concord & Carlisle. To date, 46 backpacks full of school supplies have been distributed! If you are interested in receiving a backpack for your child or children, or if you know someone who might benefit from this program, please contact Bonny Wilbur, Community Services Coordinator, bwilbur@concordma.gov

August 19 Deadline to Register to Vote in September 8 Primary

Contact (978) 318-3080

A State Primary is scheduled for Thursday, September 8. The last day to register to vote or to change political parties is Friday, August 19. Sample ballots are available on our website at www.concordma.gov, and you will see the link under the 'Resident Links' section.

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.



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Contact: (978) 318-3206

Sleepy Hollow Wetland System Improvements— Project contractor Pecora Contracting began work on the Sleepy Hollow wetland system improvements project during the week of August 1st. It kicked off with the installation of the erosion controls and dewatering setup for the Reformatory Branch Trail Culvert portion of the project. This initial phase involves the cleaning and slip lining of the existing stone box culvert under the rail trail near Great Meadows Road. The pedestrian and cyclist rail trail traffic will be detoured for approximately two weeks while the slip lining work is being completed.

Roads Program Update: Project Contractor Lazaro Paving, and drainage subcontractor Fenton and Sons, have been actively working on the 2015/16 (Phase III) contract. Project status is as follows:

- *Powder Mill Road and Jennie Dugan Road* – Drainage rehabilitation, pavement reclaim and fine grading were completed the week of 8/1, with paving to binder coarse now complete.
- *Barrett's Mill Road* – Drainage rehabilitation between Strawberry Hill Road and the Barrett's Farm house was completed the week of 8/1. Reclaim of Barrett's Mill Road from Strawberry Hill Road to Lee Drive is scheduled to begin on Wednesday 8/17. Alternating lane traffic will be in place during the paving work. Please seek alternate routes and expect delays.
- *Liberty Street* – Drainage subcontractor Fenton and Sons continues with drainage reconstruction on the section of Liberty Street from Monument St. to Estabrook Road. The current schedule has drainage installation being completed by 8/17 followed by roadway reclamation and grading. The roadway will continue to be closed during daytime hours through Friday 8/19.

For additional information on the Roads Program and up to date schedules, please visit the Roads Construction Projects section of the Town website:

(http://www.concordma.gov/pages/ConcordMA_PublicWorks/current)

Westford Road Culvert— Project contractor Aquiline Industries has reached substantial completion for the culvert replacement project with only incidental punch list and final cleanup work remaining. Westford Road was reopened on Thursday August 4th.

Compost Site Expanded Hours - The pilot program involving expanded hours at the 755 Walden Street Compost Site is off to a strong start. In addition to Saturdays (9:00 AM - 3:00 PM), the Compost Site is open Wednesdays from 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM through October 12. From October 19 through November 23 the expanded hours will be from 3:00 PM - 5:30 PM. Residents can drop off leaves and grass clippings at no cost, and there is a \$5 per carload charge for brush. Residents can also pick up compost free of charge. For additional information, contact Concord Public Works at 978 318-3240.



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