



# TOWN OF CONCORD

## Town Manager's Report

Week of: September 19, 2016

### New Concord Website Now Live

The Town has worked hard over the past 6+ months to redesign the [concordma.gov](http://concordma.gov) website., and as of September 8 it has gone live!

Check out the new site, and fill out the brief 3 question survey to let us know what you think!

### Concord Public Works

Contact: (978) 318-3206

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Concord Public Works** - Concord Public Works has coordinated a local household hazardous waste collection event on Wednesday, September 21st, from 3:30-7:30 at 133 Keyes Rd. This collection will be open to residents, businesses, and municipal facilities. Curbside program subscribers can receive a free pass for up to one load of hazardous waste (25 lbs. or 25 gallons) by calling (978) 318-3240 or stopping by Concord Public Works at 133 Keyes Rd. during business hours. Non-curbside subscribers and businesses pay the vendor, Clean Harbors, directly (check only, payable to Clean Harbors).

This is a great opportunity to properly dispose of a variety of household hazardous waste including cleaning products, chemicals, pesticides, herbicides, solvents, bleach, flammable liquids, lighter fluids, anti-freeze, and other hazardous products. For a complete list of acceptable products, visit [www.concordma.gov](http://www.concordma.gov) or contact Concord Public Works at (978) 318-3240.

**Monument Street Water Main Replacement Project** – Under the direction of Concord Public Works Water & Sewer Division, N. Cibboti Inc. (Braintree, MA) will be replacing approximately 1,600 feet of water main and misc. drainage structures along Monument Street between Liberty Street and an area approx. 800' north of Red Coat Lane. Construction is anticipated to begin within the next few weeks and is scheduled to be substantially complete this construction season - prior to winter shutdown.

### Back to School—Resources Available to Families in Concord

Contact: (978) 318-3043

It's Back to School Time! There are a wealth of community resources available to help youth make healthy decisions. Poor choices have an impact not only on an individual, but to communities as well. The suite of tools and resources found at <http://healthprograms.edc.org/audience/community-members> or [www.concordma.gov/youth](http://www.concordma.gov/youth) can be used to help youth and families make healthy decisions that will not only benefit them, but the communities they live in as well.

### Community Service News

Contact: (978) 318-3034

The Community & Youth Services Division wishes to thank everyone who so generously donated a backpack to our Back-to-School Backpack Program this year. A total of 77 backpacks, full of school supplies, were distributed to eligible families in Concord and Carlisle. Special thanks also to the Boys & Girls Club of Assabet Valley for their very generous contribution. The Back-to-School Backpack Program, in its second year, was a great success. Sincere thanks to all who took the time to donate!

Cooler weather is coming and fuel assistance season is approaching. Anyone under the age of 60 who is interested in learning more about the South Middlesex Opportunity Council (SMOC) fuel assistance program should contact Bonny Wilbur, Community Services Coordinator, at tel. 978-318-3034 or [bwilbur@concordma.gov](mailto:bwilbur@concordma.gov). Eligible households receive assistance paid directly to their heating vendor; eligibility is based on annual income and family size. The fuel assistance season opens November 1, 2016.

**Join us for a special screening of Screenagers—  
Growing Up in the Digital Age**  
October 24 at 7pm at the CCHS auditorium.

Sign up at [www.centerforparentsandteachers.org](http://www.centerforparentsandteachers.org) for \$5. Sponsored by: Center for Parents and Teachers, Healthy Concord, CMS PTG and CC Youth Services.



## DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & LAND MANAGEMENT

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### Natural Resources Division

Contact: (978) 318-3285

**Rangers and Conservation Crew:** Rangers Roan Callahan and Brendan Burke, and Conservation Crew Andrew Carlson and Sean Joyce finished up this week and are returning to their college studies. Much was accomplished this year: invasive species removal projects, constructing and maintaining trails and kiosks, enforcing regulations at White Pond, and general maintenance of Town conservation lands.

**Old Calf Pasture Habitat Restoration:** New England Wildflower Society began another round of invasive species control to improve habitat for the rare Britton's violet at this 21-acre conservation land. The treatment involves an herbicide application to glossy buckthorn, bittersweet, and other invasive plant species, and has resulted in a substantial reduction of the numbers of invasive plants. A count of the Britton's violet will be undertaken next spring to assess the health of the violet population, documented as the largest population in New England.



Dense buckthorn at Old Calf Pasture (2007)



After treatment

### Health Division

Contact: (978) 318-3275

**Concord Public Schools food service inspections:** At the request of CPS staff, pre-opening inspections of all Concord Public Schools food service facilities were completed on August 30 and all facilities were deemed ready to open.

### Planning Division

Contact: (978) 318-3290

**Hazard Mitigation Plan 2016 Update:** Fire Chief Mark Cotreau worked with MAPC (our regional planning agency) Planners to organize a meeting of Town staff to update and map the Town's Critical Facilities Inventory, identify potential new development/redevelopment and discuss a public involvement and outreach process. DPLM staff from Planning, Natural Resources, Health and Building Inspections participated in the local hazard mitigation planning team. This is a program funded by FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency).

**Historic Districts Commission meeting on Sept. 1:** The HDC reviewed five new and three continued applications for changes within the Historic Districts; approving Certificates of Appropriateness for a new granite walkway at 141 Keyes Road; a new rear entrance surround and window changes at 65 Main Street; and a new sign and planter at 12 Monument Square (Holy Family Parish). The Commission also discussed and continued several applications to allow the Applicants time to gather additional information including a proposal for new windows at 77 Lexington Road; design of the new building and changes to 200 Lexington Road (Concord Museum); proposed new signage at 269 Monument Street (The Old Manse) and design of the proposed new house at 12 Bow Street. Lastly, the Commission continued its discussion of the proposed additions and alterations at 352 Lexington Road to allow time for a site visit at 8:30 A.M. on Thursday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>.