



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

October 17, 2014

### MAIN STREET PROJECT

Next week, work crews will begin pavement cutting and digging in the center of North Main Street, from School Street to Capital Street. This deep utility work, which will begin on Tuesday, will continue through the week and intermittently throughout the fall.

During this work, parking will be unavailable on the east side of North Main Street, from School to Capital Street; and, at times, parking will be unavailable on the west side of North Main Street, from School to Park Street. Removing parking is being done in the best interest of public safety and to keep traffic flowing as smoothly as possible. This work will not affect Halloween Howl on Friday, October 24th.

Work in Eagle Square will carry on, as construction crews continue removing brick and laying new pavers. Pedestrian traffic and most business entrances will be maintained.



### ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS - PENACOOK VILLAGE

During the past week, Liberty Utilities installed a new section of gas main from Meter Street to Stark Street, which needed to be lowered into the new section of roadway. Next week, they will transfer the gas services to the new main. F.L. Merrill Construction began installing the new road base materials in the southbound lane, beginning at Meter Street and heading south toward Stark Street. The electrical contractor was also on site beginning the installation of the uplights and spotlights. Thursday's rain put a damper on progress for everyone.



Next week, the contractor will continue with road reconstruction work, including the removal of the old road base and placement of new road base materials in the northbound lane from Meter to Stark Street. One-way traffic will be maintained throughout the work zone and delays can be expected.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS



Absentee ballots for the November 4, 2014 State General Election are now available from the City Clerk's Office. Residents who are unable to vote at the polls on Election Day, due to absence from town or physical disability, may request an absentee ballot. You must be registered to vote prior to casting an absentee ballot. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 225-8500 or [cityclerk@concordnh.gov](mailto:cityclerk@concordnh.gov).

### SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE CLOSURE

The Sewalls Falls Bridge will be closed from 7:00 AM on Monday, October 20th, to 5:00 PM on Friday, October 24th, to allow for the continued drilling of test borings to obtain soil and bedrock data for the design of the replacement bridge.



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### NEXT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:

#### FOR ADULTS/FAMILIES

##### *Meet the New CPL Telescope*

**Thursday, 10/23 @ 7:00 PM**

Get ready to stargaze! The NH Astronomical Society will offer sky watching tips and demonstrate how to use the Library's new telescope, which you can check out with your library card. Having trouble with your own telescope? Bring it to the event for expert assistance.

#### FOR TEENS

##### *Teen Advisory Group Meeting*

**Thursday, 10/23 @ 4:00 PM**

For students in grades 6-12. Get involved with teen services at the Library. This group meets monthly to plan teen events and chat about YA books, usually over a pile of snacks. New members are always welcome.

#### FOR CHILDREN

##### *Monster Apple Faces*

**Thursday, 10/23 @ 3:30 PM**



Join us to make the sweetest monsters you'll ever meet!

#### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The Concord Public Library has created an innovative program that will not only help their patrons, but clients of the Human Services Department as well. The Library recently allowed children to donate food in lieu of paying fines in order to have their library cards reinstated. This resulted in 31 children bringing in food which was delivered to our food pantry, a win-win solution for the children and our families in need. Our understanding is that other patrons donated additional food to make sure all children were able to clear their fines. Many thanks to the donors and to everyone at the Library who was involved. Additionally, we would like to thank City Parking Enforcement Officer Paul Garland, who drops off food and bag donations to the pantry on a regular basis.

#### EVERETT ARENA IMPROVEMENTS

The Everett Arena has undergone many improvements over the years. In 2005, the lights were replaced from 400 watt metal halide to T5 fluorescent, which saved energy and created better quality lighting. To further conserve energy, a Low-E ceiling (insulation that also reflects heat) was put into place, variable speed drives were added to the pumps and motors, and an energy management system was initiated to control and monitor the refrigeration equipment. The arena is now saving approximately 218,000 KW and \$30,000 a year. In 2011, the floor was replaced and came in under budget, which allowed for the reallocation of some funds to replace the scoreboard in partnership with Coca-Cola; in 2012, the lobby was painted and redecorated to include the history of the arena; and in 2014, the arena's membrane roof was replaced. The outdoor arena sign is scheduled for replacement during this fiscal year. These are just a few of the projects the arena has undergone over the years. Each year the arena enterprise fund reinvests in the facility to make it one of the best arenas in New Hampshire.

