



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

October 24, 2014

### MAIN STREET PROJECT

With the inclement weather of the past few days, some of the Main Street utility work that was scheduled to take place this past week has been delayed. Beginning on Monday, October 27th, work crews will begin deep digging and pipe laying in the center of North Main Street, between School and Capitol Streets. In the interest of making up for lost time due to weather, traffic patterns and parking configurations in that area will be altered. In that block, the west side of the street will be closed, leaving the east side of the street open for one-way alternating traffic. Parking on the west side of the street, as well as some of the parking in front of the Capitol Plaza, will not be open to the public.

Parking areas on the east side of the street in the School Street to Capitol Street block (in front of Merrimack County Savings Bank) will be used to help traffic flow. Sidewalks and store fronts will not be affected and will be open to pedestrians. The Eagle Square bus stop will be temporarily relocated. Flaggers and a police detail will be used to direct traffic as efficiently as possible.



*Bricklaying in Eagle Square*

The contractor will begin work at 6:00 AM and will work until 8:00 PM, or a bit later, if possible, during the course of the next few weeks in attempts to make up for lost time due to bad weather. Crews will finish early on Friday to accommodate weekend business activities.

### ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS - PENACOOK VILLAGE

This past week, Liberty Utilities completed the transfer of the gas services to the new main and discontinued the old gas main. F.L. Merrill Construction continued installing new road base materials in the northbound lane, beginning at Meter Street and heading south toward Stark Street. Another Thursday rain event put a damper on progress while roadway maintenance was tended to.

Next week, the contractor will continue with road reconstruction work, including reclaiming the remainder of the existing pavement between Meter and Coral Streets. Following the reclaim operation, Continental Paving will be fine grading the entire roadway from Stark to Coral Street, then paving that section by week's end (weather dependent of course). One-way traffic will be maintained throughout the work zone and delays can be expected.

### **DOWNTOWN PARKING SURVEY**



The City is seeking the public's input on parking issues affecting the downtown Concord area. By completing a [short survey](#), you will help us develop a deeper understanding of how well our existing parking supplies, policies and management approach are serving the needs and expectations of downtown business owners, employees, residents and visitors.

If you wear "multiple hats" as a downtown stakeholder, or your downtown experience is more complex than the survey questions allow you to indicate, you may repeat the survey, varying your responses as necessary to provide the level of detail required to capture your experiences.

The survey can be found at: [www.surveymonkey.com/s/concordparking](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/concordparking).

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**HALLOWEEN  
TRICK-OR-TREATING**

Penacook  
Thursday, 10/30  
5:00 - 7:30 PM

Concord  
Friday, 10/31  
5:00 - 7:30 PM

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### NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAMS

#### FOR ADULTS

##### *Short & Sweet*

**Monday, 10/27 @ 7:00 PM**

Each month, Short & Sweet will discuss a short story or essay and enjoy a sweet treat. October's selection is "The Semplica Girl Diaries" by George Saunders.

##### *Come Write In!*

**Friday, 11/1**

**10:00 AM—1:00 PM**

Make the Library your one-stop shop for NanoWrimo! Every November, aspiring writers from around the globe attempt to complete a 50,000 word novel in the month of November. We're celebrating the event with our very first "Write In." Bring your notes, paper, pens and laptop; we'll provide the space. Challenges and contests will keep the words flowing, and our great collection of resources will help you along. For more information, visit [www.nanowrimo.org](http://www.nanowrimo.org).

#### FOR TEENS/CHILDREN

##### *Teen Anime Club*

**Tuesday, 10/28 @ 4:30 PM**

Discuss your favorites in anime and manga, and watch some classics.

##### *Nighttime Family Storytime*

**Thursday, 10/30 @ 6:00 PM**

Halloween special - stories and fun. Wear a costume if you wish!

### NEW PARTNERSHIP FOR DOG PARK OPERATION

The Concord Parks & Recreation Department has entered into a partnership with the Pope Memorial SPCA of Concord-Merrimack County for the operation of the Dog Park at Terrill Park. Through this partnership, the SPCA will assist with the oversight and upkeep of the Dog Park, as well as coordination of volunteers and events at the park. Parks & Recreation staff, SPCA staff and volunteers have already begun coordinating efforts to keep the park clean, accessible and pleasant for the many patrons who come to let their dogs socialize and play off leash.



The Jack Hickey and Sandy Sanel Dog Park at Terrill Park is located at the corner of Manchester Street and Old Turnpike Road. The park offers separate fenced areas for large and small dogs, and seating for dog owners. The park is open during daylight hours and will be accessible until winter weather arrives. For more information, or to volunteer, visit [www.popememorialsPCA.org](http://www.popememorialsPCA.org) or call (603) 856-8756.

### FIRE UNIONS RAISE FUNDS FOR COATS FOR CHILDREN

The Concord Fire Officers Association and the Concord Professional Firefighters Association would like to thank the community and Cheers Restaurant for their tremendous support of Operation Warm last week. Over \$5,000 was raised, which will pay for over 150 brand new coats for children in need. The City's Human Services Department is identifying local agencies to assist in the distribution of the new coats.

### STAFF RECEIVE FIRE EXTINGUISHER TRAINING

The entire staff of the General Services Department's Equipment Services Division recently received hands-on and classroom training on the proper selection and use of fire extinguishers. This training was conducted by members of the Concord Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau. The Equipment Services Division is responsible for vehicle maintenance, auto body work and painting, welding and fabrication, and the City's fuel station, among other things. Performing these functions on a regular basis magnifies the importance of this training.

