



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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CONCORD CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The 28th Annual Concord Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration will be held at the State House Plaza on **Friday, November 28th**. Activities start downtown at 3:30 PM. The celebration will include a petting zoo, horse drawn wagon rides, music by the Brian Waldron Band, lighting of the nativity, food and more. Santa Claus will arrive at the State House at 5:00 PM. The countdown to light the tree will begin at 5:59 PM, immediately followed by fireworks. For more information, contact Dick Patten at 496-2917.



PENACOOK CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Penacook Village Association is hosting the annual Penacook Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on **Wednesday, December 3rd**, at **6:00 PM**, at the Boudreau Square monument in downtown Penacook. For more information, visit www.penacook.org.

THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

The Concord Human Services Department was the grateful recipient of 70 completely stocked Thanksgiving holiday baskets this week from Sanel Auto Parts. The baskets are bountiful and include everything one could want with their holiday meal. They are each filled with fresh vegetables and fruit, pies, coffee, nuts, condiments, juice, pickles, and even a cooking pan and napkins. This is a record number of baskets this year. As the employees of Sanel Auto Parts donate food for the baskets, the Segal family (owners of Sanel Auto Parts) match each basket with a turkey. This program was started many years ago by George Segal, and the family and employees continue the tradition in his memory. Our deep appreciation goes out to the Segal family and their employees who so generously help others during the holidays. It is amazing how many families in our community have enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving meal thanks to this thoughtfulness. We also want to thank our volunteers, Bob Whatmough and Bill Lynch, for helping us distribute the baskets.



MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED



In observance of Thanksgiving, City offices and the Concord Public Library will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 27th and 28th. Happy Thanksgiving!



HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR TRASH/RECYCLING



Thanksgiving Day is a trash and recycling holiday. There will be no trash or recycling collection on Thursday. Thursday's route will be picked up on Friday, and Friday's route will be picked up on Saturday.



PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Property tax bills for the 3rd and 4th quarters, which are due on January 2, 2015 and March 31, 2015, have been mailed to residents.





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LEAF COLLECTION CONTINUES



The General Services Department is continuing its Fall Leaf Collection Program through December 12th, weather permitting. **ONLY LEAVES**, placed unbagged at the curb, will be collected.

Residents may also take their leaves to Earth Materials Recycling Center at 10 Intervale Road, off of Ft. Eddy Road. Earth Materials Recycling Center will be closed on November 27-29 in observance of Thanksgiving. They will be open on Saturday, December 6th, from 8:00 AM to noon, for final drop-offs.

To view a map of where crews have already collected leaves and where they are heading next, please visit www.concordnh.gov/leafcollection.

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

-John F. Kennedy

GENERAL SERVICES PREPARES FOR WINTER WEATHER

The Highways and Utilities Division of the General Services Department has prepared the City's salt mix for the fast approaching winter. The salt is a liquid by-product of the grain industry, which the crews mix with Calcium Chloride to allow the salt to work better with colder temperatures and to help slow salt consumption. As shown at right, two loaders are used to mix the salt. One loads the salt into the hopper to mix with the Calcium Chloride, and the other loader transports the mixed salt into the salt barn for storage. Anywhere from 150 tons to 600 tons of salt may be used per snow storm. Approximately 2,000 tons of mixed salt are currently prepared for the City. Crews will mix more throughout the season as needed.



CONTINUED WATER INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

The City's water infrastructure has been providing Concord residents and businesses with water for over 140 years. The City continues to reinvest in its water infrastructure, currently with renovations in the chemical room of the Water Treatment Plant. Larger bulk chemical tanks will accommodate larger deliveries and save on costs, new chemical pumps will increase accuracy and efficiency, and upgrades will improve safety.



NEW FIREFIGHTERS COMPLETE RECRUIT TRAINING

Concord's newest firefighters - **Jeremy Baldwin, Craig Coleman, Ian Gill, and Jean Vaillancourt** - completed two weeks of initial training and took an oath of office last Friday. They began their duties in the fire stations this week. The four new employees were selected from a pool of over 130 applicants and passed a rigorous selection process that included a physical capabilities test, a structured oral interview, and an intense background check. All are certified firefighters and emergency medical technicians. Their recruit training included drills with self-contained breathing equipment, engine and hose operations, radio usage, ladder operations, fire behavior and live fire training, high rise fire operations, extricating patients from motor vehicle accidents, and emergency medical operations, and orientations from the City's Human Resources Department and Local 1045 of the International Association of Firefighters.