



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

December 5, 2014

FIRST SNOW STORM RESPONSE

The Thanksgiving Eve snow storm kept Concord Fire crews busy. The Department answered 112 calls for service between noon on Wednesday and noon on Thursday, more than five times the usual daily call volume. Dispatchers at the Department's regional communications center received 623 calls and dispatched 251 incidents between 3:00 PM and midnight on Wednesday. A total of 92% of those calls were answered in under 15 seconds. From 3:00 PM on Wednesday, until midnight on Saturday, dispatchers took 1,825 calls and dispatched 727 incidents. Thanksgiving Day was also busy for crews, who responded to a basement fire in Pembroke and a chimney fire in northeast Concord, successfully containing both fires.

Highway and Utilities crews of the General Services Department used 580 tons of salt to treat the 11 inches of snow we received. It took crews 25 hours to plow the City streets and 13 hours to plow the downtown sidewalks in time for Thanksgiving, the Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration, and Black Friday shopping. Crews were challenged with heavy, wet snow that caused trees and branches to bend, fall, and block streets, which has kept the Highway and Utilities Division very busy with debris removal.



Chimney Fire on Tallant Road



Shaker Road

HOLIDAY SPIRIT IS ALIVE AT CONCORD HUMAN SERVICES

The holidays are in full swing for Concord Human Services. In addition to the 70 Thanksgiving baskets we received, Bob LeBreux of the General Services Department donated two additional turkeys for us to distribute, for which we are very grateful. City employees are donating to our pantry through a food drive organized by Sandi Lee of the Concord Public Library and her many helpers throughout the City departments. Additionally, the Capital Region Food Program has arranged for an additional food distribution for pantries on the day after Christmas. Our pantry has never been in such good shape as we see an increased need for food. The Capital Region Food Program will also distribute more than 2,200 holiday food baskets to residents of Concord, Penacook and surrounding towns, an all-volunteer project that started in 1974. Finally, as Christmas approaches, our generous sponsors have reached out to help the families we serve so that each child has gifts on Christmas day.

PUBLIC HEARING COMCAST FRANCHISE RENEWAL



The renewal period for Concord's cable franchise with Comcast has begun and we want your input. A public hearing will be held on **Monday, December 15th, at 5:30 PM**, in the City Council Chambers at 37 Green Street, Concord.

Comcast is currently the primary source of cable television services in Concord. They currently operate under a franchise agreement that expires on October 28, 2015.

The purpose of the public hearing will be to consider, among other things, the financial ability of Comcast of Maine/New Hampshire, Inc. to provide adequate and technically sound facilities and signal quality; adequate channel capacity; and facilities for local programming use. The City Council will also hear testimony on future cable-related needs and interests of the Concord community. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the hearing and offer testimony on cable-related matters.

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BEAVER MEADOW OPEN FOR HOLIDAY SALES



The Pro Shop at Beaver Meadow Golf Course will be open this weekend from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM for holiday sales. All in-stock clothing is 30% off and all in-stock golf shoes are 40% off. In addition, 2015 memberships can be bought at 2014 rates (this is the last weekend to take advantage of this offer). The Pro Shop will also be selling 2015 Black Ice Pond Hockey Wearables. Black Ice merchandise is not discounted.

The *19th Hole at Beaver Meadow* will also be open this weekend from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, serving breakfast, a limited lunch menu, and \$3.00 domestic beer. Holiday party dates are still available. For more information, call the restaurant at 228-5308.

IRISH HARP MUSIC

The Concord Public Library will host its annual Irish Harp Music Program with the New England Irish Harp Orchestra, Regina Delaney and Claudia Altemus performing on **Saturday, December 13th at 2:00 PM**. Please join us for a delightful afternoon of lively music, sure to put you in the holiday spirit!

ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS - PENACOOK VILLAGE

Work in Penacook Village, from Coral Street north to the Boscawen town line, is complete. In the spring, we will return south of Coral Street to Stark Street to complete final paving in the southern area.

On November 15th, the Penacook Village Association held a ribbon cutting ceremony at Boudreau Square to celebrate the completion of Downtown Penacook's Village Street reconstruction. The ceremony was well attended, with close to 100 residents, business owners and City officials in attendance. The event was emceed by City Councilor Brent Todd, and the ribbon was cut by former City Councilor Liz Blanchard. In attendance at the event was Corinne Cassavaugh, sister of John Boudreau, for whom the square is named. Corinne has a physical disability, but walked through the Square. When asked if she found it to be more accessible, she said there seemed to be ramps everywhere and she had no trouble getting around. Corinne was very pleased with the square and expressed her hope that the community will rally to rebuild the gazebo in Poulin Park. All in all, it was a great event, well attended on a cold Saturday morning, which shows the level of commitment the fine folks of Penacook feel about their community.



Reconstructed Boudreau Square



Corinne Cassavaugh



Councilor Todd emcees the event



Cutting the ribbon