



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

January 9, 2015

PUBLIC HEARING: MAIN STREET SIGNAGE & LIGHTING DESIGN

There will be a public hearing on Monday, January 12th, at 7:00 PM, in the City Council Chambers, to provide feedback on the signage and lighting design concepts for the Main Street Improvement Project, which were presented to City Council at their December 8th meeting. The presentations can be found on the project website at www.concordmainstreetproject.com.

PARKING STRATEGIC PLAN

Nelson Nygaard, the City's Parking Consultant, will be holding a public forum on Wednesday, January 28th, at 5:30 PM, in the City Council Chambers, to preview the findings and preliminary draft recommendations of the Strategic Parking Plan. Following the forum, City staff and the consultant will finalize the findings and recommendations of the plan for a subsequent presentation to the City Council.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Fall leaf collection has been completed for the season. Highway and Utilities crews of the General Services Department picked up a total of 1,505 loads (2,529 tons) of leaves this year, compared to last year's 966 loads (1,516 tons). Collection continued as weather permitted and allowed for an extended amount of time for crews to work. With recent snow storms and frigid temperatures, crews have shifted their focus to winter operations. Residents can bring any remaining leaves to Dirt Doctors in Pembroke, or wait for Spring Yard Waste Collection, which is scheduled to begin on April 20th (weather dependent). Visit www.concordnh.gov/leafcollection for more information.

OUTDOOR SKATING

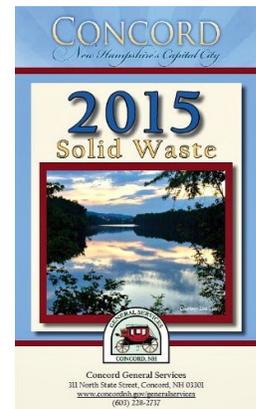
The Grounds Division of the Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to announce that the City's outdoor skating areas at White Park, Beaver Meadow Golf Course, and Rollins Park are now ready for use. Conditions are good at all areas and we hope to see everyone enjoying the ice that Mother Nature and Grounds staff have provided. As a gentle reminder, there is no hockey allowed on the White Park pond. Please utilize the hockey rink for all hockey activities.



NEW WASTEWATER WEB PAGES

The General Services Department has created new wastewater treatment web pages on the City website. Visit www.concordnh.gov/wastewater to learn about our wastewater treatment process, sanitary sewer collection, the RV waste station, what is flushable, what not to pour down the drain, and more!

2015 SOLID WASTE BROCHURE



The 2015 Solid Waste brochure has been mailed and is available at Concord General Services, City Hall, the Concord Public Library, and the Transfer Station.

Be sure to get your copy for information about trash and recycling collection services, the Transfer Station, Earth Materials Recycling Center, single-stream recycling, our Pay-As-You-Throw Program, and the detachable 2015 Solid Waste Event Calendar.



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ADULT PROGRAMS

CPL Book Club:

*“A Tree Grows in Brooklyn”
by Betty Smith*

Wednesday, 1/14 @ 10:30 AM

Winter Fun with AMC-NH

Wednesday, 1/14 @ 7:00 PM

Did you get winter gear for the holidays? Find out how to use it. Snowshoeing, cross country skiing and hiking are all easy and affordable to try nearby. This free event is part of the Concord Public Library's AMC-NH partner series.

Let's Get Talking

Wednesday, 1/14 @ 7:00 PM

For non-native English speakers who want to have fun while practicing their spoken English.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Toddler Tales

Monday, 1/12 @ 10:30 AM

Family Storytime

Wednesday, 1/14 @ 10:30 AM

Paws for Pages

Wednesday, 1/14 @ 3:30 PM

Lapsit

Thursday, 1/15 @ 10:30 AM

Lego Club

Thursday, 1/15 @ 3:30 PM

BEAVER MEADOW GOLF COURSE CULVERT REPLACEMENT

The last of three culverts is being installed at Beaver Meadow Golf Course, this one between the 12th and 13th greens. The contractor will complete site cleanup and winter stabilization at the three culvert locations. In the spring, the areas will be fine graded and sodded.



SAFETY FLASH

Ever aware of the inherent risks associated with truck and equipment backing, the General Services Department's Equipment Services Division has been quietly but steadily installing more and more back-up cameras on its motor vehicles. The goal is to eventually have most of the fleet so equipped.



On another safety note, the Division has opted to have all winter tires studded on all of the City's articulated sidewalk tractors, to prevent the tractors from sliding off of icy sidewalks. Incremental steps which enhance safety can add up to big dividends in the prevention of accidents and injury.

WINTER FIRE SAFETY

The bitter cold has arrived and this often presents a challenge to keeping your home warm. Deaths from winter fires are preventable. The Concord Fire Department urges you to follow these 10 winter safety tips:

- 1) Install smoke alarms on every level of your home and test them monthly.
- 2) Never use a range or oven to heat your home.
- 3) If there is a fire hydrant near your home, keep it clear of snow for easy access.
- 4) Woodstoves should be properly installed, away from combustible materials, with proper floor support and adequate ventilation.
- 5) Never use flammable liquids (such as gasoline) to start a fire.
- 6) Dispose of hot ashes in METAL containers away from your home.
- 7) Make sure space heaters have an emergency shutoff in case they tip over.
- 8) All indoor kerosene heaters must be UL listed. Unvented kerosene heaters are not permitted as the primary source of heat for homes. If you must use a kerosene heater as a secondary source of heat, store the fuel and refuel outside of the home, keep a window cracked for ventilation, and install a carbon monoxide detector.
- 9) Never thaw frozen pipes with a blow torch or other open flame.
- 10) Have your furnace and chimney professionally inspected and cleaned.

