



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

During the week of April 13th, the Main Street Project will see it's biggest step forward yet, as it moves into its more permanent construction phase. Monday through Wednesday will see both north and southbound traffic, as fire hydrant and other utility work will be done in select locations on North Main Street. Come Thursday, however, construction crews will set up the much anticipated permanent work zone, which will consist of the entire side of North Main Street, from Centre Street to Pleasant Street. Beginning on Thursday, there will be only one southbound lane of traffic on North Main Street. This configuration will be maintained until the end of June. Free two-hour parking on the west side of North Main Street will begin on Wednesday.

It would not be a major project without a groundbreaking ceremony. On **Monday, April 20th, at 10:00 AM**, the City will kick off this monumental project at the Capital Plaza. Speakers will include Senator Jeanne Shaheen, Congresswoman Annie Kuster, Mayor Pro-tem Dan St. Hilaire, and Jerry Carrier of the Merchants Roundtable. All are welcome to come be a part of this historic moment, which will be immortalized with a picture for the next City time capsule.

SPRING LEAF COLLECTION DELAYED

The City's Spring Leaf Collection Program, which was scheduled to begin on April 20th, has been delayed due to weather conditions. A new start date has not yet been determined. The grounds of the sites where the leaves are brought to be recycled are not quite thawed out enough to begin processing leaf piles. Once conditions improve, a new date will be released and collection will begin. Residents with curbside trash and recycling collection are encouraged to sign up for "[Notify Me](#)" on the City website (www.concordnh.gov) to be alerted of the new start date.

During the spring leaf collection process, the City's contracted solid waste vendor collects unlimited amounts of leaves and grass clippings left curbside by residents. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable yard waste bags or in a labeled, rigid container for easy collection. **NO PLASTIC BAGS CONTAINING YARD WASTE WILL BE COLLECTED.** Bags and/or containers must be placed curbside by 7:00 AM alongside trash and recyclables.



Visit www.concordnh.gov/leafcollection for more information and to watch a helpful video about spring leaf collection.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CPL!



Join us during National Library Week to celebrate the Concord Public Library's 160th birthday. A birthday party will take place on **Monday, April 13th, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**, on the Main Floor. The Library will be announcing the winners of their "Take a Peep at Your Favorite Book Contest", there will be birthday cake, and you can check out all the good things happening at the Library!

BEST OF 2015



Hippo Press readers recently voted Beaver Meadow Golf Course to be the Best Golf Course in Greater Concord. In addition, White Park was voted the "Best of the Best" City Park (compared to Manchester and Nashua), and Rollins Park was voted Best Park in Concord. For more information about the City parks or the Golf Course, visit www.concordparksandrec.com.



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Rollins Park Goes to the Dogs on Sat. 4/25!

Bark in the Park: Canines for K-9 returns to raise funds and awareness

Bark in the Park: Canines for K-9 will take place at Rollins Park on Saturday, April 25th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., with a rain date of Sunday, April 26th. Presented by the Concord Public Safety Foundation (CPSF), proceeds from **Bark in the Park** benefit the future restoration of a K-9 unit at the Concord Police Department.

Attendance is free at the family-friendly **Bark in the Park**, where nonstop programming, demonstrations, competitions, and educational opportunities are made possible with generous support and coordination from Finlayson's Pet Care Center. There will be opportunities for family dogs to become part of the action, as they compete in the costume parade, best trick competition, best features dog show, and obedience.



It's fun for a great cause, as the event raises awareness and funds for the future return of a CPD K-9 unit. Concord Police Chief Brad Osgood remarked: "I appreciate the hard work and dedication that the Concord Public Safety Foundation provides to public safety organizations in our community. The Concord Public Safety Foundation has developed an awareness and a vision of re-establishing a Canine program within the Concord Police Department. The Police Department supports that vision and we look forward to the prospect of reestablishing the program. Canines continue to be a valuable asset for police officers in the field. For several years the Concord Police Department enjoyed a very successful program. Both the police handler and the K-9 performed exemplary service for the citizens of Concord. The Police Department employs several highly qualified and dedicated police officers who are ready and willing to undertake this special assignment. Once again, I wish to thank the Public Safety Foundation for their support and bringing awareness of bringing a Canine program back to the City of Concord."

Attendees at **Bark in the Park** will have an opportunity to view K-9 bite suit demonstrations, courtesy of Hillsborough Police Stg. Nick Hodgen and a hardworking area K-9. Other event participants and vendors include Finlayson's Pet Care Center, Pope Memorial SPCA of Concord Merrimack County, Peace and Paws Dog Rescue, Granite State Disc Dogs, Mary's Dogs (Rescue), Muddy Paw Sled Dog Kennel, Woof Purr Studio, Gloria Paints Dogs, Purely Oh Dog Bakery, and No Monkey Business Dog Training. There will be food and treats for the 2-legged attendees from Puppy Love Hot Dogs, Arnie's Ice Cream, and The Crust and Crumb.

Check out the **Bark in the Park** Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1533752263543491/>. For sponsor and vendor information, contact concordpublicsafety@gmail.com; or to learn more about the Concord Public Safety Foundation, visit [Facebook.com/ConcordPublicSafety](https://www.facebook.com/ConcordPublicSafety).

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