



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

May 1, 2015

DOWNTOWN COMPLETE STREETS PROJECT

On Monday and Tuesday of next week, the remainder of the pavement in the northbound work zone will be removed, from Northway Bank to Pleasant Street. The repaving of this area is planned to take place on May 11th.

Beginning on Wednesday, and continuing through Friday, crews will be pouring cement and reconstructing the previously removed sidewalks from Centre Street to Northway Bank. During this time, businesses will all be open and accessible.

With great weather on the horizon for this weekend, we'd like to remind the public to travel and park in the southbound lane only. The northbound lanes are considered a work zone and for safety reasons we ask the public not to drive or park inside of the cones and barrels.



ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

F.L. Merrill Construction has been putting the finishing touches on the Phase 5 improvements of the Route 3 corridor, which began last season. Over the past few weeks, sidewalks and loamed areas that were damaged over the winter have been repaired. The sections of temporary sidewalk in the areas south of Meter Street have now been removed and completed to finish pavement. Next week, the landscapers will be hydro seeding the disturbed, loamed areas, and finishing up with driveway paving operations. We anticipate the Phase 5 work will be completed by the end of next week.

BEAVER MEADOW GOLF COURSE IMPROVEMENTS

Kimball Excavation remobilized this past week and is fine grading and loaming the 14th and 16th greens at Beaver Meadow Golf Course in preparation for sod placement next week. Weather permitting, the project should be completed by the end of next week.

NH PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

Property owners who owned their homes on April 1, 2014 may apply to the State of New Hampshire for relief of a portion of the State education property tax. There is no age requirements or asset limits for this program. A single person whose total household income was \$20,000 or less in 2014, and married persons or heads of New Hampshire households with total household income of \$40,000 or less may apply.

Applications for the State of NH Low and Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief Program are available at www.revenue.nh.gov, or may be obtained from the City's Assessing Office. The forms are also available on the City website at www.concordnh.gov/assessing.

Forms and documentation should be mailed to the NH Department of Revenue Administration, Document Processing Division, P.O. Box 299, Concord, NH 03302-0299, and must be post-marked no later than June 30, 2015. Applicants will need a copy of their January or March 2015 tax bill and a copy of their 2014 Federal tax return. If the property is in a trust, a copy of the entire trust document must be submitted.

For more information, please call the NH Department of Revenue at 230-5920.



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ARBOR DAY CEREMONY



The City of Concord celebrated Arbor Day last week at the Thompson Park Play Lot. The Planning Division and the General Services Department co-hosted a ceremony to give back to the Concord community by planting two trees. A Cherry tree and a Red Maple tree were donated by Modern Woodmen of America and were planted by the City's Tree Crew with help from local school children. Mayor Bouley was in attendance to help commemorate the importance of Arbor Day. Visit [Concord General Services' Facebook page](#) for more pictures of the ceremony.



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INTERSECTION REALIGNMENT

On Monday, May 4th, weather permitting, work will begin on the new configuration of the Washington Street/ Borough Road / River Road intersection. This low-cost intersection realignment plan is a collaborative effort of the City's Community Development and General Services Departments, and the Traffic Operations Committee. The Borough Road approach to the intersection will be fully relocated to a right angle, stop-controlled intersection with Washington Street. Washington Street to River Road will remain the "through" street. Removed will be the high-speed, non-stopping movement from River Road to Borough Road. This improvement reduces the speed of turning traffic, improves the sight line for Borough Road westbound traffic at the stop line, and substantially reduces the unnecessarily large size of the paved intersection area, which will enhance safety for vehicles, pedestrians and bicyclists.



On Monday morning, temporary barricades and drums will be placed to close off the pavement area that is to be discontinued. Informational message signs will also be temporarily located at the approaches to the intersection. Actual pavement removal, re-vegetation and installation of permanent signs will be completed by the end of May.

DRINKING WATER WEEK

The American Water Works Association is hosting its annual **National Drinking Water Week**, May 3-9, 2015. Water is a valuable resource that impacts our daily lives. Concord is fortunate to have easy access to clean and safe drinking water thanks to Penacook Lake being such a reliable water resource; our Water Treatment Plant treating our tap water and testing for water quality standards; our water infrastructure successfully distributing water throughout our community; and the employees of the General Services Department who work each day to keep this a standard of living.



Concord General Services is celebrating Drinking Water Week with a release of their [2015 Water Quality Report](#) and by attending the 2015 Drinking Water Festival in Merrimack on May 5th. The Concord community is encouraged to learn about the City's commitment to providing the highest quality of water and to protecting our water infrastructure by visiting www.concordnh.gov/water.