



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

August 7, 2015

### **CONGRESSIONAL RECORD FOR CONCORD'S 250TH**

At right, United States Senator Kelly Ayotte presents the Congressional Record for the City of Concord's 250th Anniversary to Mayor James Bouley and City Councilor/Chairman of the Concord 250 Committee Brent Todd.



### **MAIN STREET PROJECT**

Much of next week's work will be happening around the State House Plaza. On Monday, a team of archeologists will be digging in the area in front of the State House arch. What are they looking for? They'll figure it out when they find it! Crews will also be working on placing conduit and irrigation in sidewalk zones. On Tuesday, crews will be preparing areas for light poles and digging trenches for electrical conduit. On Wednesday through Friday, electrical work will continue, as well as grading at the plaza.



### **ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR PROJECT**

This past week, the contractor reset the curb along the Fisherville Road section of the project and completed the first 500' of drainage work from the Hoyt Brook area heading south on Village Street. Drainage work will continue next week from Abbott Road south towards Snow Street. One-lane, two-way traffic will be maintained through the work zone and minor delays are expected.

### **SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT**

This past week, E.D. Swett mobilized to the site of the Sewalls Falls Bridge and began the bridge replacement project. Over the next two weeks, work will entail the clearing of trees and the relocation of utilities. Throughout the month of August, the contractor will focus on preparing a work trestle in the river which will provide access for removal and replacement of the bridge.

### **WEEKEND CLOSURE OF CAPITAL COMMONS PARKING GARAGE**

The Capital Commons Parking Garage will be closed from 7:00 PM tonight, through 6:00 AM on Monday, August 10th, for repairs necessitated by a lightning strike which occurred earlier this week and caused extensive damage to the facility's electrical system.

The City anticipates the garage will reopen for business at 6:00 AM on Monday, August 10th; however, the garage elevator may remain out of service until later in the week pending a review by technicians on Monday. The public will be required to pay for parking once the electricity is restored to the pay station kiosks.

While this closure is unfortunate, it will provide the City with a unique opportunity to undertake other much needed maintenance activities within the garage. Making the most of this opportunity, the City plans to sweep, repaint parking stalls and pavement markings, and undertake other maintenance activities over the weekend, including pressure washing the dumpster pads at the garage, which are located near the Lighting Place and Hermanos Restaurant. Pressure washing will occur on Sunday, August 9th, and will necessitate closure of the City's Hills Avenue (Hermanos) Parking Lot from 3:00 AM on Sunday until the work is completed later in the day.

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### **CITY RECEIVES AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING**

The City Finance Department recently received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

### **DRIVER TRAINING FOR REFUGEES**

The City of Concord recently hosted a Driver Training class for the African refugee community. This class, taught by the non-profit organization, New American Africans, with assistance from the Concord Police Department, is part of a broader "Welcoming Concord" grant initiative through the NH Endowment for Health. The class addressed one of the most significant challenges to New American integration: obtaining a driver's license, in light of the many linguistic, cultural and legal differences between their home countries and the United States. Special thanks to **Bob Mulligan** of the NH Department of Motor Vehicles who contributed his time to observe and answer questions.

### **ALLIED LEATHER TANNERY**

A group of dedicated volunteers has generously assisted the City with brush and weed removal at the site of the former Allied Leather Tannery. Volunteers include **Matt St. Onge, Rick Jacques, Jack Shields, Wes Frost**, and City Councilor **Allan Herschlag**. Over the past two weeks, the volunteers removed vegetation along 1,000' of security fencing at the property. In addition to improving the neighborhood, the generous efforts of these volunteers will help the City with its efforts to market the property to prospective buyers. Thank you volunteers!

### **NHWWA CONSTRUCTION DAY**

The City's Water Treatment Plant was visited by participants of the New Hampshire Water Works Association (NHWWA)'s 17th Annual Construction Day on Wednesday, August 5th. NHWWA's Construction Day is designed for operators, managers, superintendents, water commissioners, consultants, regulators, and engineers to see drinking water-related projects in various stages of construction or completion. Participants took a bus from Concord to Pennichuck Water Works to see the 6,100-foot long, 36-inch diameter Merrimack River transmission connector, and then went to Manchester Water Works to view construction of two 6.5 million gallon concrete storage tanks. Afterwards, lunch was served at the Concord Water Treatment Plant, at which time Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Marco Philippon gave a quick presentation of the upgrades performed in the chemical room of the plant, followed by a tour of the renovations. The upgraded chemical room now includes containment areas, new chemical day tanks, more accurate scales to measure daily usage, new peristaltic pumps for chemical delivery, and added redundancy for each chemical application. The Concord Water Treatment Plant was considered a "live" project, meaning the chemical room and processes were still active during upgrades. After touring the Concord Water Treatment Plant, Construction Day participants left to see the progress of the Main Street Project. For more information about touring the City of Concord's Water Treatment Plant, visit [www.concordnh.gov/tours](http://www.concordnh.gov/tours). Visit [www.facebook.com/ConcordNHGS](https://www.facebook.com/ConcordNHGS) to see pictures of the NHWWA Water Treatment Plant visit.





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### POOL SURVEY



The Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee, working with City staff, would like to hear your thoughts on the City's outdoor pool operations. As the pool season comes to an end, we are looking to the citizens of Concord and Penacook to give us feedback regarding the pools. Please complete the on-line survey, which can be found at [www.concordparksandrec.com](http://www.concordparksandrec.com), and help the City to better serve the community in the future.

### BEAVER MEADOW STAFF NEWS



The Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to announce that Beaver Meadow Golf Course employee **Ben Stone** has completed the first step towards becoming a Class "A" PGA Professional. By shooting a 76-83 this week at Brentwood Golf Course, Ben is now eligible to be part of the PGA Apprentice Program. Congratulations Ben!

### NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The 32nd Annual National Night Out event was another great success this year in Concord. This community crime prevention program is held throughout the United States each year to promote cooperation between the police and the community. This year's National Night Out was held at Rollins Park on the evening of Tuesday, August 4th, and featured police demonstrations, wildlife displays, fire safety, rock climbing, games, contests, food, and Touch-A-Truck. Concord General Services brought several equipment vehicles for Touch-A-Truck, as well as their infamous mini-golf hole. The City of Concord would like to thank everyone for attending.

