



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

October 2, 2015

### MAIN STREET PROJECT

With another week of work completed, the Main Street project has reached another milestone. The first trees have been planted on the west side of the street, with more to come. Throughout next week, Salmon Falls Nursery will continue working on planters from Centre Street to Capital Plaza; crews will continue to lay granite pavers in City Plaza; and sidewalks heading south from Capital Plaza will be fine graded and prepped for street spanning banners.



### TPAC TOUR OF MAIN STREET

Taking advantage of a nice autumn evening, the City's Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) was treated to its first ever outdoor meeting last week, when City Engineer Ed Roberge gave members and visitors a guided walking tour of Main Street.

TPAC, in its advisory capacity to City Council, has been closely involved in the Main Street project "since before the beginning of the project," said TPAC Chairman Dick Lemieux at the start of the tour. During the public input phase, TPAC held weekly meetings for several weeks, debating design intricacies that would eventually define the look and feel of the street. Members were pleased to see the results of their early efforts. Visitors and members remarked on the improved street vitality, reduction of traffic noise, and traffic calming. Ed described the defining operational features of the redesigned street - like the textured medians, crosswalks and parking layout; as well as the equally important details that make the street special - like trees, lighting and improved accessibility.



### SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE



Installation of the temporary construction trestle continues, as well as excavation and placement of structural fill for Abutment "A" (the west side). Next week, drainage installation will begin in the area of Heritage Park and the abutment bend for the temporary construction trestle will be finished.

### TSUNIS PROPERTY/ NEOCTIF DISTRICT



Removal of vegetation at the site continues. Currently, the contractor is working in the area near the U-Haul and former NHDOT properties on Stickney Avenue. Most of the vegetation has been removed, and efforts are now focused on grubbing and grading. The project is scheduled to be completed by the end of October.



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### FIRE PREVENTION WEEK October 4-10, 2015



Next week is National Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme is "Hear the Beep Where You Sleep." Every bedroom needs to have a working smoke alarm. Fire Department crews will be visiting the City's elementary schools to deliver fire safety messages and some items for having fun and learning about safety. For more information, visit the National Fire Protection Association website at [www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) or visit the Concord Fire Department's [Facebook page](#).

### AWESOME CARDBOARD CHALLENGE

Bring your cardboard boxes, egg cartons, cardboard tubes, and other recycled materials to the Concord Public Library's "Awesome Cardboard Challenge" on **Saturday, October 10th, from 10:00 AM to noon**. Enjoy a morning of fun and creativity building games and other creations from boxes and recycled materials.

### ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Drainage work continues from Hoyt Brook heading north along Village Street. Next week, the pavement marking crews are anticipated to be working in the area of Village Street, from Fisherville Road to Abbott Road, and from Stark Street to Coral Street. In addition, bike lane symbols will be placed along the entire Route 3 corridor, from Penacook Street north to Winsor Avenue. Next Friday, water main work will occur on Village Street at Stark Street and at Allen Street. All affected residents will be notified in advance. Over the next few weeks, curbing will be set and sidewalks built north of the Manor/Borough Road intersection, as well as loaming and seeding of the disturbed areas. One-lane, two-way traffic will be maintained through the work zone.

### E-Z PAY FOR WATERSENSE

Want to experience a luxurious shower while saving water, energy, and possibly even money on utility bills? Use less water without sacrificing the experience of full water coverage and pressure. Consider upgrading your showerhead to a high performance WaterSense labeled showerhead in celebration of October being WaterSense's "Shower Better Month" - or better yet, enter for a chance to win one by entering the Concord General Services' E-Z Pay for WaterSense contest!

To enter the contest, simply enroll in the City's automatic utility billing payment plan, E-Z Pay. E-Z Pay automatically deducts your water bill payment from your authorized bank account, so you never have to worry about a late payment. Consumers enrolled in E-Z Pay still receive a bill summary, which includes the date that the au-

thorized bank account will be drafted, making it easy to track payments. Residents may enroll in E-Z Pay in person at the Utility Billing Office at 311 North State Street, or complete the online enrollment form at [www.concordnh.gov/utilitybilling](http://www.concordnh.gov/utilitybilling) and return it in person or by mail. All new and existing E-Z Pay enrollees, as of 5:00 PM on October 23, 2015, will be entered for a chance to win one of five WaterSense labeled showerheads.

An estimated 30 gallons of water is used each day for showering in the average household. Just replacing an outdated showerhead with a WaterSense labeled model could save the average family up to 2,900 gallons of water each year. Shower better this October with WaterSense by entering the E-Z Pay for WaterSense contest. Full official contest rules are available at the Utility Billing Office and online at [www.concordnh.gov/watersense](http://www.concordnh.gov/watersense).

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### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SUCCESS



Concord General Services would like to thank everyone who came out to their annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day this past Sunday at the Everett Arena. It was a tremendous success this year, with approximately 720 households attending the event to help keep the community safe and clean by properly disposing of their household hazardous waste. Attendance for this event has grown significantly compared to the 523 households that participated last year and 204 households in 2013. Increased attendance is proof that more residents are doing their part to help recycle these unwanted materials and prevent these hazardous wastes from polluting our community by improper disposal. This community effort makes a big difference!



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### BICYCLE TOUR OF CONCORD

Staff from the City's Engineering and Planning Divisions, accompanied by members of the Transportation Policy Advisory Committee, the Central NH Bicycle Coalition, the Bike-Walk Alliance of NH, and the NH Department of Transportation, hosted a tour of Concord's bicycle infrastructure with visitor Bill Nesper, Vice President of the League of American Bicyclists (LAB). The visit was in follow-up to Concord's re-application for the LAB's designation as a Bicycle Friendly Community. In 2010, Concord became New Hampshire's first community to be awarded this national recognition.

The bicycle tour began along the City's North-South Bike Route, which connects neighborhoods and schools from the west end to the south end. The return ride to downtown featured the Main Street Complete Streets Project, which is transforming Main Street to better accommodate bicycles, pedestrians and motor vehicles.



The tour then proceeded east of the Merrimack River to view portions of the future Merrimack River Greenway Trail, as well as the Loudon road corridor on the Heights, highlighting its planned conversion to a "complete street" next year. The ride ended with a visit to the nearly-completed Route 3 corridor reconstruction project, featuring improved sidewalks and bicycle lanes. Following the tour, Mr. Nesper shared his impressions and recommendations with the group, which was joined by Mayor Bouley. Mr. Nesper also complimented the advocates, staff and City Council for the progress they have made in making Concord a more bicycle friendly community.

### 2015 UTILITY SERVICE AWARD

The New England Water Works Association (NEWWA) has awarded Concord General Services with its 2015 Utility Service Award. The award recognizes utilities that have significantly contributed to supporting the NEWWA by participating in committee activities, developing member programs, providing volunteer services, and offering material and financial resources. Water Treatment Plant Superintendent Marco Philippon and Deputy General Services Director Phil Bilodeau are both NEWWA members and are shown in the picture above holding the award in front of the Concord Water Treatment Plant.

