



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

October 9, 2015

### MAIN STREET PROJECT

As the weeks wind down toward the end of the construction season, the work will be ramping up on Main Street. Next week will be a great example of the elevated work loads, as approximately 10 subcontractors will be present throughout the week working on everything from concrete to granite, bricks, trees and traffic signals. On Monday, crews will begin pouring sidewalks from Capital Plaza to Pleasant Street. This work will continue throughout the week. Salmon Falls Nursery will be on site all week as well, planting trees and plants between Centre Street and Capital Plaza; and granite crews will continue working at City Plaza. With much to do, and the November 13 deadline in mind, crews have expanded their work hours until 5:30 PM on Fridays. The 2:00 PM work stoppage on Fridays will go back into effect at the beginning of the 2016 construction season.



### SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE

This week's construction activities included excavation and placement of structural fill for Abutment "A"; completion of the abutment frame for the temporary construction trestle; and deliveries of miscellaneous construction materials, such as steel beams and piles, which are necessary for the construction of the temporary work trestle. Next week, it is anticipated that the contractor will drive piles for the abutment frame and begin to construct the decking for the first span of the temporary work trestle.



### ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Bicycle lane markings along the Route 3 corridor were installed this past week. Drainage work from Hoyt Brook heading north along Village Street continues next week. Also next week, pavement marking and striping is anticipated to take place in the area of Village Street, from Fisherville Road to Abbot Road, and from Stark Street to Coral Street. Over the next few weeks, north of the Manor/Borough Road intersection, sidewalks will be built, as well as loaming and seeding of the disturbed areas. One-lane, two-way traffic will be maintained through the work zone.

**NOTE! Access to Woodlawn Cemetery:** Beginning immediately, until late November, access to Woodlawn Cemetery will be via Lilac Street due to road work occurring along its frontage.

### CITY OFFICES CLOSED



In observance of Columbus Day, City offices and the Concord Public Library will be closed on Monday, October 12th.

### ELECTION INFORMATION

Absentee ballots for the November 3, 2015 Municipal Election are now available from the City Clerk's Office. Residents who are unable to vote at the polls on Election Day, due to absence from town or physical disability, may request an absentee ballot. You must be registered to vote prior to casting an absentee ballot.

The last day to register to vote prior to the November 3rd Municipal Election is October 24th. Pre-register to vote at the City Clerk's Office and avoid waiting in lines to register to vote at the polls on Election Day.

The last day to make party affiliation changes prior to the upcoming Presidential Primary is October 30th. Residents may change their party affiliation at the City Clerk's Office.

For more information about any election related activity, call 225-8500 or send an e-mail to [cityclerk@concordnh.gov](mailto:cityclerk@concordnh.gov).

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### **DONATIONS IN LIEU OF FINES**

Concord Human Services is the beneficiary of a creative initiative by the thoughtful staff of the Concord Public Library. In lieu of paying fines for overdue Library materials, between September 13th and September 26th, patrons could donate food and/or non-food items for the Human Services' pantry. As a result, the pantry received numerous bags and cartons of donations. In addition to the amnesty program, other patrons and Library employees also contributed. Many thanks to the Library employees for this wonderful collaboration, as the need is great. These donations will make a positive difference for those we serve.

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### **COLUMBUS DAY WEEKEND GOLF SPECIAL**



The fall colors will be near peak at Beaver Meadow Golf Course this weekend and the weather is looking perfect for some late season golf. Through Monday, October 12th, the course will be offering a great fall special: \$35 for 18 holes, with a cart, after 12:00 noon daily. Tee times are recommended by calling the Pro Shop at 228-8954.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD STREET PAVING PROGRAM**

Concord General Services has developed a Neighborhood Street Paving Program to refocus road paving efforts to local streets. Due to the Great Recession, the City previously was only able to make significant investments to its major arterial roads. With the improvement in the economy, the City is now able to invest in its neighborhood streets. The paving of these streets will be prioritized by pavement conditions and frequency of use. The program is predicated on a 25-year paving cycle, as neighborhood streets have a life expectancy of 25-30 years. The City's paving contractor, Continental Paving, has begun paving initiatives on Sundance Road, Quail Ridge Road, Blevens Drive, and Silk Farm Road (from Clinton Street to the Bow town line). They pulled curb and finished reclaiming earlier this week, and will be fine grading and paving these roads over the next couple of weeks. Once they have base paved the roads, they will re-set the granite curbing and raise catch basins and manhole covers to grade. Finish paving of these streets will occur next spring or summer.

Improving road conditions of neighborhood streets is a City priority. The Neighborhood Street Paving Program will enhance the safety, appeal, and overall conditions of our local infrastructure. For more information about the Neighborhood Street Paving Program and a list of streets that are projected for paving in 2016 and 2017, visit [www.concordnh.gov/pavingplan](http://www.concordnh.gov/pavingplan).



### **HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTER PARKING LOT PAINTING**

The Parks and Recreation Department would like to give the General Services Department a high five! This past week, staff from the Highway and Utilities Division repainted both parking lots at the Heights Community Center. The newly painted lots look great!





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### WALK A MILE IN HER SHOES

Several members of the Concord Police Department participated in the annual "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" event, which was held on October 7th, and supports the Crisis Center of Central NH to benefit women, men and children affected by domestic and sexual violence.

The Police Department's team, "Pumps on Patrol", received an award for being the team that raised the most money, over \$3,000 at last count.



Domestic Violence Officer **Laura "Christy" Spaulding** received the Fleischman Award from the Crisis Center.



Master Police Officer **Dana Dexter** received an award for "Best Shoes - Male" and also an award for "Highest Individual Fundraiser".



### 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 authorized 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).

### A DAY WITHOUT WATER

Can you imagine a day without water? That would mean no coffee, no shower, no flushing of the toilet, no brushing your teeth, no fire protection, etc. Water is a valuable resource and so is the infrastructure that helps deliver and collect it throughout Concord. Maintaining our water system is critical, but is often not thought of because it is hidden underground. By investing in the maintenance of our system, upgrading our pipes, and implementing smarter technology that detects weaknesses in the system, the City saves money in the long run. Concord General Services supports [The Value of Water's](#) "A Day Without Water" campaign and encourages everyone to think about how their day would be without water and remember the value of water. Visit [www.concordnh.gov/water](http://www.concordnh.gov/water) for information about the City's water resources.

### E-Z Pay for WaterSense



More information:  
[www.concordnh.gov/watersense](http://www.concordnh.gov/watersense)

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SHOWERHEAD!

October is "Shower Better Month"

WaterSense labeled showerheads are certified for water efficiency, force, and flow.

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