



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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MAIN STREET PROJECT

It's been one full week since North Main Street re-opened to two-way traffic and the verdict seems to be unanimous - it was totally worth it! There are some minor punch list items to be completed before the end of the year, and that will continue next week. You'll see some pavement going down in places, maybe an electrician here or there, and some grout and caulking work; but all major work is done until March. There will be no more Saturday work, and crews will be off next Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.



SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE

This past week, form work began for the footing at the west abutment, railing and curbing was dismantled on the existing truss, water main installation began on Sewalls Falls Road, and continued progress was made on the temporary work platform adjacent to the existing truss spans. Next week, work on the water main and on the temporary work platform will continue. Work will also continue on the existing truss in preparation for a section to be removed, and the concrete for the footing at the west abutment will be poured.



LOUDON ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT FOLLOW-UP

Continental Paving will continue installing permanent pavement in the water trenches/driveways and side streets along the corridor. Traffic will be reduced to one lane in the work zone.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



In observance of Thanksgiving, all City offices and the Concord Public Library will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 26th and 27th.

In addition, all City offices, including the Concord Public Library, will close at 4:30 PM, on Wednesday, November 25th.

64th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE



The 64th Annual Concord Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, November 21st, at 9:30 AM, on Loudon Road. The parade will form at the John O. Morton Building on Hazen Drive and will travel east along Loudon Road to the Steeplegate Mall. Loudon Road will be closed to all traffic from Hazen Drive to the Steeplegate Mall. Side streets off of Loudon Road, between Hazen Drive and the mall, will also be closed once the parade starts. Rain/snow date is Sunday, November 22nd at 1:00 PM.



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WALKING CONDITIONS ON THE HEIGHTS

Members of the Pedestrian Subcommittee of the City's Transportation Policy Advisory Committee and the Central NH Regional Planning Commission will be present at tomorrow's holiday parade to talk to residents and visitors about walking conditions on the Heights. The group is seeking input from people who get around on foot, bus, or who simply walk for fun and exercise. Topics of interest include safety concerns, difficult crossing locations, sidewalk conditions, where people like to walk, snow removal, the need for new connections, as well as what people appreciate about the current state of walking in the city. Input received will help guide the City in developing a Pedestrian Master Plan. During the parade, volunteers will be located near the playground at Keach Park with maps and surveys in hand.

BEAVER MEADOW GOLF COURSE

The last day of the 2015 golf season is Sunday, November 22nd. Golf course staff would like to thank everyone for a terrific year, and they are already planning next year's season. The 2016 season will be the course's 120th year of operation! Indoor league registration is ongoing for the two new golf simulators, which will be installed in early January. Visit www.beavermeadowgolfcourse.com for more information.

ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Sewer and drain manhole covers are in the process of being raised to grade, along with the storm water catch basin grates. Curbing continues to be set along the corridor and should be completed next week. More sidewalks and driveways have been paved and this work will continue into next week as well. Loaming of the disturbed areas has begun and will be ongoing over the next few weeks. One-lane, two-way traffic will be maintained through the work zone.



BICYCLE LANE SIGNAGE

Bicycle lane symbols and educational signage, which was donated to the City as part of a \$17,000 grant from the Central NH Bicycling Coalition, have been installed along the Route 3 corridor. The bike lane symbols complete the intent of the 2007 Route 3 Corridor Study of creating a designated bicycle lane. The "wrong way" and "ride with traffic signs" are part of an effort to educate the public that people riding bicycles should ride with traffic. A significant number of bicycle crashes that occur in the City are due, in part, from people riding against the traffic.



FALL LEAF COLLECTION

Concord General Services' crews have finished their third week of fall leaf collection, and they have already collected 617 tons of leaves throughout different areas of the City. Crews will continue to make their way around the City until the program ends on December 11th, weather permitting. Residents may bring their leaves to Earth Materials Recycling Center for free (with proof of residency) if the load is smaller than the bed of a non-commercial pick-up truck. Earth Materials Recycling Center will have extended hours on Saturday, November 21st, and Saturday, December 5th, from 8:00 AM to noon, weather permitting. For more information and to view the Fall Leaf Collection Map to see the areas where crews have already collected, visit www.concordnh.gov/leafcollection.