



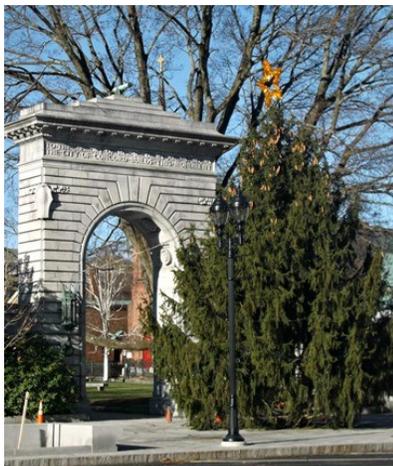
# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

November 25, 2015

### HOLIDAY DÉCOR

All of the City's Christmas trees have been put into place. The Concord General Services' Tree Crew erected the tree in Eagle Square on Monday and the tree at the State House Plaza last week. We wish to thank Tony Bourque for his donation of the Balsam Fir tree placed at Eagle Square, and Island Shore Estates for the donation of the Norway Spruce tree at the State House Plaza. The NH Department of Transportation did a great job decorating the tree at the State House Plaza and our Tree Crew decorated the trees at Eagle Square, Boudreau Square in Penacook, and the Concord Heights. The City's Downtown Services Team also decorated the new street lights downtown with some beautiful holiday wreaths, which were purchased by Intown Concord and the Merchants Roundtable with donations made by downtown merchants for their Light Up Downtown wreath project. The City is looking quite festive!



### CONCORD CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The 29th Annual Concord Christmas Tree Lighting Celebration will be held at the State House Plaza on **Friday, November 27th**. Activities start downtown at 3:30 PM. The celebration will include a petting zoo, horse drawn wagon rides, music by the Brian Waldron Band, lighting of the nativity, food and more. Santa Claus will arrive at the State House at 5:00 PM. The countdown to light the tree will begin at 5:59 PM, immediately followed by fireworks. For more information, contact Dick Patten at 496-2917.

### PENACOOK CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

The Penacook Village Association is hosting its annual Penacook Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony on **Wednesday, December 2nd**, at **6:00 PM**, at the Boudreau Square monument in downtown Penacook. The Penacook Elementary School Chorus will sing holiday favorites, Santa Claus will arrive via fire truck, and refreshments will be served.



### MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED



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



### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR TRASH/RECYCLING



Thanksgiving Day is a trash and recycling holiday. There will be no trash or recycling collection on Thursday. Thursday's route will be picked up on Friday, and Friday's route will be picked up on Saturday.



### PROPERTY TAX BILLS

Property tax bills for the 3rd and 4th quarters, which are due on January 2, 2016 and March 31, 2016, have been mailed to residents.





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### THANKSGIVING BASKET DONATIONS

We are pleased to report that Sanel Auto Parts has provided Concord Human Services with 68 Thanksgiving baskets to distribute to people who otherwise would not be able to enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. The baskets are bountiful and include everything one could want with their holiday meal. They are each filled with fresh vegetables and fruit, pies, coffee, nuts, condiments, juice, pickles, and even a cooking pan and napkins. The Sanel employees donate all the items for the baskets and the Segal family (owners of Sanel Auto Parts) match each basket with a turkey. Peter Glendinning, Sanel Auto Parts' Human Resources Manager, smoothly coordinates this large donation and kindly delivers the baskets to Human Services with the help of his employees. Our deep appreciation goes out to the Segal family and their employees who have so generously provided these baskets for many years. We also want to thank our volunteers, Bob Whatmough, Bill Lynch and Mike Mills, for helping us distribute the baskets.



### MAIN STREET PROJECT

Just like at home, there's always work to be done on Main Street. These days, though, the projects are small and purely aesthetic. Following the Thanksgiving holiday, granite and brick crews will put some finishing touches on our beautiful new downtown, replacing and repairing cracked and chipped bricks and pavers. The small punch list of miscellaneous chores will be completed by Friday, December 11th, after which all crews will vacate main Street for the winter season.

### ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Sewer and drain manhole inverts continue to be built as the contractor begins wrapping up for the season. Installation of curbing is complete and the sidewalks and driveways have been paved with the base course of pavement. Loaming of the disturbed areas should be finished by the end of next week, as well as guardrail installation over Hoyt Brook. The contractor will conclude work for the season in the next week or two.



### LOUDON ROAD WATER MAIN PROJECT FOLLOW-UP

Next week, crews will pave the first few hundred feet of the side streets on the south side of Loudon Road, between East Side Drive and Branch Turnpike. Traffic disruptions will be localized and local access will be maintained.

### CONCORD - A BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

For a second time, Concord has been designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community at the Bronze level by the League of American Bicyclists. Concord first received the four-year designation in 2010. The current designation is good through 2019. To be considered for this designation, the Bicycle Subcommittee of the City's Transportation Policy Advisory Committee (TPAC) completed a 100+ question application, which was then reviewed by national experts, as well as by members of the local bicycling community. As part of the review, Bill Nesper, Vice President of Programs for the League, visited Concord and participated in a review of the City by bicycle with 11 other participants, including representatives from the State, the Regional Planning Commission, TPAC, the Central NH Bicycling Coalition, the Bike Walk Alliance of NH, and staff of the City's Planning and Engineering Divisions. After the review, Mr. Nesper commended the City on its efforts and noted that past efforts included in the Comprehensive Transportation Policy (Complete Streets) and the Bicycle Master Plan were evident in projects like Main Street, Route 3 Corridor, and the Loudon Road lane conversion.