



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

June 17, 2016

MAIN STREET PROJECT

Next week, crews will only work Monday through Wednesday, as the annual Market Days Festival takes place on Thursday and Friday. On Monday and Tuesday, crews will excavate and place two concrete vaults in preparation for the underground placement of overhead utility lines on South Main Street later this summer. Also next week, concrete sidewalks will be poured in front of the Smile building and the hardscape crew is scheduled to install granite tiles at the bump-out near Gibson's Book Store.

During the [Market Days Festival](#), South Main Street traffic will be closed to all traffic from the Pleasant Street intersection to just south of the Concord Food Co-op, as well as North Main Street from Pleasant Street to Centre Street. The festival will run from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM daily and will feature music, entertainment, food and shopping. Admission is free.

PUBLIC INFO MEETING - WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT

A public information meeting will be held on **Tuesday, June 28th, at 6:00 PM** in City Council Chambers regarding an upcoming water main replacement project on North State Street, between Centre and Court Streets.

IMPROVED TRAFFIC SIGNALIZATION - US ROUTE 3 SOUTH

New traffic signal phasing and timing patterns have been implemented at the five signalized intersections along US Route 3 South, from the South Main/Storrs/Perley Street intersection, south through the I-93 Exit 13 interchange, to the Manchester Street/Old Turnpike Road intersection. These signals were originally designed and constructed in 1997 by the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) as part of the Exit 13 and Water Street reconstruction project. Gradual growth in corridor traffic over the last two decades had reduced the effectiveness of these intersections to handle currently-heavy traffic loads, resulting in long delays and multiple stops during the busy commuter times. The Engineering Services Division updated traffic data along this corridor, developed new sequence and timing patterns for each of the five signals, and designed a coordinated operations plan so that through-travel along the corridor could be made more efficient. The City collaborated with the NHDOT Bureau of Traffic to implement the updated signal operations last week.



EVERETT ARENA ROLLER SKATING



Roller skating has officially started for the summer at Everett Arena. The arena had a great opening weekend, as shown in the above [video](#), and will continue to host roller skating on Friday and Sunday nights through July 31st. For more information on hours and admission, visit www.concordnh.gov/roller-skating. Don't miss out on the fun!

CONCORD GENERAL SERVICES AT MARKET DAYS

Concord General Services will be present again this year at Intown Concord's Market Days Festival, which takes place June 23-25. They have made a new mini-golf hole that will be playable all three days at City Plaza. On Friday, June 24th, the "Your City and Safety" Touch a Truck event will take place from noon to 5:00 PM. Concord General Services will be there with equipment vehicles on display and other goodies. Stop by and say hello!





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GRATITUDE FROM THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPT

The Concord Human Services Department would like to thank City employee **Paul Garland**, of the Parking Division, for his regular contributions to their pantry. Paul donates food and hygiene products on a regular basis that are distributed to those that need assistance.

The Department is very grateful for the continued and generous donations from community members like Paul, as well as from congregants of **Temple Beth Jacob** (delivered by Marty Bender) and **Immaculate Heart of Mary** (delivered by Ed Mullen). Additionally, the Department picks up 20 cases of food each month, provided at no charge, from the all-volunteer run Capital Region Food Program.

The Human Services Department could not meet the emergency requests it receives without these many generous benefactors who make a difference each day.

GUYETTE POOL CEREMONY

The Concord General Services and Parks & Recreation Departments would like to thank everyone who came out to the Guyette Pool ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, June 16th, at Rolfe Park. The ceremony was hosted to celebrate the recent renovations made to the pool by the Public Properties Division, and the ribbon was cut by Mayor Jim Bouley. Renovations include a new pool rebuild with “zero-entry” main pool access, a new deck with increased floor traction and drainage to reduce accidents; bathroom upgrades; new energy efficient LED exterior lighting; fresh paint; electrical upgrades; and even gusher jets. Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, there was a brief grand pool reopening for the public to take their first swim in the new pool. All community pools officially open for the summer on Saturday, June 18th. Information about the City’s seven community pools, including hours of operation, can be found at www.concordnh.gov/pools.



FIELD PREPARATION

Staff of the Parks & Recreation Department have begun to prepare athletic fields for fall sports. Depending on the severity of wear from spring sports, the fields may be aerified and slice seeded in two directions. Fertilizer, water, and, if necessary, herbicide may be used to eradicate invasive weeds. Why aerate? To relieve compaction in the upper soil profile, remove thatch, create a seed bed, and allow water and oxygen to infiltrate the soil profile better, which, in turn, helps produce healthier plants.

CITY FLEET FUEL CONSERVATION

Last week, the City’s Fleet Manager, Bob LeBreux, participated on a panel for the Granite State Clean Cities Coalition’s “Green Your Fleet Day.” Fleet professionals attend this event annually to learn and discuss eco-friendly strategies to improve air quality by reducing the consumption of traditional petroleum-based motor fuels. Bob presented information on the “Idle Right” idle reduction device that has been used by the City since 2010 to reduce vehicle idling and conserve fuel. This device is currently being used on City vehicles and has been effective in reducing the City’s carbon footprint.

*“Giving is not just
about making a
donation.”*

*“It is about making
a difference.”*



Kathy Calvin, CEO & President
United Nations Foundation

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