



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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THANKSGIVING DONATIONS

Concord Human Services would like to thank Sanel Auto Parts for donating Thanksgiving baskets again this year. The Department received 71 baskets this year filled with everything a family could possibly need for a feast, including potatoes, vegetables, fresh fruit, apple cider, dinner rolls, and let's not forget the 14-20 pound turkey. The company donates one-for-one with its employees; and the turkeys are donated by the owners, the Segal family, in memory of George Segal. We would like to thank Sanel Auto Parts HR Manager Peter Glendinning, the Segal family, and all of the Sanel employees that made this possible. Their generosity made an impact on 71 families that otherwise would have gone without a meal. Special thanks to our volunteers Bob Whatmough, Jackie Whatmough, and Bill Lynch, who helped distribute the baskets. We would also like to thank City Fleet Manager Robert LeBreux and his wife for their contribution of two turkeys; and Parking Enforcement employees Paul Garland and Dave Florence for their willingness to deliver several baskets to families. Lastly, we would like to thank the Holiday Inn for their donation of personal hygiene items for our food pantry.



EVERETT ARENA ICE SKATING

Skating season has begun at the Douglas N. Everett Arena! Skating hours are Monday - Saturday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM, and Sundays from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Admission is \$5.00 (kids age 3 and under are free) and skate rentals are available in the Pro Shop for an additional \$5.00. The Arena also offers stick practice and skating lessons through the Parks and Recreation Department. Watch Concord General Services' [new ice skating video](#) and find more information at www.concordnh.gov/skating.



UNDERSTANDING YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL

The City's Assessing Department has created a presentation which provides an explanation of how the quarterly property tax bills are calculated. Property owners who would like to better understand their property tax bills may access the presentation at www.concordnh.gov/assessing and clicking on the link for the [Assessing Presentation](#) under "Quick Links".

MIDNIGHT MERRIMENT

Intown Concord will hold its 24th Annual Midnight Merriment tonight from 5:30 PM to midnight. Come downtown and dine at a variety of tasty restaurants; view the festive holiday decorations and revel in the stunning new streetscape on North and South Main Streets; take advantage of special promotions at your favorite shops; enjoy the strolling caroling groups; enjoy some yummy treats at the S'mores Station on City Plaza; visit the Concord Arts Market's Giftopolis; and visit with Santa!

NEW ENGLAND IRISH HARP ORCHESTRA

The Concord Public Library will host the New England Irish Harp Orchestra & Guests on **Saturday, December 10th**, at **1:30 PM**. This delightful program of lively music is sure to put you in the holiday spirit.

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WINTER SAND LOCATIONS



The City has three locations for residents to pick up sand for their use. It is requested that residents only take up to two 5-gallon buckets of sand at a time.

Sand may be obtained at the entrance to the Abbott Road material storage area; at the Transfer Station located on Old Turnpike Road; or at the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 125 Hall Street. The City will endeavor to maintain sufficient stockpiles at these locations throughout the winter months.

SIGN UP FOR WINTER PARKING BAN ALERTS



Sign up to receive Winter Storm Event Parking Ban Alerts and Winter Maintenance Parking Ban Alerts under the "Alert Center" in the ["Notify Me"](#) module of the City's website. Receive alerts when winter parking bans are declared to avoid parking in restricted areas for snow removal.

FRANKLIN PIERCE BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The 209th birthday of the nation's 14th president, Franklin Pierce, was celebrated on November 26th in the Old North Cemetery with a graveside wreath laying ceremony. The wreath is sent annually from the White House and commemorates the President's date of birth and contributions serving in the country's highest office. Members of the NH Army National Guard and the Pierce Brigade laid the wreath, and the Governor's Horse Guard presented the colors and a salute.



MERRILL PARK RENOVATIONS

Contractors have replaced the broken concrete flooring under the pavilion at Merrill Park. The 14-year old pavilion floor had many cracks in it and large pieces of flooring that were loose, which posed a tripping hazard. The contractor removed the old concrete and put in a new sub-base with rebar to help strengthen the floor. They also regraded and seeded around the pavilion.

In other news, a contractor has removed and replaced the back stop fencing and wings at the Merrill Park baseball/softball field. The old fence posts had heaved, the concrete footings were exposed, and the wire mesh had become dented and bent, with wire breaking apart and posing a potential injury to eyes and arms. The new fence posts were buried below the frost line to prevent heaving and the wire used is a heavier gauge, which will last longer and resist bending and breaking.

