



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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FALL LEAF COLLECTION COMPLETE

Fall leaf collection is officially over for the season. Snow storms impeded collection last week, but crews continued collecting as weather permitted. It appears winter is now here to stay, which means the priority has changed to plowing and winter operations. There may be some areas in the outskirts that still have leaves out, but most areas in the city, and all drainage areas, have been cleared. Any remaining leaves are now covered in snow and frozen to the ground. Concord General Services thanks the community for their cooperation with this program.

COLD WEATHER SHELTER

Through the efforts of Mayor Jim Bouley and the generosity of Christ the King Parish, this year's Cold Weather Shelter will be run out of the St. Peter's Activity Center at 135 North State Street. The Friends Program will be running the day to day operations again this year. At this time, there is not a firm opening date. The shelter will open as soon as possible, however, it's not likely to open any sooner than January 4th. The shelter will close for the season on March 31, 2017.

The most critical piece of running the shelter are volunteers. Shelter operations cannot be managed without volunteers, and until enough volunteers have committed, the shelter will not be able to open. If you are interested in volunteering, please go [online](#) now to volunteer for any of the three core shifts at the shelter. Signing up online will save you time, insure that you get the times/dates that you want to volunteer, and let the Friends Program know when they have enough volunteers to run and operate the shelter. You can sign up for recurring shifts or simply pick and choose the shifts that fit your personal availability. For those that are unfamiliar with the system, the Friends Program assures that ANYONE can do it.

In addition to the core shifts noted below, on-call volunteers are needed to assist when there are coverage gaps or last minute volunteer cancellations. If you are willing to be an "on call" volunteer, please send an e-mail to admin@friendsprogram.ccsend.com and indicate which shifts and day/s of the week you are available.

Volunteer shifts are as follows, seven days a week:

- Overnight shift, 6:45 PM - 7:00 AM
- Evening check-in shift, 6:45 PM - 9:30 PM
- Morning check-out shift, 6:00 AM - 7:30 AM

For more information, call the Friends Program at 228-7620. Thank you for helping those in need of shelter this winter.

WINTER RECREATION



Now that Mother Nature has provided us with some snow and cold temperatures, Parks and Recreation staff have switched gears from fall cleanup to winter recreation.

The sledding hill at White Park is currently operational, and, as of today, the skating ponds at White Park and Beaver Meadow Golf Course are open. With the recent frigid temperatures, we now have more than 5 inches of ice on both ponds. The hockey rink at White Park is also open.

Please note, based on the weather forecast for this weekend, skating areas may close again. Please obey all posted signs.



The cross country ski trails at Beaver Meadow Golf Course are also open and conditions should improve as we get more snow. The Beaver Meadow Club House opens at 10:00 AM daily.

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