



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

June 21, 2013

PROPERTY TAX BILLS

The first installment payment for 2013 property taxes is due on July 1st. Property tax bills were mailed on May 31, 2013. If you have not received your property tax bill, please contact the Collections Office at 225-8540.



PARKS & RECREATION OPEN HOUSE

The Parks & Recreation Department will hold an Open House on Wednesday, June 26th, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM, at the new community center on the Heights (formerly Dame School), located at 14 Canterbury Road. Members of the public and City Council are invited to come in for tours, face painting, and to sign up for summer programs. Concord TV and East Concord Preschool will also be giving tours of their new spaces in the community center. Arnie's Place will be on site providing free ice cream to all in attendance.



WHITE PARK DONATION

The Frank Monahan Foundation and Rock On Foundation recently donated over \$9,000 to the Parks & Recreation Department to improve the basketball courts at White Park. The new backboards at the park have been installed and are ready for use.

At right are Luke Bonner of the Rock On Foundation, Parks & Recreation Director David Gill, and Marshall Crane of the Frank Monahan Foundation.



LAND DONATED TO CONSERVATION TRUST

In the fall of 2011, Hope Zanes Butterworth promised that, if the City approved funding for the Maplewood Farm Conservation Project, she would donate a 15.67 acre conservation easement on her neighboring farm, which is also on Stickney Hill Road. This past Wednesday, Ms. Butterworth fulfilled her promise and signed the documents that will forever preserve her property. The conservation easement is now held by Five Rivers with an Executory Interest to the City. Ms. Butterworth's farm joins with Maplewood Farm in preserving the open space and history of the Stickney Hill Road neighborhood.



NH PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

Residents are reminded that June 30th is the deadline to apply for the State of New Hampshire's Low and Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief Program. Forms are available on the web at www.nh.gov/revenue, or may be obtained from the City's Assessing Office located in City Hall, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday.

Property owners who owned and occupied their homes on April 1, 2012 may apply to the State for relief of a portion of the State education property tax. There is no age requirement or asset limit for this program. A single person whose total household income was \$20,000 or less in 2012, and married persons or heads of New Hampshire households with total household income of \$40,000 or less may apply.

Forms and documentation should be mailed to the NH Department of Revenue Administration, Document Processing Division, P.O. Box 299, Concord, NH 03302-0299. Applicants will need a copy of their January or March 2013 tax bill and a copy of their 2012 Federal tax return. If the property is in a trust, a copy of the entire trust document must be submitted.

For more information, call the NH Department of Revenue at 230-5000.

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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

The Parks & Recreation Department's Summer Concert Series begins next week.

On **Tuesday** nights the **Nevers Band** will perform at the following locations. Concerts will begin at 7:00 PM, except for the July 4th show, which will begin at 8:00 PM.



June 25	State House Plaza
July 4	Memorial Field
July 9	Riverfront Park
July 16	Rolfe Park
July 23	State House Plaza
July 30	Merrill Park
Aug 13	Eagle Square
Aug 20	State House Plaza

On **Thursday** nights, the following bands will perform at **Eagle Square** beginning at 7:00 PM:

June 27
The Shana Stack Band

July 11
Dusty Grey

August 1
Lunch at the Dump

August 15
Natalie Turgeon Band

Join your friends and neighbors for a relaxing evening listening to great music. Concerts are free of charge; however, donations are gladly accepted.

GRATEFUL HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Concord Human Services Department was the beneficiary of two donations this past week. We would like to thank the Unitarian Benevolent Association for a generous donation that targets assisting teens at Christmas. This is a wonderful gift, as we receive many donations and have many generous sponsors during the holidays; however, we often find we have fewer age appropriate gifts for teens. This donation will help us fill this gap. The Unitarian Benevolent Association has been helping out agencies that serve families in this community for more than 150 years and we are proud that they chose to once again support the Human Services Department. Additionally, staff of the Children's Medicaid Unit delivered a very large food donation for our pantry. This came at a great time, as food donations often diminish during the warmer weather, although the demand does not. We want to thank these thoughtful employees for this generous and timely donation. It is also important to once again give kudos to the Capital Region Food Program and Temple Beth Jacob, who both provide supplies for our pantry on a monthly basis. We could not keep our pantry shelves stocked without this support.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NOW DISPATCHING FOR HILLSBOROUGH

Last week, the Concord Fire Department Communications Center began providing dispatch services to the Town of Hillsborough. Hillsborough provides fire suppression and emergency medical services for the neighboring town of Windsor; therefore, the Communications Center's service area has grown from 20 to 22 cities and towns covering approximately 765 square miles in Merrimack, Hillsborough, and Rockingham Counties. The Communications Center also provides services for two emergency medical services agencies and serves as the control center for the New Hampshire statewide fire mobilization plan. The addition of Hillsborough increases the Center's workload by 1,100 calls per year, to a total of over 22,000 calls annually for the entire area. Captain Ernest Petrin, Communications Supervisor, spent many hours completing the mapping, programming, coordination, and training necessary for this service to begin. In addition to the huge operational advantages of having a single fire/EMS dispatch center for the region, it is also very cost effective, as member agencies share the expenses of operating the Center.

SAVE THE DATE!

*Saturday & Sunday, September 7-8, 2013
Kiwanis Riverfront Park*

Weekend on the Water will feature the following:

- * Dragon Boat Races
- * Live Music
- * Food Trucks
- * Crew Races
- * Maddog Fitness Challenge



*All proceeds from this event
will benefit the new skate
house at White Park.*