



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

February 21, 2014

SNOW REMOVAL

With more than 24 inches of snow falling within the last week and a half, staff of the General Services Department have been challenged trying to plow roads, clear sidewalks, and remove snow. Crews worked diligently throughout both Wednesday and Thursday night this week removing snow from downtown and the surrounding area. Staff continues to clear snow from the sidewalks and has also started removing snow from the smaller side streets that have been narrowed from the snowbanks and posted with emergency “No Parking” signs. The City appreciates the public’s continued patience as crews work to keep up with the abundance of snow that has fallen.



SNOWSHOE HIKE

The Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail are hosting a snowshoe hike tomorrow (Saturday, 2/22) at 9:00 AM. The group will meet at the trail kiosk behind the Bed, Bath and Beyond building and will walk southerly along the future route of the greenway trail to Terrill Park. EMS is offering \$5.00 snowshoe rentals for participants. Families, dogs and cross country skiers are all welcome. For more information, visit www.mrgt.org/events.



CH&R PREPARES TO UNVEIL THOMPSON SQUARE

Concord Housing & Redevelopment (CH&R) is preparing to unveil Thompson Square, its new special needs housing that has been created downtown. The project, which included the repurposing of the former CH&R offices and an aging auditorium, located on the ground level of the John F. Kennedy Building, was not without its challenges. Not only were three of the new apartments being created in a sunken theater, they were being constructed in a building with 82 occupied apartments, making the construction process all that much more difficult. Despite the challenges involved, construction of Thompson Square has progressed quickly and the project is scheduled for completion by early spring. The finished apartments will be handicapped accessible, meeting the needs of people who require additional services to help them live independently. There will also be space for the Visiting Nurse Association offices and meeting space for area social workers.

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ROOF COLLAPSE DANGERS



The Code Administration Office reminds residents to take extra precautions to protect their home’s safety following winter storms. With the recent heavy snow, followed by rain and freezing rain, there is a greater urgency to clear roofs of snow and ice. A roof may collapse with little or no warning. Modern building codes consider the amount of snow a roof should be designed to handle, depending on snowfall averages. Most newer homes are built to these codes, but older homes, especially those with flat roofs, may have been built under different codes and, therefore, present a greater risk of roof collapse. View the [State Fire Marshal’s warning](#) of roof collapse dangers.



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SCHOOL VACATION ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARY

The Concord Public Library will be hosting the following children's activities during next week's school vacation:

Monday, 2/24 @ 2:30 PM

Make Your Own Book

(This is your chance to become an author, an illustrator, and a maker of books all at one time.)

Tuesday, 2/25 @ 2:30 PM

Movie: Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs

(Rated G, 95 minutes)

Wednesday, 2/26 @ 10:30 AM

Family Storytime

Wednesday, 2/26 @ 3:30 PM

Paws for Pages

Thursday, 2/27 @ 3:30 PM

Castaway Challenge

(Make a Leprechaun trap!)

Thursday, 2/27 @ 4:30 PM

Teen Movie: Ender's Game

(Rated PG-13, 144 minutes)

Friday, 2/28 @ 11:00 AM

Wildlife Encounters

(Live animals, both wild and domestic, will be present.)

PEDESTRIAN WINTER SAFETY

As we enjoy the winter season, we appreciate our citizens' desire to get out and exercise before the snow has been cleared from the streets and sidewalks. In Concord, snow is cleared from the roadways first. Depending on the severity of the storm, it may be days before resources will allow the clearing of sidewalks. During that period, many walkers and runners move to the streets. Pedestrians and motor vehicles sharing the roadway is already a risky mix. Once adverse weather or roadway conditions are added, it can be a recipe for disaster.

The Concord Police Department would like to offer some simple safety precautions that should be taken when walking or jogging in these conditions:

- * Limit the use of the roadway and utilize sidewalks as much as possible. This may mean wearing extra clothing or footwear to navigate the areas of sidewalk that have yet to be cleared.
- * Use common sense and avoid this activity when visibility is limited by darkness or precipitation.
- * Always wear bright, reflective clothing and utilize running lights, day or night. Never assume that drivers can see you.
- * Make movements obvious with appropriate hand signals or other means so that you are not surprising a driver. Motorists may not be able to stop or control their vehicles when reacting to unexpected pedestrian movement.
- * Use care and watch for potential hazards on the ground, including black ice or un-level snow accumulation.



CARBON MONOXIDE SAFETY

In light of recent carbon monoxide poisoning tragedies, the Concord Fire Department recommends that every home have a working carbon monoxide detector installed on every level of the home. Other safety measures that can be taken to reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning include:

- * During and after a snow storm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow buildup.
- * Operate generators at least 10 feet away from your home, pointing generator exhaust away from the home. Never run a generator inside a garage, even with the garage door open.
- * Never warm vehicles by running them inside a garage.
- * Never use gas or charcoal grills inside a structure.



For more information on carbon monoxide safety, visit www.nfpa.org.