



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

January 11, 2013

CITY ACQUIRES DAME SCHOOL

Yesterday, the City closed on the acquisition of the former Dame School. Moving forward, the City will be undertaking minor renovations to the building in order to prepare it for use by the public. Renovations will be primarily related to making restrooms and doorways compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Signage will also be ordered for the property. In addition, the building will be cleaned, with some rooms getting a fresh coat of paint.

EMERGENCY VEHICLE HYBRID BEACON

New traffic control beacons installed in front of Central Fire Station on North State Street became operational this week. Constructed as part of the Route 3 Corridor Improvement Project, the beacon alerts and stops traffic along North State Street so that emergency responders can leave the fire station safely and with minimal delay. The new hybrid display is a fairly recent innovation nationally, and quite new to New Hampshire. It has been shown to be much more effective in getting the attention of through-street traffic than the traditional flashing yellow/red lights that were formerly suspended over the street.



The signal displays in the beacon will generally remain dark at all times. When the emergency sequence is initiated, drivers approaching will first see a flashing yellow signal alerting them that the emergency vehicle sequence has been initiated. This will be followed by a steady yellow and then a steady red signal indicating that traffic is to stop. Following this is an extended period of alternating flashing red signals during which emergency vehicles are free to exit the fire station and turn onto North State Street. Drivers facing the flashing red signals are required to stop and then proceed subject to the rules for making a stop at a STOP sign (provided there are no more exiting emergency vehicles and it is safe to do so). The signal displays turn dark again when the sequence is over.

SKATING / SKIING ON HOLD



Due to the warmer weather, the Parks and Recreation Department has closed all outdoor skating areas until colder weather settles back in. The ski trails at Beaver Meadow Golf Course are also closed until we receive more snow.

ASSESSING PUBLIC MEETING



The Assessing Department will hold a public meeting on **Thursday, January 17th, at 7:00 PM** in City Council Chambers to give an overview of the assessing process, tax bills, abatements, exemptions and credits.

The evening will begin with a presentation by Assessing Director Kathy Temchack, with a question and answer period to follow. Assessing staff will be available to schedule property inspections and to answer general questions. Forms for exemptions, credits and abatements will also be available.



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The Good Yarn Knitting Group

Join fellow crafters for a knitting group. Every Tuesday at 6:30 PM, through February 12th.

Movie Night

Thursday, 1/17 @ 6:30 PM

Cary Grant stars in a madcap comedy about a mild-mannered movie critic who discovers that his two lovable aunts have been poisoning people with elderberry wine. Then two murderers move into the house with the idea of adding a few corpses of their own. Movie runs for 118 minutes and is in black and white. Call 225-8670 for the movie title.

IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM...

Toddler Tales

Monday, 1/14 @ 10:30 AM

Lapsit

Tuesday, 1/15 @ 10:30 AM

Thursday, 1/17 @ 10:30 AM

Family Story Time

Wednesday, 1/16 @ 10:30
AM

Paws for Pages

Thursday, 1/17 @ 3:30 PM

MAIN STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

On Tuesday, January 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, City staff and the project design team will host the second design review meeting in City Council Chambers. Roadway layout and streetscape alternatives for Main Street will be reviewed. As with the first design review meeting, a presentation to the project advisory committee and downtown merchants and stakeholders will be followed by opportunity for public comment. The public is invited to attend and share their thoughts on the project.

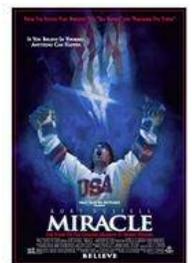
ALLIED LEATHER TANNERY CLEANUP

On Monday, January 14th, crews will be on site at the former Allied Leather Tannery undertaking a variety of activities related to cleanup and redevelopment of the site. These will include additional test pits and soil borings to determine the quantity of petroleum-contaminated soils at the site. This work is being funded entirely by the NH Oil Discharge and Disposal (ODP) Fund, as the site was recently enrolled in the NH Petroleum Cleanup Program. In addition, crews will dig test pits inside the former waterproofing building in order to determine if buried leather is present under the structure. Lastly, an 850 +/- cubic yard soil stockpile will be hauled from the property in order to prepare the site for cleanup activities later this spring. A total of 80% of the cost of test pit activities within the building, as well as removal of the soil stockpile, is being funded by grants from the US Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Program. Work at the site will last approximately 7-10 days.

HOCKEY NIGHT IN CONCORD

Join the 1883 Black Ice Pond Hockey Association for **Hockey Night in Concord**, on Tuesday, January 15th, at 7:00 PM at the Red River Theatres for a showing of the movie *Miracle*. Tickets are \$5.00. Doors will open at 6:00 PM with a Black Ice Ale Reception held before the show.

Come on down and help support the 3rd Annual Black Ice Pond Hockey Championships being held January 25-27, 2013, at White Park.



BABE RUTH BASEBALL REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY

The Parks and Recreation Department has partnered with the Concord Babe Ruth League to handle their registrations. The baseball league is open to children ages 13, 14, and 15 years of age. For more information, please visit the Parks and Recreation Department web site at www.concordnh.gov/recreation.