



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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PUBLIC MEETING: US ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR - PHASE 5

A Neighborhood Public Meeting will be held on **Saturday, December 8th**, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM, to review the final design and discuss the construction schedule on Village Street / US Route 3, from the Boscawen Town Line to Stark Street. The meeting will be held at the United Church of Penacook, 21 Merrimack Street, Penacook. All residents, commuters, local officials, community leaders and neighborhood groups are welcome. For more information, call the Engineering Services Division at 225-8520.

6-9 COMMERCIAL STREET (FORMER AGWAY)

Demolition at the site of the former Agway was completed on November 23rd. The project entailed demolition of two buildings (18,300 square feet combined), removal of all paved surfaces, and installation of loam and seed for the entire 1.6 acre site; at a total cost of approximately \$145,000. In addition, a small oil tank and contaminated soils were removed at an additional cost of \$15,000, the majority of which was covered by the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services "ODD" Fund. Because of the lateness of the season, the contractor will return in the spring to seed the property. Dirt piles located adjacent to the site will be hauled to the Allied Leather Tannery site next spring to be used as backfill for forthcoming environmental cleanup activities.



Before



After

NEW BIKE RACKS IN PARKING GARAGES

Two bicycle racks, donated by the Central NH Bicycle Coalition (CNHBC), have been installed (with assistance from the Parking Division) in the Capital Commons Parking Garage, near the Storrs Street entrance. The installation is the first part of a three-part program sponsored by CNHBC to provide bike parking that is protected from the ever changing New Hampshire weather. Two more racks will be installed in each of the remaining parking garages - Durgin Block and Firehouse Block - after current renovations are complete.



CONCORD NAMED BEST WINTER VACATION DESTINATION

The City of Concord has been named a [Top 10 Best Winter Vacation Destination](#) by Livability.com, a national website that highlights more than 500 of America's best places to live and visit. The list highlights those communities that embrace their cool climates and offer residents and visitors a wealth of outdoor recreation, arts and culture, and dining and entertainment options.

To narrow down the list, editors started by identifying those cities with an average temperature below freezing and an average snowfall of more than 25 inches. Next, they looked for cities that offer an ample number of outdoor recreation options - cities near ski slopes or frozen lakes, or with large open areas perfect for snowshoeing or snowmobiling. Finally, editors factored in the number and type of indoor activities offered, such as shopping, dining, concerts and theater.

Concord was chosen because, in addition to a cooler climate, the city offers all the amenities tourists look for - affordability; good, local restaurants; a thriving arts scene; nightlife; shopping and plenty of outdoor recreation opportunities.

Other cities making the list were: Anchorage, AL; Spokane, WA; Minneapolis, MN; Reno, NV; Traverse City, MI; Waukesha, WI; Missoula, MT; Bangor, ME; and Casper, WY.



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BETTER U CHALLENGE



The City's Wellness Team would like to congratulate Pam Bartlett (spouse of General Services' employee Kevin Bartlett) and General Services' employee Karon Devold, for successfully completing the BetterU Challenge, a 13-week HEART HEALTH makeover sponsored by the American Heart Association, the Executive Health & Sports Center, and Harvard Pilgrim Healthcare. Pam and Karon were hand selected to participate in this 13-week commit-to-get-fit challenge that focused on portion control, nutrition, exercise, and overall wellbeing. Both women have lost in excess of 15 pounds and say participating in this challenge "has changed their life." Karon said, "The challenge went by fast, and new friendships were bonded. I feel fabulous! The big keys are journaling what you eat, portion control, and exercise." The nine women who successfully completed the program were honored for their successes at the Annual Go-Red for Women luncheon at the Radisson Hotel on November 8th. Congratulations Pam and Karon!

"ON THE BEAT" WITH THE CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Wednesday, December 5th, at 6:00 PM on Channel 17, Concord TV will be airing the next episode of "On the Beat" with the Concord Police Department. (This episode will also be shown again on Friday, December 6th, and Sunday, December 8th, at 6:00 PM.)



Tune in to see:

- An interview with Sergeant Cori Casey about the Criminal Investigations Unit and the Youth Services Unit of the Concord Police Department.
- We will visit with Shannon Camara from the Concord SPCA. She will talk about some of the upcoming events that the SPCA will be putting on.
- We will meet with John "Cimo" Cimikoski and Jonathan Clay from the Concord Boys & Girls Club to learn more about the Club's Television Auction scheduled for Saturday, December 8th from 1:00 PM - 11:00 PM. (CPD staff will host the segment from 9:00-11:00 PM. Proceeds go to support the Club's kids and programs.)
- Our Concord Regional Crimeline "Tip of the Month" will focus on a recent theft from Lowe's on Ft. Eddy Road.
- Our "Did You Know" segment will inform viewers about the proper steps they should take if they have become a victim of fraud. We will also offer clues and suggestions to prevent them from being a victim in the first place.

If you don't get Channel 17, the show will be available Thursday morning, 12/6, via Concord TV's website at www.yourconcordtv.org/?page_id=909.

Officer Ryan Howe is always looking for comments about the show. He is also searching for new ideas and topics for the show. Viewers are encouraged to send ideas and comments about the show to Officer Howe via e-mail to rhowe@concordnh.gov or by phone at 225-8600.



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CITY EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED FOR SAFETY CONTRIBUTIONS



The City's Joint Loss Management Committee (JLMC) recognizes employees who through their actions, suggestions, commitment or initiative have contributed to ensuring the City of Concord is a safe and healthy place in which to live and work.

The following City employees recently received recognition from the JLMC for their contributions in promoting safety: **Chip Chesley**, General Services Director; **Jim Major**, Highways & Utilities Superintendent; **Paul Carriger**, Laborer/Truck Driver; **Don Weaver**, Auto Mechanic II; and **Dan Driscoll**, Wastewater Operations Supervisor.



NEXT WEEK'S LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

BOOK DISCUSSION - MONDAY, DECEMBER 3RD @ 12:10 PM

Join us for a discussion of the book *Cocktail Hour Under the Tree of Forgetfulness* by Alexandra Fuller. This non-fiction book covers the childhoods of Fuller's parents in Kenya and England, and her parents' struggle to establish a home in Africa for their family. It is a story of survival, love, war, madness, and forgiveness. Retired Librarian Elizabeth Levy will lead the discussion of this unusual book. Feel free to bring your lunch to this mid-day program.



CHILDREN'S ROOM ACTIVITIES

Toddler Tales: Monday, 12/3 @ 10:30 AM

Lapsit: Tuesday, 12/4 & Thursday, 12/6 @ 10:30 AM

Family Story Time: Wednesday, 12/5 @ 10:30 AM

Paws for Pages with Lily: Thursday, 12/6 @ 3:30 PM



WINTER DRIVING TIPS & REMINDERS

As winter approaches, the City reminds citizens of the following actions that can be taken to help keep the roads safe for drivers and pedestrians alike:

- * Plan to stay off the roads during storms whenever possible. Fewer cars on the roads will reduce the potential for accidents and assist our highway crews in doing their work.
- * If you must travel, be sure to prepare your car for winter driving with snow tires, good windshield wipers and lights.
- * Be sure to clear your car of snow before getting on the road. Remember, it's the State law.
- * Pay attention to flashing yellow lights on plow trucks or tractors plowing sidewalks, as this is an indication of work happening at a safe speed. Please give the trucks and tractors room to perform their job for your safety and theirs.
- * Obey any Parking Bans and try to park off the streets and sidewalks whenever possible. (Visit www.concordnh.gov for more information about winter parking bans.)
- * Do not push snow from driveways across roads or onto sidewalks, as this creates a hazard for drivers and pedestrians.

Let's all do our part and work together for a safe winter season.