City of Concord
Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR NORTH IMPROVEMENTS

The final overlay of Phases II and III of the Route 3 Corridor improvements, from Hutchins Street to Abbottville Road, has been completed. Striping and pavement markings are soon to follow, as weather allows. The rain has been delaying base pavement in the section of North State Street from Call Street to Rumford Street. Please stay tuned to the on-site message boards for the revised schedule. Once the base pavement is placed, subcontractors will begin installation of granite curbing and raising utility castings in this area.

Next week, the pipe crew will move south to the last section of the Phase IV reconstruction, from Rumford Street to Penacook Street. Replacement of existing storm sewer infrastructure will begin at the Central Fire Station and proceed north to Granite Avenue. During construction in this area, all southbound traffic will be detoured to Rumford Street, then to Penacook Street, and back to North State Street. All northbound traffic will continue north through the work zone. This diversion should help mitigate the long delays experienced during the previous phases of the work.

ANNUAL FALL LEAF PICK-UP BEGINNING SOON

The General Services Department will begin the annual residential leaf pick-up program the week of October 29th. The program will run until approximately December 7th, dependent on weather. Leaves should be placed unbagged at the curbside and the crews will pick them up. The City will have three (3) crews: one starting at the Bow town line on South Street and working north; one starting at Blossom Hill Cemetery and working north up North State Street into Penacook; and one starting on Mountain Road and working south on the east side of the Merrimack River.

Only leaves will be picked up! Any unacceptable material which has been illegally deposited in the public right-of-way MUST be removed by the abutting landowner. Examples of unacceptable material include branches, brush, concrete, metal goods and construction demolition debris.

PUBLIC MEETING ALLIED TANNERY/ AMAZON REALTY SITE CLEAN-UP

In conjunction with the Penacook Village Association, the City will be holding a public meeting on **Monday, October 22nd, at 7:00 PM**, to discuss the cleanup plans and schedule for the former Allied Leather Tannery / Amazon Realty site. The meeting will take place at the United Church of Penacook, located at the corner of Canal Street and Community Drive. Doors will open at 6:30 PM and refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

FIRE PREVENTION WEEK OCTOBER 7-13, 2012

The Concord Fire Department marked Fire Prevention Week with an Open House on Friday, October 5th, at the Broadway Fire Station. The Open House featured fire safety and vehicle displays and activities; pizza; and a visit from Sparky the Fire Prevention Dog. On-duty crews are traveling to elementary school classrooms with fire prevention and safety messages.

WATER STREET PAVING COMPLETED

The General Services Department has completed paving the portion of the South Main Street intersection with Water Street and the approach to Manchester Street under the Exit 13 bridge. Paving accomplished at night to reduce the impact on the traveling public. A bike lane was incorporated into the design.

DRUG TAKE BACK RESULTS

On September 29th, the Concord Police Department participated in the National Drug Take Back, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). In a 4-hour span, the Police Department filled six boxes totaling 143 pounds.

Nationally, the DEA's state, local and tribal law enforcement partners, working at more than 5,263 locations, collected 488,395 pounds (244 tons) of prescription medications from the public. When added to the collections from the DEA's previous four Take Back events, more than two million pounds (1,018 tons) of prescription medications have been removed from circulation.

9 SOUTH COMMERCIAL ST. (FORMER AGWAY) DEMOLITION

Demolition of the former Agway property has been bid and awarded. The cost of the project will be $145,571 (excluding engineering oversight). Demolition of the building was delayed due to the fire which occurred on August 17th. Demolition activities are set to begin on October 15th and will last for approximately 45 days. Once completed, the property will be left as a vacant grassed lot. Photos of the site are below.

RELOCATION OF HUMAN SERVICES / PROSECUTORS OFFICE

In August, the City entered into a lease for 6,145 square feet of office space for the Human Services Department and the City Prosecutor's Office at Horseshoe Pond Place (a.k.a. the former Page Belting Mill) located at 28 Commercial Street. Renovation of the space has been underway since August and is nearly complete. The Departments will move in to their new space the week of October 22nd. Both Departments are using a variety of tools and resources to notify their clients and the public about the move.

UPCOMING LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Concord Reads: Cold Case Panel - Monday, 10/15 @ 7:00 PM
Investigator Robert Freitas, of the Cold Case Unit at the Office of the NH Attorney General, and local true crime authors Rebecca Lavoie and Kevin Flynn, will talk about cold case investigation and how authors approach writing true crime books. Panelists will take questions from the audience.

Singin' All the Good Old Songs Again - Wednesday, 10/17 @ 7:00 PM
Musicians Jackie Davidson (an original member of the New Christy Minstrels) and Gary Brandt continue the rich tradition of American folk music in this program. They combine "classic" and original folk songs into an energetic and fun show with lots of audience participation.

Thursday Night Move - Thursday, 10/18 @ 6:30 PM
James Stewart stars in this hilarious 1950 classic about a man with a six-foot rabbit that only he can see. Call 225-8670 for the movie title.