



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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### ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

The contractor's pipe crew continues to install new storm sewer infrastructure in North State Street; this work will be taking place between McGuire Street and Call Street. The contractor opted to have the second crew begin removing the existing asphalt pavement and underlying concrete slab behind the pipe crew. The road rebuilding crew will be replacing the subgrade materials with select gravels and grading the road. The road crew will be working in the same stretch of North State Street as the pipe crew. A third crew will be mobilized next week to begin drainage reconstruction as well and they will be working from Call Street to Brook Street. With the amount of work transpiring, extended traffic delays are to be expected. We encourage the public to seek alternate routes to the Route 3 corridor.



### SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT

As a result of the increasing numbers of individuals drinking and driving, the Concord Police Department, in cooperation with the Merrimack County DUI Task Force, applied for and obtained an order from the Merrimack County Superior Court authorizing a Sobriety Checkpoint to be conducted in Concord during the first week of August 2012.



A review of statistics has shown that the use of alcohol by individuals who operate motor vehicles has resulted in an alarming number of deaths and personal injury accidents. The Sobriety Checkpoint is the most effective method of detecting and apprehending the impaired operator. The program, approved by the NH Highway Safety Agency and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, provides federal highway safety funds to support these checkpoints.

The purpose of the Sobriety Checkpoint is to detect and apprehend impaired drivers. The Concord Police Department is taking an aggressive stance to prevent persons from driving while impaired. New Hampshire has some of the most aggressive laws in the country to fight the impaired driver and the law enforcement community will use these tools to their full extent.

The task force consists of police departments from Allenstown, Chichester, Concord, Epsom, Pembroke, and the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office.

### **DEPUTY CITY ASSESSOR ANNOUNCED:**

The Assessing office announced the promotion of **Susan Golden** to Deputy Assessor, effective July 30, 2012.

Sue joined the City of Concord Assessing Office in 1988 as Administration Technician II, and she immediately was very eager to learn every aspect of the assessing office. In 2002, she took it upon herself to pursue the educational courses to become a Certified New Hampshire Assessor.

When an Appraiser vacancy became available in this office, Sue applied and was awarded the position. Over the years, Sue has become an integral part of this office due to her enthusiasm which led to her extensive knowledge and proficiency beyond the realm of expectation.

It is not only because of her many years of experience, but Sue's desire and rapid ability to learn, her expertise, and professionalism that has earned her the position of Deputy Assessor.

The office would like to invite everyone to join in congratulating Sue on her promotion.

*Congratulations!*



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### COLLECTIONS OFFICE HAS NEW EXTENDED HOURS

Just a reminder that effective Thursday, August 2nd, the Collections Office will extend its hours open to the public until 6:00 PM on Thursday evenings. The additional hours will make it more convenient for residents who find it difficult to register their automobiles or pay their property taxes during regular office hours.

New office hours will be as follows:

Monday	8 AM - 4:30 PM
Tuesday	8 AM - 4:30 PM
Wednesday	8 AM - 4:30 PM
Thursday	8 AM - 6 PM
Friday	8 AM - 4:30 PM

### CONCORD FIRE TEACHES SAFETY TO MARKET DAYS CROWDS:



The annual Market Days celebration provided several opportunities for the Fire Department to make our community more safe. Lieutenant Ken Kiehl presented his safety puppet show to a large audience of young people. (Photo credit: Sean Brown, Concord Fire Department)

Lieutenant Tim Robinson lead on-duty crews in working with Concord Hospital to teach "Hands Only CPR" to 280 people. (Photo credit: Tony Schinella/[concord-nh.patch.com](http://concord-nh.patch.com) for the photo of Lt. Robinson)



**FIRE TRUCK PULL TO BENEFIT PUBLIC SAFETY NEEDS:** The Concord Public Safety Foundation sponsored a "Fire Truck Pull" during Market Days to raise funds for safety needs. Several teams from the community competed in the event and a team of Concord firefighters and their friends won. More information on the event and the money raised will be available in a few weeks. (Photo credit: Concord Public Safety Foundation )



### LOCAL BUSINESS DONATES SOD TO FIRE DEPARTMENT:



The Concord Fire Department gratefully acknowledges a donation of sod from the Concord Food Co-op. The sod was installed at Central Fire Station by Capt. Derek Kelleher and Firefighters Jim Cournoyer and Brad Newbery. (Photo credit: Capt. Derek Kelleher, Concord Fire Dept.)



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**LOOK WHO'S COMING TO TOWN!  
HE'S BIG, HE'S RED,  
AND HE'S COMING TO CONCORD!**

***CLIFFORD THE BIG RED DOG***  
*visits the Concord Public Library Friday, August 3 at 1:30 PM with the UNIQUE Peek into Books literacy series*



Clifford the Big Red Dog will visit the Concord Public Library on Friday, August 3 at 1:30 PM as part of the UNIQUE Peek into Books literacy series. The program was created as part of a statewide initiative to help educate parents on activities to engage their toddler's passion in reading and enhance their enjoyment of reading as a part of everyday life. After reading books together, Clifford the Big Red Dog will appear and act out the book with children to help grow their imaginations and actually become part of the book. All participants will have an opportunity to meet Clifford, have their photo taken, and will receive a free goody bag filled with a brand new book and other materials. This free program is sponsored by the state's UNIQUE College Savings plan and Fidelity Investments.

### ON THE BEAT WITH THE CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Concord TV will be airing the next episode of "ON THE BEAT" with the Concord Police Department, **Wednesday August 1, 2012 at 6:00 PM on Channel 17.**



#### Tune in to see:

- An interview with Concord Police Department's Fleet Mechanic Frank Eaton;
- An interview with Concord Police Department's Parking Manager Dave Florence;
- An interview with Patricia St. Laurence & Jim Milliken from Concord Regional Crimeline;
- An interview with Rosemary Heard, President & CEO of CATCH Neighborhood Housing;
- "Chat With Matt" segment with Matt Cashman, from the Concord School District, on scene at Beaver Meadow School;
- Our "Did You Know" segment which will focus on Internet Safety with tips & ideas to help parents keep their children safe while online;
- Crimeline "Tip of the Month" will focus on a theft that occurred at Wickland's Auto;
- Shannon Camara from the SPCA will promote the "Walk For The Animals" scheduled for September 16th;
- There'll be information about the "Drug Take-Back Day" scheduled for September 29th (also see the next page for more details about this program);

and

**Remember - National Night Out is August 7  
from 5-9 PM in Rollins Park!**

For those of you who do not get Channel 17, the show is available Thursday morning via Concord TV's website at: [http://www.yourconcordtv.org/?page\\_id=909](http://www.yourconcordtv.org/?page_id=909)

Viewers are encouraged to send ideas and comments about the show to **Officer Ryan Howe** at [rhowe@concordnh.gov](mailto:rhowe@concordnh.gov) or call him at (603) 225-8600.



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### **“Drug Take-Back Day”**

**September 29, 2012**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

### **Concord Police Department**

The Concord Police Department, in partnership with The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), has scheduled another National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day which will take place on Saturday, September 29, 2012, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. This is a great opportunity for those who missed the previous events, or who have subsequently accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, to safely dispose of those medications.

The American people have again responded overwhelmingly to the most recent DEA-led National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. On April 28th, citizens turned in a record-breaking 552,161 pounds (276 tons) of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal at the 5,659 take-back sites that were available in all 50 states and U.S. territories. When the results of the four Take-Back Days to date are combined, the DEA and its state, local, and tribal law-enforcement and community partners have removed over 1.5 million pounds (774 tons) of medication from circulation.

"We are pleased at the response of the American people once again, and we thank them for participating and contributing to the battle against prescription drug abuse," said DEA Administrator Michele M. Leonhart, who added that 4,268 agencies participated with DEA nationwide in the April 28th event. "While a uniform system for prescription drug disposal is being finalized, we will continue to sponsor these important take-back opportunities as a service to our communities. Our take-back events highlight the problems related to prescription drug abuse and give our citizens an opportunity to contribute to the solution. These events are only made possible through the dedicated work and commitment of our state, federal, local, and tribal partners and DEA thanks each and every one of them for their efforts on behalf of the American people."