



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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WHITE PARK SKATE HOUSE

The Recreation Department is gearing up for a great weekend of skating at White Park. The Skate House will be open this weekend with the wood stove burning, music playing and skate rentals for \$2.00.



The Skate House will be open tonight from 6:00 to 8:00 PM; Saturday from 1:00 to 5:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM; and Sunday from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. The Department is still accepting donations for the operation of the skate house this winter. Visit www.concordnh.gov/recreation for more information.

FIREWORKS FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The Recreation Department is continuing its fundraising campaign for this summer's July 4th fireworks celebration. The cost of the celebration is estimated at \$15,000 and the Department has raised slightly over \$1,800 to date. Those interested in donating to the event should contact Recreation Director David Gill at 225-8690 or via e-mail at dgill@concordnh.gov.



COAT DRIVE A SUCCESS

The Concord Fire Officers and Firefighters Associations would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of this community for their generosity in supporting their annual coat drive. Several boxes of used coats were delivered to the Friends of Forgotten Children for distribution to persons in need.



The Recreation Department has a limited number of tickets available for its trips to see the Boston Red Sox play. Complete information is available on-line at www.concordnh.gov/recreation and in the new Recreation Brochure.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The Beaver Meadow Bar and Grille hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive on January 28th. The Red Cross termed the turnout as being "tremendous". Fifty-six (56) people came to donate and the Red Cross was able to collect 50 pints of blood, including five pints from new donors. Many thanks to all who participated.



JOURNEYS TO THE EDGE

Beginning in February, the Concord Public Library will be offering a new book discussion series entitled, “Journeys to the Edge.” Books full of adventure and danger will be read. Brash risk taking in the untamed frontier is elemental to the American character and we tend to be drawn to travel into harm’s way, enchanted by the unknown and lured to the frontier. “Journeys to the Edge” explores this need. These books will put the reader shoulder to shoulder with men and women who have traveled to the edge; some by choice, others thrust there by circumstance.

The following programs will all start at 7:00 PM and take place in the Library Auditorium. Sets of books are available for check-out at the Circulation Desk.

- Monday, February 8th—*Into the Wild* by Jon Krakauer with leader Suzanne Brown
- Monday, March 15th—*In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex* by National Philbrick with leader Jennifer Lee
- Tuesday, April 13th—*West with the Night* by Beryl Markham with leader Suzanne Brown

This series is sponsored by the Concord Public Library Foundation and the New Hampshire Humanities Council. The programs are free and everyone is welcome.