



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

May 17, 2013

NIGHT WORK - LOUDON ROAD SANITARY SEWER REPAIRS

On **Wednesday, May 22nd**, from **7:00 PM to 7:00 AM**, F.L. Merrill, Inc. will be repairing the sewer service at 5 Thomas Street. The north bound slip ramp access to Hazen Drive, heading west on Loudon Road, will be closed during this time. North bound access to Hazen Drive will be detoured to the signal.

On **Thursday, May 23rd**, from **7:00 PM to 7:00 AM**, the contractor will be repairing the sewer service to Riverbend, located at 103 Loudon Road, just east of Dunkin Donuts. Traffic in the work area will be shifted to the two east bound lanes on Loudon Road and reduced to one lane in each direction.

LOUDON ROAD WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT PROJECT

The contract for the second phase of the Loudon Road Water Main Replacement Project was awarded to S.U.R. Construction West, Inc. This work will include replacing 4,200 linear feet of 8-inch water main on Loudon Road, from East Side Drive to Old Loudon Road, with new 12-inch pipe. A neighborhood meeting will be scheduled in early June with construction to commence in mid-June.

SUSTAINABLE TREE PROGRAM

The General Services Department planted nine of 30 trees this past week as part of the new Sustainable Tree Program. Residents request and pay for the cost of the trees, and the Department plants them. Residents requesting trees are responsible for watering and maintaining the trees after planting. We have received more than 30 requests; therefore, we are starting a waiting list for the next fiscal year. We hope the interest continues.



NEW MANHOLE AND CATCH BASIN CLEANING VEHICLE

The General Services Department has placed into service a new "Vactor" brand manhole and catch basin cleaning vehicle. This vehicle is dispatched daily to maintain the sewer and drain systems throughout the city. This effort assures the City compliance with the best management practices to meet State and Federal environmental regulations.



STREET SWEEPING BEGINS

The City's contractor, Rabbit Enterprises, will start sweeping streets next week. It will take approximately 3-6 weeks to complete, depending on the weather.

NH PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

Applications for the State of New Hampshire's Low and Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief Program are available on the web at www.nh.gov/revenue, or may be obtained from the City's Assessing Office located in City Hall, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday thru Friday.

Property owners who owned and occupied their homes on April 1, 2012 may apply to the State for relief of a portion of the State education property tax. There is no age requirement or asset limit for this program. A single person whose total household income was \$20,000 or less in 2012, and married persons or heads of New Hampshire households with total household income of \$40,000 or less may apply.

Forms and documentation should be mailed to the NH Department of Revenue Administration, Document Processing Division, P.O. Box 299, Concord, NH 03302-0299 and must be **postmarked no later than June 30, 2013**. Applicants will need a copy of their January or March 2013 tax bill and a copy of their 2012 Federal tax return. If the property is in a trust, a copy of the entire trust document must be submitted.

For more information, call the NH Department of Revenue at 230-5000.

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Building Safety Month 2013 seeks to raise the awareness of the importance of building safety; sustainable construction; pool, spa and hot tub safety; and new technologies in the construction industry. Building Safety Month encourages appropriate steps everyone can take to ensure that the places where they live, learn, work, worship and play are safe and sustainable, and recognizes that countless lives have been saved due to the implementation of safety codes by local and state agencies.

SAFETY TIPS FROM CODE ADMINISTRATION

The Sound of Safety

What is the most important thing to remember when installing a smoke or carbon monoxide alarm?
Location, location, location!

Smoke Alarm Safety:

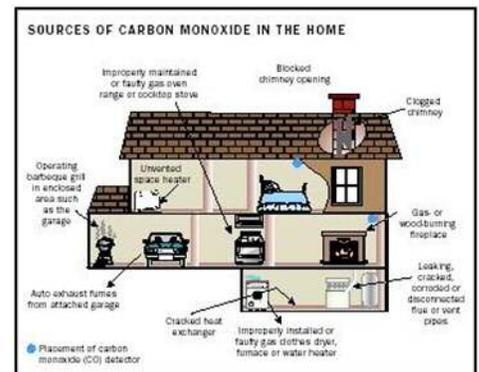
- * Install at least one smoke alarm in every bedroom, outside of each sleeping room area and one on each level of a multi-level building.
- * Test each smoke alarm regularly.
- * Keep batteries fresh by replacing them annually.

Smoke alarms can't help you unless they are functional and you can hear them. Building safety codes require smoke alarms.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Alarm Safety:

- * Install a CO alarm in the hallway outside of each sleeping area.
- * Test each CO alarm regularly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
- * Permanently wired or plug-in CO alarms should have a battery back-up. Keep batteries fresh by replacing them annually.

CO alarms can't help you unless they are functional and you can hear them. Building safety codes require CO alarms in all dwelling units that contain a fuel fired appliance and dwelling units that have an attached garage.



More information is available at:

www.concordnh.gov (see Code Administration) or www.buildingsafetymonth.org