

____City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

May 24, 2013

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

This year's Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 27th, at 9:00 AM. The parade will depart from the Burlington Coat Factory parking lot on Storrs Street, proceeding up Pleasant Street Extension and turning right onto Main Street. The parade will continue past the State Capitol, turn left onto State Street and halt at the Old North Cemetery for a short ceremony. The parade will then head south on State Street and proceed to the State House Plaza, for the closing ceremony in front of the War Memorial.

CITY CEMETERIES PREPARE FOR MEMORIAL DAY

The Cemetery Division of the Parks & Recreation Department has been very busy preparing the cemeteries for Memorial Day. In addition to mowing and trimming, staff have prepared 414 flower beds at the cemeteries and planted thousands of flowers (funds for which are provided by the Flower Trust Fund), including geraniums, marigolds, Dusty Millers, blue ageratums, petunias, and German ivy. Staff also put wreaths and flower arrangements on 21 graves that families purchased many years ago. A special trust fund provides the funds for these arrangements. The Cemetery Office worked with veterans to develop a list and maps for American flag placement for the 3,100 veterans buried in Concord cemeteries. American flags have been placed by volunteers in 11 Concord and two Penacook cemeteries. The Cemetery Office at Blossom Hill has additional American flags available for any veterans, if needed. The Cemetery Office at Blossom Hill will be open to the public from 7:30 AM to 4:00 PM this weekend and from 7:30 AM to 12:00 PM on Memorial Day.

FIRST ANNUAL ROCK 'N RACE TEAM

The City of Concord's Wellness Team put together its first Rock 'N Race team to benefit the Payson Center for Cancer Care at Concord Hospital. A total of 57 employees and family members participated in the 5k race. The race, selected by the editors of New Hampshire Magazine as the "Best Community Running Event," is in its 11th year in Concord. Through 2012, the Rock 'N Race has raised over \$2.7 million for the Payson Center and, to date, has raised almost \$300,000 in 2013.



MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED



In observance of Memorial Day, City offices and the Concord Public Library will be closed on Monday, May 27th.

HOLIDAY TRASH/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Due to the Memorial Day holiday, there will be no trash or recycling collection on Monday. Next week's collection routes will run one day behind schedule.

DOWNTOWN FOUNTAINS



The Public Properties staff of the General Services Department have completed the spring cleaning of the fountains in Bicentennial and Eagle Squares. Both fountains will be operational for the Memorial Day weekend, marking the beginning of the summer season.



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NEW ADDITIONS TO FIRE DEPT. FLEET

The Concord Fire Department recently received three new vehicles (CIP #4). The City's new Tower Ladder arrived in April and crews have been receiving training from the manufacturer prior to the vehicle going into service. A team consisting of Battalion Chief Guy Newbery, Captain Derek Kelleher, Firefighter Chris Dolloff, and Equipment Services Shop Supervisor Brett Corbett worked for several months to develop specifications to meet the City's needs, select a vendor, monitor the manufacturing process, take delivery of the vehicle. and assure that it is ready for service.



The Department also took delivery of two new ambulances this week. They will replace the current ambulances at the Heights and Broadway Stations, which will go into reserve status. Special thanks to Deputy Chief Sean Toomey for coordinating the vehicle acquisition.



CONTRACTED STREET SWEEPING

The City's street sweeping contractor, Rabbit Enterprises, started sweeping streets this week, however the rainy weather has slowed progress almost to a halt. They will continue as weather permits and it will take approximately 3-6 weeks to complete.



LINE STRIPING NEXT WEEK

Re-striping of the double yellow and fog lines on the city's streets was scheduled to begin this week, but the weather has not allowed that to happen. The contractor will begin next week, as weather permits, and it will take them two to three nights complete the work.

PAVEMENT SHIM/OVERLAY PROJECT

Continental Paving will start the Pavement Shim/Overlay Project (CIP #78) next week. They will be shimming streets next week and then will start raising the manhole covers and catch basin grates in preparation for the final overlay. After the overlay, there will be a two-foot gravel shoulder as needed. The streets to be paved this year are: Allard Street, Branch Turnpike, Burns Avenue, Christian Avenue, Drew Street, Ellsworth Street, Exchange Street, Gates Street, Grover Street, Hot Hole Pond Road, and Lake Street; as well as sections of A Street (Gates Street to top of rise - 250') and Canterbury Road (Loudon Road to Pembroke Road).

CRACK SEALING

The crack sealing contractor is continuing as weather permits. They are also installing an expansion joint on the Water Street bridge to allow for more flexibility and to prevent cracking of the new pavement from the expansion and contraction of the bridge. They will also be doing this to the Loudon Road bridge joints over Storrs Street next week, weather permitting.





Installation of Expansion Joint on Water Street Bridge



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PARKS & RECREATION SUMMER / FALL BROCHURE



The Parks & Recreation Department's summer brochure was delivered to area students this week and registration is now underway for all activities. This brochure covers all pools, summer camps, and special events and activities for the next several months. To view the brochure online, visit www.concordnh.gov and go to the Parks & Recreation page.

CONCORD WATER QUALITY REPORT



Beginning this year, the annual *Concord Water Quality Report* will be available online at http://nh-concord.civicplus.com/archives/65/ccr2013/pdf.

Those who would like a printed copy of the report may call the Water Treatment Plant at 225-8696, Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:15 AM and 3:15 PM, to request one.

BEAVER MEADOW - AREA'S BEST GOLF COURSE

We are pleased to announce that, for the 7th straight year, readers of the Concord Insider voted Beaver Meadow Golf Course as the area's Best Golf Course. Visit www.beavermeadowgolfcourse.com for more information about Beaver Meadow, or call the Pro Shop at 228-8954.



MEMORIAL DAY SPECIALS AT BEAVER MEADOW

On Monday, May 27th, after 12:00 PM, all active duty military and military retirees will receive free green fees when they show an ID or other paperwork. Non-military personnel will be able to play 18 holes for only \$25 if they wear red, white or blue shirts. Carts are an additional charge for both specials.

NEW POND AT BEAVER MEADOW

The final cleanup of the new skating pond at Beaver Meadow Golf Course, created by joining ponds on the second and ninth holes, has been completed. The large areas where trees were removed has been graded and seeded with a combination of tall fescues and perennial rye grass. The area next to the putting green has been recently sodded, along with the access roadway created across the 9th hole. The area created for the skating pond has a double benefit of being a nice golf course feature. Much of the final cleanup and all the sodding work was performed by Parks and Golf Course staff.





SUNSET CLUB TURNS 60

Last week, the Sunset Club celebrated their 60th year. Over 55 members came to the Heights Community Center for the party. The group was very excited to hear from the old Parks and Recreation Director, Donald Sinn, who founded the club 60 years ago. Mr. Sinn is now 93 years old and living in California. A great time was had by all.

