



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

November 22, 2013

### ALLIED LEATHER TANNERY/AMAZON REALTY CLEANUP

This week, the contractor focused on the removal of approximately 300 tons of contaminated soils located at the Amazon Realty site (directly behind Chiefs Restaurant). The soil was contaminated with PCBs, as well as ash containing Polynuclear Atomic Hydrocarbons (PAHs). The contractor has also begun the process to remove approximately 60,000 square feet of buried foundation slabs at the Allied Leather site.

### PENACOOK UTILITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

Early next week, the contractor will continue with underground utility conduit installation in the vicinity of Canal Street and the bridge. The contractor plans to have the trench work paved by the end of the day on Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be no work on Thursday or Friday. The bridge work is just about complete with some minor work to occur underneath the bridge next week.



### WHISPERING HEIGHTS

The City has closed on the purchase of 270 acres of new conservation land located off of Curtisville Road and Portsmouth Street. The property is located in the Broken Ground area of Concord and was the location of the proposed Whispering Heights subdivision. The land is known for its scenic marsh off of Curtisville Road, and area residents have used the property informally for hiking, hunting and other recreational activities. The Conservation Commission is in the process of discussing ways to improve public access, trails and recreational opportunities on the property.



### PROPERTY TAXES & AUTO REGISTRATION



Property tax bills for the 3rd and 4th quarters, which are due on January 2, 2014 and March 31, 2014, will be mailed on November 22nd.

As City Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday and Friday, November 28th and 29th, the last day to renew motor vehicle registrations that expire on November 30th will be Wednesday, November 27th.

### 62nd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE



The 62nd Annual Concord Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, November 23rd, at 9:30 AM, on Loudon Road. The parade will form at the John O. Morton Building on Hazen Drive and will travel easterly along Loudon Road to the Steeplegate Mall. Loudon Road will be closed to all traffic from Hazen Drive to the Steeplegate Mall.

Rain date is Sunday, November 24th at 1:00 PM.

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### YOUTH BASKETBALL REGISTRATION



The Parks and Recreation Department would like to remind everyone that the last day to register for the upcoming youth basketball season is Tuesday, November 26th. The Department offers basketball leagues for boys and girls ages 4 years all the way to 12th grade. More information is available at [www.concordparksandrec.com](http://www.concordparksandrec.com).

### BEAVER MEADOW GOLF COURSE



Beaver Meadow Golf Course will close for the season on Sunday, November 24th. The Pro Shop will be open from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, December 6-8 and December 13-15, for holiday sales. Gift certificates may also be purchased online at [www.beavermeadowgolfcourse.com](http://www.beavermeadowgolfcourse.com).

On behalf of all the employees at the golf course, we thank everyone for a great season. It was one of our busiest seasons in years.

### PARKING GARAGE IMPROVEMENTS

The Public Properties Division of the General Services Department recently managed the installation of windows and doors in the stair towers of the Firehouse Block Parking Garage. These improvements will prevent the incursion of weather, which will extend the life of the stairway improvements completed last year. The improvements will also offer a safer passage for all the users of the facility.



### RETIRED CONCORD POLICE OFFICER TURNS 100

On Wednesday, November 20th, a party was held at the NH Veterans Home for retired Concord Police Officer Charlie LaPierre, who will turn 100 years old on November 30th. Charlie served in World War II and was a Concord Police Officer from 1946-1971. He then went to work in the maintenance department at the State House and retired in 1983. Concord Police Department and American Legion representatives were on hand to make presentations for him. Chief Duval presented Charlie with a license plate (#100) signed by Governor Hassan. The photo below shows several Concord Police Department retirees with Charlie: Paul Murphy, Mike Russell, Bob Libby, Jim Moran, Doug Wyman, Leo DeGreenia, and Bill Dexter.

