



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

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### **SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Final design and permitting to replace the Sewalls Falls Bridge began in late 2013 and included the development of a bridge type, size and location study. The study, developed by McFarland-Johnson, Inc., evaluated several bridge replacement alternatives to replace the existing Sewalls Falls Bridge, and includes factors such as bridge span arrangements, construction duration, constructability, long-term maintenance, utility impacts, visual aesthetics, and costs for four distinct bridge types. The full report is available for review at [www.sewallsfallsbridge.com](http://www.sewallsfallsbridge.com).



A public hearing has been scheduled to review the report recommendations and to appropriate the funds for construction of the project. The public is encouraged to attend the City Council Meeting on **March 10, 2014, at 7:00 PM** in City Council Chambers, 37 Green Street, to provide comment on the project.

### **PENACOOK VILLAGE PUBLIC WORKSHOP**

The second public workshop for the Penacook Village Zoning Study will occur on **Thursday, March 13th, at 6:00 PM**, at the United Church of Penacook. The meeting will focus on reviewing the draft vision plan for Penacook Village, including maps, diagrams and draft zoning recommendations. The draft vision plan, maps created at the first public workshop, and the results of the visual preference survey have been posted online at [www.visionpenacook.com](http://www.visionpenacook.com) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/visionpenacook](http://www.facebook.com/visionpenacook).

### **WATER MAIN BREAK REPAIR**

With freezing temperatures, pipes can easily burst from continuous freezing and expansion. This past Wednesday night, staff of the General Services Department worked through the night to repair a water main break on Old Turnpike Road. In many cases, if the break is not too large, a repair clamp is used to fix the main; however, in this instance the repair was more extensive in that crews had to cut 2.5' of existing pipe and insert a new ductile iron pipe. The main was repaired and water service restored around 9:00 AM on Thursday.

### **POTHoles**

Potholes and frost heaves are two nuisances that occur from cold winter weather. General Services Department crews have been very busy patching potholes throughout the City. Last winter, 1,600 potholes were filled. So far this winter, crews have repaired 3,900 potholes; 1,400 in the month of February alone, as compared to 700 in February 2013. The increase in potholes this year is due to the record-breaking freezing temperatures we've encountered.



### **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

The Human Services Department would like to thank City Parking Enforcement Officer Paul Garland; Marti Bender of Temple Beth Jacob; Ed Mullen of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church; and the Capital Region Food Program for their generous donations to its food pantry last month. The Department has seen an increase in residents needing help from the pantry and these donations are so important.

The support, kindness and warmth of the congregants of Temple Beth Jacob and Immaculate Heart of Mary are greatly appreciated, and we are very thankful to Marti Bender and Ed Mullen for making the deliveries to the pantry, regardless of weather conditions. Paul Garland always seems to have the needs of others on his mind and drops off food, plastic bags and sometimes toys, whenever he can. We appreciate his acts of kindness. Last, but certainly not least, the Capital Region Food Program provides the Department with up to 20 cases of food per month at no charge. The Capital Region Food Program is run by all volunteers, which allows the program to use every monetary donation to purchase food and provide this food to local pantries. We are grateful to be associated with this impressive program with a simple mission to reduce hunger in the greater Concord area.

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