



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

January 18, 2013

BOND SALE NETS 1.81%

On January 16, 2013, the City sold \$11.1 million in new bonds and refinanced \$3.5 million of 2002 and 2004 bonds. The interest rate on the bonds is 1.81%. The total savings on the refinanced bonds is \$363,838. Prior to the sale, Moody's Investors Services affirmed the City's bond rating of Aa1. Moody's cited the City's healthy financial position, stable and diverse tax base, and sound financial management as positive factors.

MAIN STREET PROJECT WEBSITE

We are excited to announce that the website for the Main Street Project is now live and available for viewing. Visit www.concordmainstreetproject.com for the latest news, detailed project information, project schedules, and upcoming meetings. The website also provides an opportunity for the public to comment on the project. Additional information will be added in the coming week to provide the public with details about this important project.

PUBLIC MEETING - SEWALLS FALLS BRIDGE

On **Wednesday, January 23rd**, from **6:00-8:00 PM**, City staff and the project design team will host an open public meeting in the Club House at Beaver Meadow Golf Course, to discuss the status of the Sewalls Falls Bridge Replacement Project. The public is encouraged to attend and will be given the opportunity to provide testimony for the record relative to this project.



For those who are unable to attend the public meeting, written testimony may be submitted up to 30 days after the date of the public meeting for inclusion in the official record. Send written testimony to:

Edward Roberge, City Engineer
Engineering Services Division
City of Concord
41 Green Street
Concord, NH 03301

Project comments may be emailed to bridgeprojectcomments@concordnh.gov. Comments can also be forwarded to Jamie Sikora, Environmental Program Manager, Federal Highway Administration - NH Division, 53 Pleasant Street, Suite 2200, Concord, NH 03301; or via email to Jamie.Sikora@fhwa.dot.gov.

MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED



In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr./Civil Rights Day, City offices and the Concord Public Library will be closed on Monday, January 21st.

WINTER EVENTS POSTPONED

The Winter Carnival scheduled for tomorrow at White Park has been postponed until February 2nd, due to poor ice conditions.

The Nordic Fest scheduled for Sunday at Beaver Meadow Golf Course has been canceled due to limited snow on the trails.

BEAVER MEADOW POND UPDATE

Work continues on the new skating pond at Beaver Meadow. Below, the contractor connects the new drain line to the existing drain line on hole #2. In other news, Ethan Stockman of Concord Boy Scout Troop #88 recently installed a bench he constructed for use by cross country skiers.





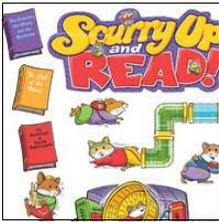
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CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Winter Reading Program Scurry Up and Read!



Use your reading HABIT to create a hamster HABITat in the Children's Room. The more you read, the more tubes you can add to the habitat, and you'll earn points for books at the same time! Registration begins on January 22nd. Program runs until March 1st.

Lapsit

Tuesday, 1/22 @ 10:30 AM
Thursday, 1/24 @ 10:30 AM

Family Story Time

Wednesday, 1/23 @ 10:30 AM

Paws for Pages w/Sparkle

Wednesday, 1/23 @ 3:30 PM

Crafternoon

Thursday, 1/24 @ 3:30 PM

Make your own snowman to take home. Guaranteed not to melt! For children in grades K-8.

ADULT PROGRAMS

The Good Yarn Knitting Group

Tuesday, 1/22 @ 6:30 PM

All ages, abilities and projects welcome!

OFFICERS COMPLETE CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING

Six Concord Police Officers and one Sergeant recently completed a 40-hour training session as part of the Concord Police Department's first Crisis Intervention Team (CIT).

The CIT model is a specialized police-based program intended to enhance officers' interactions with individuals with mental illnesses and improve the safety of all parties involved in mental health crises. As a result of a police shooting incident involving a person with a mental illness, Dr. Randolph Dupont and Major Sam Cochran of the University of Tennessee - Memphis, and the Memphis Police Department, respectively, developed CIT in 1988 as a local effort to bring together law enforcement personnel, mental health professionals, and advocates. Having since established itself as a model for other localities, the program provides self-selected officers with 40 hours of classroom and experiential de-escalation training in handling crises. These trained officers then serve as specialized front-line responders who are better informed to redirect individuals with mental illnesses, when appropriate, to treatment services instead of the judicial system. Broader goals of collaborations formed by CIT relate to addressing system change within the local mental health service system and the law enforcement/criminal justice arena so that crisis care for individuals with serious mental illnesses is more accessible in the community.

Officers from the Manchester, Rochester, Loudon and Boscawen Police Departments, as well as from the Merrimack County Sheriff's Office, also participated in the training session facilitated by the Concord Police Department.

This training was made possible because of the direct support of Sergeant Steven Burke of the Rochester Police Department; NAMI New Hampshire; New Hampshire Hospital; Community Bridges; Concord Mental Health Court; Riverbend Community Mental Health; Merrimack County Jail; Psychotherapy Associates; the Disability Rights Center; and staff from the representing organizations and Primex.

MERRIMACK VALLEY DAY CARE GRANT AWARD

Earlier this week, the NH Community Development Finance Authority awarded a \$12,000 Community Development Block Grant to the City to assist Merrimack Valley Day Care Services (MVDCS) to conduct a study of its 19 North Fruit Street facility to determine what physical improvements are needed, along with the preliminary plans and the estimated cost for those improvements. MVDCS is a licensed non-profit childcare center that has been in business since 1967. The North Fruit Street facility provides childcare for 60 children, the majority of which are from low and moderate income families, as determined by guidelines established by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development.