

City of Concord Weekly City Manager Newsletter

November 2, 2012

PRESIDENT OBAMA RALLY

On Sunday, President Obama will hold a rally with former president Bill Clinton on North State Street in downtown Concord. Stay tuned to local media for more details.

VOTER ID'S REQUIRED AT POLLS

There is conflicting information being reported about voter identification for next Tuesday's election. A recent Superior Court decision blocked new voter registration requirements; however, the requirement for voters to show their ID's at the polls on Election Day is in effect. A voter who does not possess a valid ID may vote on November 6th, if they execute an affidavit or have their identify verified by the Moderator, Clerk or Supervisor of the Checklist. Voters with questions are encouraged to contact the City Clerk's Office at 225-8500 or via fax at 225-8592.

CITY RESPONDS TO HURRICANE SANDY

City employees from the Fire, General Services and Police Departments were busy responding to the effects of Hurricane Sandy this week. The City's Emergency Operations Center was open for 12 hours to coordinate responses to downed trees and power lines and other resident needs. The City was also in touch with Unitil's emergency response center. Police and Fire units made an immediate response to calls and communicated information on hazards so that General Services crews and Unitil workers could move in quickly to handle downed power lines, remove fallen trees and re-open roads. At the height of the incident, over 10,000 Concord residents were without power. All power was restored by noon on Wednesday.

ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

Work continues on paving of sidewalks, driveways and curb patch between Call Street and Curtice Avenue. Minor delays will continue in this area. The contractor expects to finalize the drainage between Curtice Avenue and Penacook Street early next week. Shortly thereafter, the asphalt pavement will be pulverized in place creating a new crushed gravel layer that will be graded and base paved. This work will begin on Wednesday, November 7th. If the weather co-

operates, pavement will be placed on Tuesday, November 13th. Stay tuned to the on-site message boards for real time updates to the paving schedule. There will be no work in the City right-of-way on Tuesday, November 6th due to the Election.



LIBRARY TO BE CLOSED THIS WEEKEND



The Concord Public Library will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, November 3rd/4th, due to President Obama's scheduled visit on Sunday morning. The Library's outdoor book drops will be locked, therefore materials may not be returned between 6:00 PM tonight and 9:00 AM Monday morning. No fines will be charged for those days.

CAT TO OFFER SATURDAY BUS SERVICE



Beginning tomorrow, Concord Area Transit (CAT) will be offering Saturday bus service through the holiday season, ending on Saturday, January 5, 2013.

Modified routes for both the Heights and Penacook lines will provide service to the major shopping destinations such as Downtown, Ft. Eddy Road, Loudon Road, and the Steeplegate Mall.

Copies of the Saturday schedule are available in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, on the CAT buses, or on the web at www.concordareatransit.org.



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LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Children's Room

Toddler Tales Monday, 11/5 @ 10:30 AM

Lapsit
Tuesday, 11/6 @ 10:30 AM
Thursday, 11/8 @ 10:30 AM

Family Story Time
Wednesday, 11/7 @ 10:30 AM

Paws for Pages w/Sparkle Wednesday, 11/7 @ 3:30 PM

Lego Club Thursday, 11/8 @ 3:30 PM

Book Discussion

Monday, 11/5 @ 12:10 PM

The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet By Jamie Ford



When a hotel in Seattle is renovated, the belongings of the Japanese families who were sent to WWII internment camps are discovered. Onlooker Henry Lee remembers growing up as a Chinese boy in America in the 1940s and his lost love - a Japanese girl. Feel free to bring your lunch for this mid-day program led by Retired Librarian Elizabeth Levy.

9 S. COMMERCIAL STREET (FORMER AGWAY) DEMOLITION

Earlier this week, contractors removed an abandoned oil tank and associated contaminated soils at the site. The total cost of this effort was approximately \$15,000, with the State of New Hampshire covering approximately \$10,000 through the Department of Environmental Services Petroleum Fund Reimbursement (a.k.a. "ODD Fund") Program. Asbestos abatement has also been completed and demolition activities are scheduled to commence shortly.



WEST END FARM TRAIL DEDICATION HIKE

The Trails Committee will be hosting a group thru-hike of the newly completed "West End Farm Trail" on Saturday, November 3rd. The trail is approximately seven miles long and crosses through Dimond Hill Farm, Rossview Farm and Carter Hill Orchard, linking together large tracts of Cityowned open space. The hike will begin at the bike path off of Silk Farm Road at 8:30 AM and will end at Carter Hill Orchard at 12:30 PM. There will be a brief dedication ceremony at the orchard to recognize volunteers and land owners who contributed to the planning and construction of the trail. Cider, donuts and a light lunch will be provided at the orchard and refreshments will also be served along the hike at Dimond Hill Farm and District #5 Road. Please see the Concord Trails Committee Facebook page for more details (https://www.facebook.com/ConcordTrailsCommittee/events).

NEW POND/ICE SKATING AREA AT BEAVER MEADOW

Work began this week on the new pond at Beaver Meadow Golf Course. Tree work should last another seven days and then work will begin on the new pond.

This winter, Parks and Recreation staff will maintain the pond as a new ice skating area and the Bar and Grille will be open on weekends.





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FIRE OFFICERS DEPLOYED BY FEMA



Four Concord Fire Department officers have been deployed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to be on the front lines of the nation's response to the devastation of Hurricane Sandy. Bureau Chief Sean Brown, Battalion Chief Newbery, Captain Guy Derek Kelleher, and Lieutenant Tim Robinson were activated late Sunday afternoon Massachusetts Task Force One, an urban search and rescue team.

PARKS & REC NEWS

The Concord Parks and Recreation Department's Adult Soccer program culminated the season with a tournament last Sunday, October 28th. Despite the threat of a hurricane, team spirit was in abundance as players took to the field. Team Pink, from Franklin Pierce PT Program, took home the win!



"ON THE BEAT" WITH THE CONCORD POLICE DEPARTMENT

On Wednesday, November 7th, at 6:00 PM on Channel 17, Concord TV will be airing the next episode of "On the Beat" with the Concord Police Department.



Tune in to see:

- An interview with General Services Director Chip Chesley and Highway and Utilities Superintendent Jim Major about winter safety topics.
- "Chat with Matt" will focus on the future plans for the Walker, Rumford and Dame Schools. We will also visit with Concord School District Business Administrator Jack Dunn.
- Parking Enforcement Officer Kate Kelleher will discuss proper use of the electronic parking kiosks on the streets and in the parking garages.
- Retired Concord Police Major Leo DeGreenia and Retired Major James Moran will give a guided tour of the old Concord Police Station located on Warren Street, which is now Margarita's Restaurant.
- We have two Crimeline cases this month: the theft of cigarettes from CVS on North Main Street and the theft of beer from Thirty Pines Convenience Store in Penacook.
- Our "Did You Know" segment will focus on some traffic pattern changes and motor vehicle laws concerning lane violations and rotaries.

If you don't get Channel 17, the show will be available Thursday morning, 11/8, via Concord TV's website at www.yourconcordtv.org/?page_id=909.

Viewers are encouraged to send ideas and comments about the show to Officer Ryan Howe via e-mail to rhowe@concordnh.gov or by phone at 225-8600.