



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

August 10, 2012

### **ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS**

Next week, new storm sewer infrastructure and road box excavation is expected to be completed in the area between Palm Street and Call Street. Signal conduit installations at McGuire Street will also be finished for the future signalization of this intersection. A crew will be working on miscellaneous utility relocations ahead of the drainage and road box construction in the area between Rumford Street and Call Street. The contractor plans to fine grade the recently placed select gravels and base pave North State Street from Palm Street to Call Street during the week of August 20th. Please stay tuned to the on-site message boards for real time updates on paving operations. Delays to travel will continue to be significant at times. Alternate routes should be considered during hours of operation; typically 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM.



### **PENACOOK WATER MAIN CLEANING**

The contractor has completed the cleaning and lining of the water mains in Penacook. Next week, the contractor will focus on backfilling trenches, switching residents from temporary piping to the newly cleaned and lined water mains, picking up temporary pipe and general project clean-up.



### **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**



Absentee ballots for the State Primary Election to be held on September 11, 2012, are available at the City Clerk's Office. Residents who are unable to vote at the polls on September 11th, due to absence from town or physical disability, may obtain an absentee ballot. Requests for absentee ballots may be made in writing to the City Clerk's Office, City Hall, 41 Green Street, Concord, NH 03301; or by appearing in person at the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. You must be registered to vote prior to casting an absentee ballot. For more information, contact the City Clerk's Office at 225-8500.

### **WATER STREET BRIDGE REDUCED TO ONE LANE**

This past week, Continental Paving began working on Water Street, removing the pavement and membrane off the bridge that goes over the railroad tracks between Gulf Street and South Main Street. Traffic is reduced to one lane in each direction while the contractor completes this work. Depending on weather, the work should take approximately three weeks to complete.



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### ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL DONATES HEATING OIL

Thanks to the generosity of St. Paul's School, the Human Services Department was able to provide 930 gallons of oil to six households over the past two weeks. John O'Shaughnessy, of St. Paul's School, wanted to help others when the school converted from oil and he reached out to the City. It was a wonderful collaboration between St. Paul's School and H.R. Clough, who removed the oil from the tanks at St. Paul's and made the deliveries. Our thanks also go out to Donna at H.R. Clough who worked magic to coordinate these deliveries. We are so grateful to St. Paul's for this opportunity to help these households, many of whom had empty tanks. The timing is also excellent, as the price of oil continues to rise and heating season is right around the corner. Some of the households needed the oil for hot water and were provided an immediate relief. Thank you St. Paul's for this wonderful donation.

### CITY POOLS CLOSE FOR SEASON



The City's seven outdoor swimming pools will close for the season today at 4:30 PM.

### ISAAC HILL MONUMENT

A new granite marker and plaque commemorating Concord resident Isaac Hill has been installed at the entrance to Eagle Square. Hill was a printer, book seller, publisher and owner of the New Hampshire Patriot, which was the predecessor to the Concord Monitor. Hill was very active in politics and served in the New Hampshire State Legislature, as a U.S. Senator from 1831 to 1835, and as Governor of New Hampshire from 1836 to 1839. The marker is sited near the location of Hill's first home in Concord.



The marker was originally located on South Main Street, at Hill's second home in Concord, which was demolished in 1973. The marker subsequently spent 40 years on Loudon Road. After much research and coordination, the Concord Heritage Commission was able to bring the marker home to this appropriate location and produce an informative plaque outlining the highlights of Isaac Hill's life in Concord and his service to the City, State and nation. Staff of the General Services Department installed the monument and plaque. Many thanks to everyone who was involved in this project.

### PUBLIC SAFETY FOUNDATION RAISES FUNDS FOR CPR DEVICE

The Concord Public Safety Foundation held a check presentation ceremony this week at Concord Fire Headquarters. The Foundation raised \$3,574 through its "Fire Truck Pull" event during Market Days. The money will be sent to the Concord Hospital Trust for the purchase of a LUCAS hands free CPR device. All three of the City's ambulances will now be equipped with this device, which greatly increases the chances for survival in a cardiac arrest.





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### 22ND ANNUAL AUDI "PITCH IN"

The 22nd Annual Friends of the Audi "Pitch In" will take place August 20th, 21st, and 22nd, to get the historic municipal theatre ready for its 108th year as the home of Concord's community-based arts and entertainment. The crews work in partnership with the City, working on projects planned with Public Properties Superintendent Harry Dangora and his staff.

This year, special attention will be given to the stage and orchestra floors, with the theatre curtains getting a thorough vacuuming. The Friends will purchase and install equipment to upgrade stage lighting, archive the theatre's show records, and firm up plans to refurbish the seats.

Volunteers who show up and "pitch in" annually say the project is fun, a true community-building event with a barn-raising spirit. Running from 9:00 AM to noon and 6:00-9:00 PM daily, the sessions always start with light breakfast or supper. Then crews form and the projects begin. There's a job available to suit every skill and interest and all are welcome.

The volunteers' labor helps hold down the City's costs of operating the Audi, which in turn helps lower production costs and ticket prices.

### 2012 RIVER JAMBOREE / DRAGON BOAT RACES

The 1st Annual Concord Dragon Boat race, in conjunction with the 2012 River Jamboree, will be held on Saturday, August 18th, at Kiwanis Riverfront Park.

Dragon Boat racing is an ancient folk ritual of contending villagers that have been held over the past 2,000 years throughout southern China. Though Dragon Boat racing was originally based on religious ceremonies and folk customs, it has since emerged as an international sport. A Dragon Boat team consists of 20 paddlers, one drummer, and one helmsman. The actual races themselves only last about 60-90 seconds and the 200 yard course solidifies that anyone can be a Dragon Boat participant. 22 Dragons Montreal travels worldwide bringing the excitement and competition of Dragon Boat races to adults of all ages and abilities.



In addition to the Dragon Boat races, "River Jamboree 2012" will feature helicopter rides; kayak, stand-up paddle board, and canoe demonstrations/free rentals; a Concord Crew demonstration; live music; food vendors; and the famous duck race! Ducks are on sale now at the Parks and Recreation Office - one duck for \$3.00 or two ducks for \$5.00. First place in the duck race wins a kayak package.



All profits from the Dragon Boat races will benefit the new skate house fund at White Park. For more information, visit [www.concordnh.gov/recreation](http://www.concordnh.gov/recreation).

### CONCORD PUBLIC LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

***Putting Your Garden to Bed:*** Tuesday, August 14th @ 7:00 PM  
Janet S. Garcia, a Master Gardener from the Merrimack County Master Gardener Speakers Bureau, will be presenting. Find out what you need to do to prepare your garden for the winter. Purning, mulching, amending soils, composting, cleanup, and harvesting will be discussed.

**And for the kids.....**

***Family Story Time:*** Wednesday, August 15th @ 10:15 AM

***Surf's Up Craft:*** Wednesday, August 15th @ 2:30 PM  
Imagine yourself on the Great Barrier Reef and make your own boomerang and miniature surfboard!

***Paws for Pages with Lily:*** Thursday, August 16th @ 3:30 PM

