City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

December 7, 2012

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

US Route 3 Corridor - Phase 5
A Neighborhood Public Meeting will be held on **Saturday, December 8th**, from **9:00 AM to 11:00 AM** at the United Church of Penacook, 21 Merrimack Street, Penacook, to review the final design and discuss the construction schedule on Village Street / US Route 3, from the Boscawen Town Line to Stark Street. All residents, commuters, local officials, community leaders and neighborhood groups are welcome. For more information, call the Engineering Services Division at 225-8520.

Multipurpose / Skate House Building at White Park
The public is invited to attend a public meeting on **Thursday, December 13th**, at **6:30 PM** at the UNH School of Law, regarding the design of the new multipurpose building at White Park. Staff from H.L. Turner and the City will review the White Park Master Plan for the new building and hear community input for the final design. The design services for the new multipurpose/skate house building are being donated by H.L. Turner, at a value of $40,000. For more information, call Parks and Recreation Director David Gill at 225-8690.

Help Plan for a More Sustainable Future
The Concord Energy and Environment Committee invites Concord residents to provide input to the Energy Chapter of the City's Master Plan. The Energy Chapter is an important guidepost to ensure that Concord continues to build upon current energy efficiency and sustainability efforts. The meeting will be held on **Thursday, December 13th**, rom **7:00-9:00 PM** in City Council Chambers. Please RSVP to planning@concordnh.gov or by phone at 225-8515.

SKATING POND AT BEAVER MEADOW

Work continues on the new pond at Beaver Meadow Golf Course. Once finished, there will be one large pond for ice skating in the winter with two large fountains operating during the golf season. The City will continue to offer cross country skiing at Beaver Meadow during the winter months as well.

Although Beaver Meadow is closed for the season, gift certificates and 2013 memberships may be purchased at the Parks and Recreation Office located at White Park.

FALL LEAF COLLECTION/DISPOSAL

Provided the weather continues to cooperate, the first round of leaf collection in the enclosed drainage areas of the City will be completed early next week. Crews will then move out to the rural areas of the city.

Tomorrow is the last day residents may bring bagged leaves to the Ft. Eddy Road Reprocessing center for disposal, as the Reprocessing Center will be closing for the season at noon.

OPEN HOUSE AT THE FRIENDLY KITCHEN

The Friendly Kitchen will be holding an open house on **Thursday, December 13th**, from **4:00 PM to 7:00 PM**, to showcase its new facility at 1 South Commercial Street. The public is welcome to attend. The City supported the project by securing a $500,000 Community Development Block Grant to fund construction of the facility. The grant provided roughly 25% of the total funds needed for the project.

SINK HOLE FOUND DOWNTOWN

During a review of the infrastructure prior to the Main Street Re-design Project, the General Services Department discovered a large sink hole on North Main Street at Warren Street. It measured 8 feet in circumference, was 10 feet deep, and it took 16 cubic yards of flowable fill to fill the void. The investigation has been completed and no other areas like this were found.

GREEN STREET COMMUNITY CENTER

As part of the Green Street Community Center refurbishment, the City's contractor has re-installed the fire escape. The fire escape was painted and reinforced prior to the re-installation making it safer and more secure.

SPIRIT OF GIVING AT THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The holiday spirit is alive and well at Concord Human Services. The seniors from the **Sunset Club** and the **West Side Senior Center** have collected and delivered a very generous supply of toys to the Human Services Department. **Christy Bartlett** continues to support the Department by delivering handmade mittens for us to give out to both the young and old. We have incredibly generous and kind sponsors who have already begun to purchase items on our children's' wish lists. We also want to recognize our fellow employees from **General Services**, **Finance**, the **City Clerk's Office**, **Human Resources**, **Sue Golden** of the Assessing Department, **John and Carrie Duval** of the Police Department, **Doug Ross** of the Purchasing Division, and **Guy Newbery** and the **Fire Officers Union 3195** for their sponsorship. Additionally, **Councilor Jan McClure**, the **Local Government Center**, and the **Legal Advice and Referral Center** are also sponsoring children again this year, as they have done so many years in the past. To date, we have 27 children sponsored. In addition, **Sanel Automotive Association** will be delivering toys and we will be picking up toys from the **Beaver Meadow Village Association** and beautiful quilts from the **Capital Quilter's Guild**. We anticipate being able to help another 30 children or more with these donations.

In addition to all these wonderful donations and sponsorships, the Human Services Department recently received a big donation of diapers for its pantry from **Ed Mullen** and **Immaculate Heart of Mary Church congregants**. Speaking of the pantry, **Marty Bender** from Temple Beth Jacob continues to provide food donations on a regular basis, which we greatly appreciate. Last, but certainly not least, **Sandi Lee** from the Concord Public Library, along with her coworkers, is once again organizing a City employee food drive for the pantry, which is so helpful. The Department gives out food on a daily basis and couldn't do it without the help of these donors and the Capital Region Food Program.

A warm thanks to all for making it a very merry time of the year at Concord Human Services.

FIREFIGHTERS TRAIN ON RESCUE

Fire Department crews have been training on rescue techniques for trapped firefighters. The training has included hands-on work in locating, disentangling, and removing unconscious persons through dark, smoke filled, and extremely tight spaces. Hooksett firefighters also participated in the training, as the two departments respond automatically to major emergencies in each other's jurisdictions to serve as a responder rescue team.

EVENTS AT THE AUDI

Believe!
Saturday, December 8th
Sunday, December 9th
7:00 PM

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish returns to the Audi and fills the house with beautiful music and a snowfall as Brian Waldron leads a cast of 40 choristers celebrating both the North Pole spirit and the reason for the season, including the parish's traditional Nativity pageant. Tickets are $10 at the Rectory or at the door. Proceeds benefit the Immaculate Heart of Mary Music Ministry.

Holiday Pops Concert
Sunday, December 9th
3:00 PM

The Holiday Pops Concert of the Granite State Symphony Orchestra is a special treat. Sing along with the orchestra and enjoy the Penacook and Loudon Elementary School choruses and a bearded guest conductor in a bright red suit. Tickets are $20 at Pompanoosuc Mills or at the door. For more information, call 226-4776.

NEXT WEEK'S LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

IRISH MUSIC OF THE SEASON - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2:00 PM
Reaganta and the **New England Harp Orchestra** return with Irish Music of the Season. Come listen to their beautiful, lively music. It's sure to get you into the holiday spirit!

CHILDREN'S ROOM ACTIVITIES

Toddler Tales: Monday, 12/10 @ 10:30 AM

Lapsit: Tuesday, 12/11 & Thursday, 12/13 @ 10:30 AM

Family Story Time: Wednesday, 12/12 @ 10:30 AM

Paws for Pages with Sparkle: Wednesday, 12/12 @ 3:30 PM

Lego Club: Thursday, 12/13 @ 3:30 PM