



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: October 23, 2017

Rideout Park Improvements Dedication

The public is invited to the Dedication at Rideout Park Thursday October 26th at 5:00 PM at 61 Laws Brook Road. Improvements include moving the parking lot to create a more community park feel as well as adding an additional 23 spaces.

The sidewalks have been extended around the property borders and natural barriers created using native plantings and trees.

West Concord - Church Street Construction

The West Concord construction on Church Street continues with the top course paving expected to begin on Wednesday, weather permitting. This pavement is the top layer which drivers typically see and road lines will be painted on it. For more information on the phases of the Church Street construction please visit the website through the following link.

<http://concordma.gov/1864/West-Concord-Streetscape-Improvements>

Recreation

The annual Trunk or Treat will take place on Sunday the 29th at 4:00PM at the Beede Center parking lot. Come celebrate Halloween in a safe and fun environment. Participating cars and trucks will have decorated trunks and goodies to be passed out, come find your favorite trunk and get some treats, costumes are encouraged.



The annual Sleepy Hollow 5K and Fun Run begins this Saturday, October 28th at 10am. Beginning at the Hunt Recreation Center, participants will run through Concord and past the graves of Emerson, Hawthorne, Thoreau, and Alcott. Costumes are encouraged.



Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

The Bruce Freeman Rail Trail's bridge over the Assabet River is near completion. The former railroad bridge had been removed prior to 1986, but the granite block abutments were still in place. The contractor installed a new truss bridge designed to look similar to the old railroad bridge over the river, using the existing granite block abutments.



Regional Housing Service Office Has New Home

The Regional Housing Service Office (RHSO) which serves Acton, Bedford, Burlington, Concord, Lexington, Sudbury, and Weston will be moving into the town's newly acquired property on Knox Trail. Along with the RHSO, the Concord Carlisle school transportation drivers will begin to move into their new offices on the first floor of the same property. The Regional Housing Service helps with the municipal functions of affordable housing by completing administration, project development, and resident assistance among other services. Concord is the Lead Community for the RHSO and has 804 affordable housing units administered by RHSO.

Building Code Changes

There have been changes to the building code which are outlined in the 9th Edition of the Building Code. The Building Division and Zoning Enforcement newsletter outlines some of the changes and can be found through the following link:

<http://concordma.gov/DocumentCenter/View/10994>

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee will be reviewing and doing an update on the Five Year Tax-Projection, a Discussion of Sustainability, and a Review of 10 Budget Retrospective. The meetings are open to the public.