



# TOWN OF CONCORD

## Town Manager's Report

Week of: March 26th, 2018

### 2018 Annual Town Meeting

Concord's Annual Town Meeting will be held beginning April 9th at the Concord Carlisle High School gym. For those with hearing difficulties, a stenographer has been hired to provide visual assistance. If you have questions or would like to request assistance at the Annual Town Meeting please contact the Town Manager's Office at 978-318-3000.

### Popular Annual Financial Report Available

As part of Concord's commitment to keeping residents informed about how tax dollars are being used, the Town publishes a Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). This four-page document condenses the more extensive Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) – the report on the Town's annual audit – into a more accessible format. The FY17 PAFR contains information about the Town's financial position, its major liabilities, and spending and tax levels.

Both the FY17 PAFR and FY17 CAFR can be found on the Town's website:  
<http://concordma.gov/304/Audited-Financial-Statements>

### Upcoming Parent Seminars

The Board of Health and CC Youth Services are partners with the Center for Parents and Teachers for two upcoming parent education seminars. First is regarding Vaping on April 4th <http://www.centerforparentsandteachers.org/vaping.html>.

The second seminar is April 24th regarding social host liability. <http://www.centerforparentsandteachers.org/social-host-liability.html?>

### Autism Awareness Month

In recognition of Autism Awareness Month, Concord Police will invite residents with ASD, as well as parents or caregivers, to tour the police station and meet with officers. The meetings will allow officers to get to know members of the community who live with autism in order to better serve them should they come into contact during an emergency or other call for service.

Concord Police have begun utilizing the National Autism Association's Meet The Police program, which encourages parents and caregivers to complete a "meet sheet" that will form the basis of a more trusting relationship between law enforcement and those affected by ASD.

In addition, officers will be conducting training throughout the month on how to recognize and interact with someone on the autism spectrum. They will also be showing their support for members of the autism community by wearing blue "Autism Speaks" pins on their uniforms.

Concord Police will also work to raise autism awareness by displaying blue lights in the police station windows throughout the month of April. On April 2, at 7:30 p.m., Concord Police will participate in the nationwide awareness initiative, "Light It Up Blue." At that time, a Public Safety Dispatcher will announce to all patrols who are not handling an active call to pull to the side of the road in and activate their cruiser's blue lights for one minute to raise awareness as part of National Autism Awareness Month and the World Awareness Day.



**Concord Agriculture Committee  
presents the Spring Forum:  
Wildlands, Woodlands, Farmlands, and Community:  
Farming in Concord and New England with Brian Donahue**  
Thursday, March 29th 7pm  
Willard School Auditorium, 185 Powder Mill Road, Concord  
Light refreshments will be provided



Brian Donahue, Associate Professor of American Environmental Studies at Brandeis University, co-founded and directed Land's Sake Farm in Weston and has written widely on New England agriculture. His work ranges from *The Great Meadow: Farmers and the Land in Colonial Concord* (2004) to *A New England Food Vision: Healthy Food for All, Sustainable Farming and Fishing, Thriving Communities* (2014).



### **Concord Public Works**

**Spring Business Recycling Event**– The spring 2018 business recycling event is scheduled for Friday, April 6th from 9:00AM – 12:00 noon (pre-registration is required). The event will be held at 133 Keyes Road.

This event provides Concord businesses with a safe and low-cost opportunity to properly dispose of computers, monitors, printers, TV's, fax machines, other electronics, batteries, and fluorescent bulbs. Confidential document destruction will be provided by A1 DATASHRED, LLC. There will be a \$5.00 per box charge (cash or check payable to A1 DATASHRED, LLC.). Certificates of destruction provided upon request. To attend the event, businesses must pre-register by April 5th. For registration information, contact Complete Recycling Solutions at (866) 277-9797. For questions, call Concord Public Works at (978) 318-3240 or visit: <http://www.concordnet.org/511/Commercial-Recycling>

**Hazardous Waste Collection**–Concord is one of eight communities that staff and manage the hazardous waste collection events at the Minuteman Regional Household Hazardous Products Facility in Lexington. Curbside subscribers receive a free pass (for up to 25 lbs. or gallons of waste) and non-subscribers pay Clean Harbors directly. Spring 2018 dates for hazardous waste collection at the facility are as follows: April 14, May 12 and June 16.

Additionally, Concord Public Works is hosting a hazardous waste collection for residents and businesses on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. Curbside subscribers can utilize their free pass for this event in lieu of one of the Minute Hazardous Products Regional Facility collections. Non-curbide subscribers and businesses can also attend the event and pay the vendor directly. For questions, call Concord Public Works at (978) 318-3240 or visit: <http://www.concordnet.org/466/Hazardous-Waste-Collection-Events>

**Pavement Maintenance** – The 2018 Crack Sealing contract will include 4.95 mile of roadway work on: Main Street (Monument Square to Route 2), Barrett's Mill Road (Route 2 to College Avenue), Chestnut Street, Annersnac Hill Road, Pine Street (Main Street to the bridge) and Walden Street (Thoreau Street to Magnolia). The 2018 Pavement Patching contract includes 3.2 miles of targeted roadway patching on: Old Pickard Rd (Old Marlboro Road to Town Line), Sudbury Rd (Rte. 2 to Fitchburg Turnpike), Wheeler Road, Old Bridge Road and Main Street (Nashawtuc Road to Sudbury Road). Work on both contracts is expected to begin in the Spring.

**Arbor Day Celebration** – Concord Public Works will once again be partnering with the Garden Club of Concord to celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree and holding a ceremony on April 27, 2018. The time and location will be announced in the next few weeks.