



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: May 7th, 2018

Fire Training

The Fire Department training on Southfield Road ended last week. An additional training will be taking place at a home on Sandy Pond Road beginning next week. This training is vital to ensuring our Fire Department is prepared for any emergencies that may arise. The smoke that may be seen is theatrical, there is no real fire being used during these trainings.



International Building Code Safety Month

Each week in May, information will be shared that focuses on different aspects of building safety and public awareness for the work all inspectors do to make our community safe. The Building Inspections Division has information available in the office at 141 Keyes Road, including crayons and activity books as well as badges for junior building inspectors when they visit.

Week #2 of International Building Safety Month is about advancing resiliency through Science and Technology in our communities. The web site below has many links discussing how to develop safe and resilient homes and buildings. The Building Inspections Division will continue to have "junior" inspector badges and fun activity coloring books about Building Codes.

<https://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/building-safety-month/2018-week-two/>



Light Board Meeting

The Concord Municipal Light Plant will be holding a public forum on May 17th at 7:00 PM at the Harvey Wheeler Center to discuss their strategic plan and the purchasing of RECs to 'green' our power.

Please stop by the public forum for more information or to share your comments.

Have a question about zoning or the building code after hours? Beginning in May and continuing through November 2018, the Building Inspections Division will offer extended office hours on Tuesday evenings. The office will continue to be open from 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesday-Friday and from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays. We hope the evening hours will be beneficial to homeowners who are unable to visit or call during the day (978-318-3280).

Public Works Updates

755 Walden Street Compost Site

Activity has been brisk at the Compost Site. So far this season, residents have made 2,818 visits to the Compost Site, dropping off brush and yard waste. In addition, 39 residents have dropped off paint at the Paint Shed, and 11 residents have removed paint for reuse.

The Compost Site will remain open Saturdays 9-3 through December 19th. The Compost Site is also open Wednesdays 3-6 through October 10th, and from 3-5:30 through November 21st. Free compost is available for residents, and there is no charge for leaves or grass clippings. Brush fees continue to be waived until further notice due to the amount of storm debris in Town from the March 7th-8th storm.

A 30 yard roll-off container has been placed at the Compost Site for invasive plants such as bittersweet, buckthorn, garlic mustard, etc. MassDEP bans yard waste and plants from disposal in Massachusetts, but composting invasives would require that compost windrows reach a temperature of 145 degrees for a minimum of 30 days. This is not feasible or likely to occur, however. As such, MassDEP sometimes grants waivers for the incineration of invasive plants. The Town has an ongoing waiver from MassDEP which permits the invasives collected at the 755 Walden Street Compost Site to be incinerated at Wheelabrator Millbury. Waste Management will be hauling the roll-off of invasives to Wheelabrator Millbury for incineration when full.

Concord Public Works Bike Giveaway

Concord Public Works will be hosting a bicycle giveaway event for Concord residents on Wednesday, June 20th, at the Public Works Facility located at 133 Keyes Rd. from 4 PM - 7:00 PM, on a first arrive, first choose basis. The bike giveaway will include bicycles that were collected at the 10/14/17 and 5/5/18 DropOff events. An official, no cost pass is required to receive a bike.

Residents may pre-register and obtain a limited availability pass to attend the event beforehand by contacting Concord Public Works at (978) 318-3240 beginning on June 5th at 9:00 AM. Based on the availability of bicycles, residents may also obtain a pass at the event, however, CPW anticipates high interest in this event and urges residents to obtain their pass early. Residents will be admitted to select their bicycle based on order of arrival with a valid pass at the Keyes Road facility. The inventory includes both adult and children's bicycles and is a great opportunity to acquire a bicycle at no cost to Concord residents while also practicing sustainable activities as a community. Any bicycles that remain after the event will be donated to non-profit organizations.

Library Book Sale

On Saturday, June 2nd the Friends of the Concord Free Public Library will host their Annual Spring Book Sale. Taking place from 10:00am to 3:00pm (Rain date 6/9) on the Main Library front lawn this is an event you don't want to miss. Thanks to the generosity of so many, there should be a great selection this year, we can't wait to see you there!

Royal Breakfast

The Recreation Department held a Royal Breakfast on May 6th at the Trails End Cafe for children to go meet some of their favorite characters such as Elsa and Anna from Frozen, Cinderella, Princess Leia from Star Wars and so many more! Thank you to all who attended and made this such a special event.

