



TOWN OF CONCORD

Town Manager's Report

Week of: June 25th, 2018

Invasive Species Pull

Please join the Natural Resources Division Please come join us to remove invasives plants, including honeysuckle, Norway maple, Japanese barberry, glossy buckthorn, bitter-sweet, multi-flora rose, and garlic mustard from a two-acre site on Baker Avenue. This initiative is the second step in creating a little pocket park in West Concord with a canoe/kayak landing, trails, and picnic area.

When: Thursday, June 28, 2018 from 9:00am - 12:00pm

Where: 36A Baker Avenue (Lot behind Citizen's Bank in West Concord)

Parking: Limited parking is available at 336 Baker Avenue and at 1150 Main Street (6 cars at each location. At 336 Baker Ave, please park in the spaces closest to the road.)

Plenty of parking is available at 141 Keyes Road for carpooling. Carpooling is strongly encouraged

What to Bring: Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirt, work gloves, bug spray, and any digging tools you would like to use. We will provide weed wrenches, shovels, and other hand tools. In order to effectively remove invasives, we will be removing entire plants, including roots.

Lunch will be provided following the work party

Caution: Poison Ivy is present on site. Anyone highly allergic to poison ivy should not attend.

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Fire Department

Concord Firefighters recently participated in a vehicle extrication class. Training Officer, Captain Brian Whitney organized the training that took place on June 18th, 19th, and 20th. Concord Firefighters were recipients of training provided by On Scene Training, a training company whose focus is in a variety of specialty skills for firefighters. The emphasis of this training was new vehicle extrication and stabilization techniques; changes in how vehicles are manufactured and how they are powered have forced changes in the methods that our crews must use to safely extricate victims of vehicle accidents.

While our crews are experienced with auto extrication, this training provided an opportunity to bring everyone up to date on current methods, and at the same time have the chance to practice with a variety of new tools that we have in service. The training, which was a great success, took place in Lexington at J.P. Carroll Auto Parts, where we had a tremendous supply of vehicles to work with courtesy of J.P. Carroll's



reCYCLE

Concord Public Works' annual reCYCLE event on June 20th was a great success. With 75 adult and children bicycles collected from Drop-Off Swap-Off events in the fall and spring, the reCYCLE event provided previously loved bicycles a new home.

With lines starting well before the event opening at 4:00PM to ensure they could find a bike they loved, people raved about the event saying it was the best day of the year. We'll see you again next year!



Sustainability

Concord has a long history of sustainability. This is what excited me about joining this community as Director of Sustainability late last year. In just six months I have seen an incredible commitment to sustainability among town departments, committees, volunteer groups, businesses, and the community.

To name a few, over 300 homes in Concord have rooftop solar panels, 1 out of every 10 town vehicles are electric or hybrid electric, and almost 40% of land is permanently protected open space. Since 2011, energy efficiency improvements in town and school buildings have saved money and cut energy use by over 16%, the installation of LED streetlights has cut energy use in half, and Concord's pocket parks with native plants and porous pavers have significant water-saving and sustainability benefits.

Concord has also demonstrated leadership on climate over the years. The Select Board adopted Sustainability Principles in 2011. Concord was certified as a Green Community in 2013 by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources. In a commitment to reducing waste, Concord has banned individual plastic water bottles, polystyrene, and plastic bags. Most recently, Concord joined the state's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program, receiving \$33,000 in grant funding to identify our vulnerabilities to climate change and create a plan for improving our resilience.

And, as a community we have an ambitious, long-term goal to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions 80% by 2050. To help advise the town, and me, on how to achieve this goal and take action toward climate change mitigation and adaptation, the Select Board approved the charge for a new Climate Action Advisory Board on June 4th. Setting an ambitious target is an important first step and I'm excited to work with this board to chart a course to achieving our climate goals.

The town is currently seeking volunteers for the board with experience in areas such as education, public policy, renewable energy, climate change mitigation and adaptation, sustainability management, community engagement, green building, and more. If you are interested in working collaboratively and thinking big about climate solutions, I encourage you to consider volunteering for the Climate Action Advisory Board. You can volunteer for this and other town committees by submitting a green card electronically (on concordma.gov) or in-person to the Town Manager's Office. For more information on Sustainability in Concord, please visit concordma.gov/sustainability.

Kate Hanley, Director of Sustainability



Wednesday, July 4th Picnic in the Park

Emerson Field

11:30 AM - 4:30 PM

RE/MAX Balloon 10:00-12:00

(wind permitting)

**Children's Bicycle and Tricycle
Parade - assemble 11:15 AM**

David Polansky 11:45 - 1:00

Southern Rail Band 1:15 - 3:00

**Hampstead Players - Treasure
Island - Hunt Gym 2:00 - 3:00**

The Concord Band 3:15 - 4:30

Minuteman Classic Road Race

Youth Fun Run 8:30 am

5-mile Road Race 9:00 am

**Field Games
12:30 — 1:30
Lizzie the Clown
1:00 — 3:00
Henna Tattoos
1:00 — 4:00
Roaming
Railroad Rides
1:00 — 4:00**



Program

10:00 - 12:00 RE/MAX Balloon
(wind permitting)

11:30 Parade & Picnic Opening

11:45 - 1:00 David Polansky

12:30 - 1:30 Field Games

1:00 - 3:00 Balloon Twisting

1:00 - 4:00 Henna Tattoos

1:00 - 4:00 Roaming Railroad

1:15 - 3:00 Southern Rail Band

**2:00 - 3:00 Hampstead Players
Treasure Island in the Hunt Gym**

3:15 - 4:30 The Concord Band