

becomes a more important aspect of our work with the Board of Health. Influenza vaccination clinics have also served many of Concord's residents and employees. Please see attached spread sheet with data from flu clinics and communicable disease follow up.

Throughout this past year, Emerson Home Care has worked closely with the Board of Health and with other community organizations to coordinate care for the residents of Concord. We will continue to work with the town and organizations to identify areas of opportunity to serve the town's residents in an effort to promote health and wellness. Home Care is also represented on the Emerson Hospital Emergency Preparedness Committee which works with the Town of Concord and others to coordinate emergency preparedness efforts.

EMERSON HOSPITAL HOME CARE SERVICES		
Flu vaccination Clinics	'08-'09	'09-'10
Senior Clinics	253	238
Concord Teachers	87	55
Seniors at Concord Park	65	57
Open Table	8	12
Communicable Disease Follow Up	7/09 -- 6/10	
Home care telephone visits	39	
Home visits	0	

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Raymond A. Costa, Sealer

The ultimate goal of the Sealer of Weights and Measures is to "Create Equity in the Marketplace." All individuals in a community are affected by weighing and measuring operations for virtually all of the necessities of life, particularly of food and fuel.

The function of the Weights and Measures official is to safeguard the public in matters involving the commercial determination of "quantity" and ensure that whenever merchandise or service is bought or sold, that honest weights and honest measures are delivered, and that fraud, carelessness or misrepresentation of such transactions are eliminated. To facilitate this endeavor, the accuracy of all weighing and measuring devices used for sale to the public are inspected, sealed or condemned as required.

These weighing and measuring devices include, but are not limited to, all gasoline and diesel dispensing devices (pumps) throughout the community, all weighing devices (scales) used at supermarkets, delis, meat markets, seafood shops, retail checkout counters, farm stands, specialty stores, small convenience stores, pharmacies, laundromats, public shipping stores, hardware stores as well as home heating oil (fuel oil) delivery trucks and a myriad of other weighing and measuring devices.

Consumers can also feel confident when making purchases at establishments that use bar code pricing devices (scanners) as the inspection and testing for accuracy and proper operation of these price scanning devices is another of the Sealer's duties.

The Weights and Measures official investigates consumer complaints that may be issued regarding weighing and measuring devices in the community that do not appear to be complying with legal standards. Upon investigation, whenever a failure of a device is found or failure of an establishment to comply with the weights & measures laws is discovered, immediate action is taken to facilitate compliance and, if necessary, the Sealer may issue civil citations or engage in criminal actions based upon these failures.

The following inspections were performed by the Sealer of Weights and Measures at more than 64 business establishments throughout the community: 100 weighing scales, 150 gasoline/diesel meters, approximately 45 bar code scanners, 615+ store shelf commodities, 10 fuel oil delivery trucks and a variety of other miscellaneous weighing and measuring devices... all "So That Equity May Prevail" in Concord.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and staff are responsible for the overall stewardship of the natural resources of the Town, and the establishment of Town environmental policy in conjunction with the Selectmen and Town Meeting. The NRC administers the State Wetlands Protection Act (MGL Chapter 131, Section 40), Rivers Protection Act (MGL Chapter 258 of the Acts of 1996) and accompanying regulations (310 CMR 10.00), and the recently approved Concord Wetlands Bylaw and regulations. The NRC also plays