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September 8, 2025

News and Updates from the Town of Concord

Please send your comments and feedback to publicinfo@concordma.gov.

Concord Municipal Light Plant



Celebrate "Sun Day" with Family Fun!

September 21, 2-4pm First Parish Church, 20 Lexington Rd. Concord

generate interest in **solar energy**, the **lowest cost, fastest growing energy source** in the world, with a **30% federal tax credit** that expires this year.

It's a chance to:

- **Meet homeowners** who've installed rooftop solar panels, heat pumps to heat and cool their homes, or drive electric vehicles, usually reducing monthly bills.
- **Learn from CMLP's coaches**, who can help you assess how solar, heat pumps or electric vehicles might fit your home and budget.
- **Have fun** with entertaining local musicians and kids' art and games.
- **Celebrate the potential of solar** and the elected officials, and government, business and non-profit leaders who bring clean, healthy energy to Concord.

Drive and SaVe

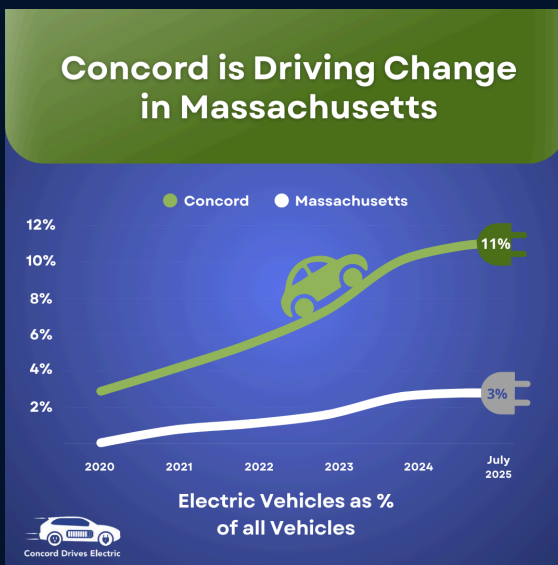
Could you use \$10,000? Try "Drive & SaVe," CMLP's EV savings & comparison tool, at

<https://concorddriveselectric.wattplan.com/EV/> to see how much switching

from a gasoline vehicle to an electric vehicle could save you over 10 years.

Need help understanding the federal EV tax credits, and the substantial rebates & incentives that'll still be available after the EV tax credits end on Sept. 30th?

Looking for guidance on an EV that will meet your needs?



EV Savings Tool

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Call CMLP's EV Specialists at 833-443-

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8363, email your questions to ev@concordma.gov or send them your EV questions online at <https://ene.org/sustainability/concordev/>. The EV Specialist Service is supported by CMLP funds and is available at no cost to you.

Economic Vitality

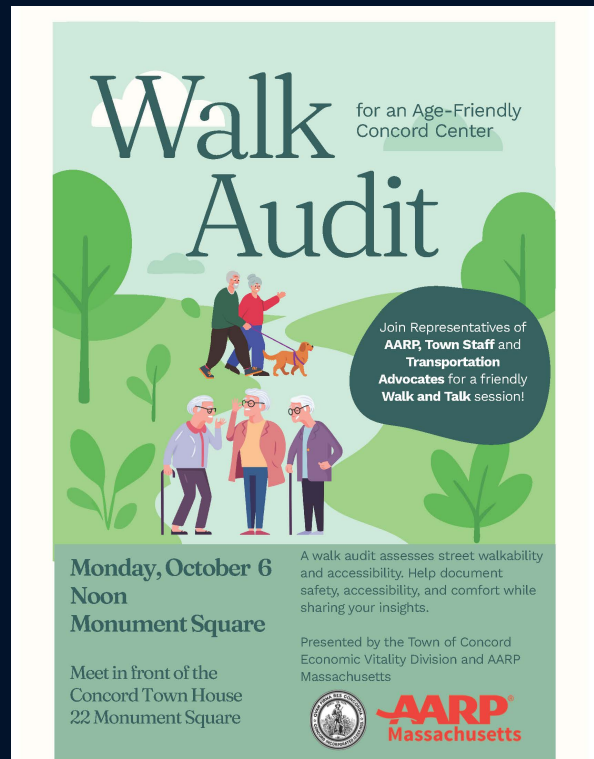
Walk Audit - October 3, 2025 - Noon - Monument Square

Join your friends and neighbors to contribute towards a more age-friendly Concord Center.

A walk audit assesses street walkability and accessibility. Help document safety, accessibility, and comfort while sharing your insights.

Presented by the Town of Concord Economic Vitality Division and AARP Massachusetts.

All are welcome! Meet in front of the Concord Town House at 22 Monument Square.



Concord Cultural Council Grant Application Open - Sept. 2, 2025

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The Concord Cultural Council (CCC) has

announced the availability of online applications for grants to support programs in the arts for all age groups. The applications will be found at <http://massculturalcouncil.org/communities/local-cultural-council-program/> on Sept. 2, 2025 and must be submitted by October 16 for consideration.

Programs in music, dance, visual arts, poetry, literature, drama, the humanities and scientific interpretation will be considered. Applicants must specify a venue for their activity and a specific date or on-going timeline. The CCC has approximately \$10,000 in allocated funds to distribute and awarded grants typically range from \$150-\$500. The CCC does not fully fund any project. Preference is given to applicants who live or work in Concord and who offer fully accessible programs and presentations that specifically benefit a wide range of audiences in Concord. Applicants must demonstrate a record of engagement in the type of activity for which the funds are requested.

CCC Grant Application



Applicants are notified by the end of December and programs submitted cannot be modified without CCC review and approval.

There is an optional online training program on September 9 at 6:00 pm. The session will review the application process and the MCC staff will respond to any questions. The training is free, but pre-registration is required. Once registered attendees will be sent the Zoom link. The link to register is at <https://massculturalcouncil.org/event/local-cultural-council-grants-info-session-2/>

The list of past recipients is on the Concord Cultural Council's website <https://www.concordma.gov/1074/Concord-Council>. On this same page you will find the list of guidelines and priorities for applications.

Scenes from the 20th Annual AG Day

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Kristin Reichman, EA to the SB, Mary Hartman, SB, and Wendy Rovelli, SB



Summer bounty on display



Delia, Natural Resources Director



Spin the Wheel!

Concord Free Public Library

Welcome Bubbles and Dumplings! Come by and visit them at the Main Library in the Children's Department.



Bubbles and Dumplings, are our Blandings turtles, and here through Zoo New England's award-winning HATCH program, a conservation-based education program focused on supporting and protecting local turtle species including Blanding's, wood, spotted and snapping turtles.

Through the program, students and teachers from participating schools have the opportunity to actively and significantly participate in a real-world rare species conservation program by raising hatchling turtles to greatly increase their chances of survival in the wild.

Department of Planning and Land Management

Community Preservation Funds Application Window Open

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is accepting applications for Community Preservation Funds until **Friday, September 19, at noon**. These funds support essential components of livable communities: historic preservation, open space, recreation and community housing. Review eligibility requirements and find application materials here: [CPAGrant Application and Instructions | Concord, MA](#)

[Grant Application](#)

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS

 Historic Preservation	 Recreation
 Community Housing	 Open Space

Community Preservation Fund Applications Due on Sept. 19 at Noon

Health Division

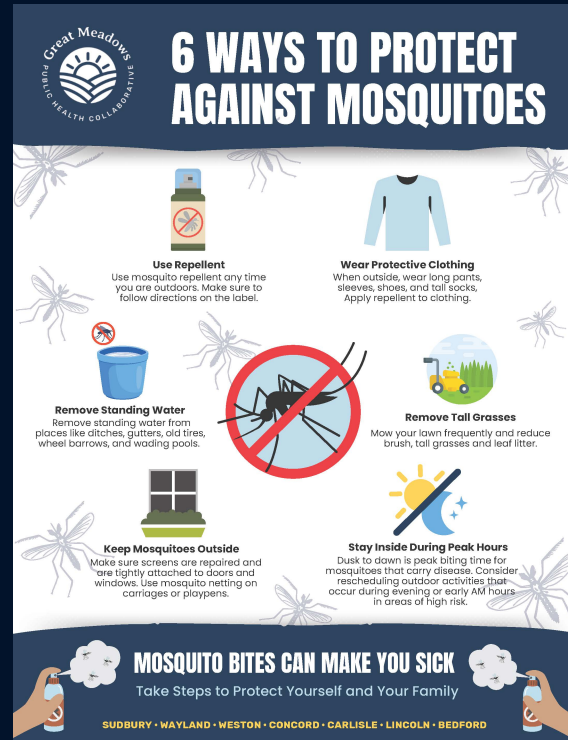
We want to hear from you! - Take the survey on the use of opioid monies

Community members of Concord are invited to take this anonymous survey that will assist the Concord Behavioral Health Collaborative in making decisions to spend the remaining opioid settlement funds. The data collected in this anonymous survey will allow your voice to be heard in this process. Thank you for your participation.



Take the Survey

- The Concord Health Division continues to provide mosquito risk messaging to the community. See the [Health Department Division](#) for more information.
- The Public Health Nurse offered “Ask a Nurse” office hours at the COA.



Building Division

Personnel News

Kevin Pickering was promoted to Building Commissioner. Kevin had served as Acting Building Commissioner for a month prior and local inspector for the Town of Concord, and has 10 years of experience in building inspections. Congratulations to Kevin on his promotion!

Welcomed its newest team members, **Rick O’Neil** to the position of Local Building Inspector, and Peter Maher to the position of Alternate Plumbing Inspector.

A trench permit has been added to the [permitting program](#) to comply with Jackie's Law (M.G.L c. 82A, and 520 CMR 14.00). Jackie's Law establishes safety regulations for excavation and trench projects to protect the public from collapses and was named in memory of four year-old Jacklyn Moore from East Bridgewater, who fell into an unmanned trench that was left open at the end of a workday in 1999. Jackie tragically died when the trench collapsed.

Planning Division



Assabet River Multi-use Bridge & Trail (ARBT)

As the design, engineering and permitting for the ARBT continues to move forward through the MassDOT design process, MassDOT required additional soil borings for the bridge abutments. While the string of hot weather and no rain has not been good for everyone's gardens, it is perfect for getting the small drill rig down to the river's edge which is lower than normal. Timber mats were placed, and drilling began on one side this

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Planning Board

At the August 26 meeting, the Board had a presentation on the proposed four-lot Definitive Subdivision Plan at 874 Barrett's Mill Rd., reviewed the Planning Division report, and discussed the issues and concerns raised by Town Departments. The Applicant will be making revisions to the plans and providing additional materials to address concerns raised by the Board and Town staff. The Board continued the public hearing to 7:05 p.m. on September 30. The Board also began discussing proposed amendments to the MBTA Communities Multi-family Zoning Bylaw and Overlay Map to address comments raised in the State's conditional compliance letter. The Board identified different scenarios options for amending the Overlay District that the Town's GIS team will run through the State's GIS Compliance Model and provide back to the Board. Further discussions may be on the September 9 or September 30 meeting agenda.

Police Department

Back to School

Captain Goldman, Detective Sergeant Harrington and School Resource Officer Simpson met with School Superintendent Dr. Hunter and her staff to review safety plans for the upcoming school year. Officers assisted with the opening of school, assisting with school crossing locations and speed enforcement in the area of the schools.

Community

Officers assisted with a number of community events, including an Elsinore Street block party, and rallies in Monument Square, a pro-Israel rally, and an anti-semitism rally in front of the Wright Tavern.

Recruit Officer Michael Crowe started the MPTC Boylston Police Academy.

Human Resources



August Personnel Updates

Welcome to Concord!

Please join us in welcoming our newest team members! We're excited to have them on board and look forward to their contributions. Be sure to say hello and introduce yourself as they get settled into their new roles. Welcome to the team!



Kristin Reichman
Executive Assistant to the Select Board
Town Manager's Office



Thomas Sullivan
Public Safety Dispatcher
Dispatch



Richard O'Neil
Local Inspector
DPLM - Building & Inspections



Michael Crowe
Police Officer
Police



Teri Hegarty
Program Analyst
CPW - Engineering



Francisco Ortiz
Maintenance Custodian
Library

Retirements!

As we welcome new employees this month, we also extend our appreciation and best wishes to those retiring from the Town.

Carole Hilton

After 15 years of dedicated service, Carole retired from her Customer Service Manager role at the Concord Municipal Light Plant. We wish her a happy and healthy retirement!

Thomas Judge

As previously announced, Chief Thomas Judge retired from the Concord Fire Department after 42 years of dedicated service. We thank him for his service and wish him the very best in retirement.

Council on Aging

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Starting in October: The Concord COA will be open till 7pm on Thursdays.

The Concord Council on Aging (COA) is pleased to announce extended Thursday hours beginning **October 2, 2025**. To better serve Concord residents aged 60 and older whose schedules require more flexibility, the COA will now remain open until **7:00 PM every Thursday**. This expansion reflects the COA's commitment to inclusivity, accessibility, and community engagement. With the new hours come an exciting lineup of fresh programs designed to inspire, connect, and energize.

"We're so excited to welcome the community during these new evening hours," says Dan Petitt, COA Director. "Whether you're working, care giving, or just enjoy getting out later in the day, we hope you'll join us. Our programs are designed to bring people together, celebrate creativity, and make sure everyone feels included. There's something here for everyone, and we can't wait to see you."

Tales of You: Write Your Story – A four-session guided storytelling and memoir-writing workshop to help participants preserve their personal histories. A complimentary meal will be served at each session thanks to a grant from Emerson Hospital. This event will be held in the mezzanine of the Concord Market and transportation is available. Hours are 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM.

Weekly Mahjong Group – A fun and social way to sharpen the mind and make new friends. Arrive as an experienced player or with a few games under your belt. Hours are 4:30 PM– 6:30 PM.

Hula Hoop Exercise with Ellen – A fun movement class that blends fitness with classic rock dance moves. Stretch and move at your comfort level to enhance your core strength and balance while having a good time. No experience needed. Hours are 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM.

LGBTQ+ Social Group - A welcoming space for connection, conversation, and community, meeting monthly on the last Thursday of each month. Open to all Concord older adults, the gatherings will offer food, entertainment, and activities.

Amanda Wootan, one of two Outreach workers at the COA, is engaged with preparing affordable housing applications for a resident client. The Outreach and Social Services team at the Concord Council on Aging provides assistance with applications for low-income and affordable housing in addition to providing support for other public benefits like SNAP (food stamps) fuel assistance, tax exemptions, and local charities to cover unforeseen expenses for age 60+ residents with fixed, low income.



Amanda Wootan, COA Outreach Worker



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Harvey's Treasure Chest Gift opens Monday, September 15, for its 22nd season!

Located within the COA at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center, the shop offers previously owned gift and jewelry items at remarkable prices. The shop's intent is to offer seniors below-market prices but all residents are welcome to shop and donate their previously used items in good condition. The shop is open Monday – Thursday, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, and *all proceeds go to the COA to benefit Concord residents.*



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