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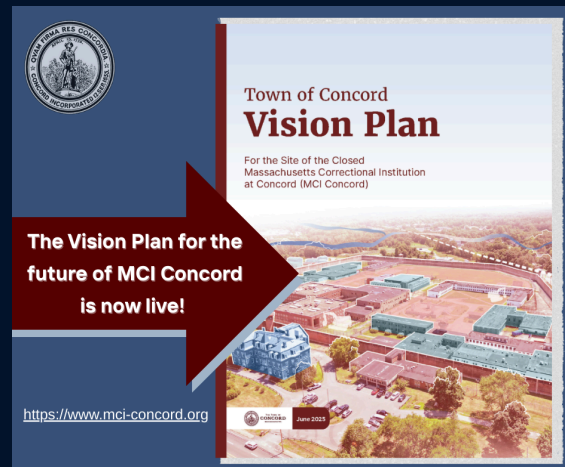
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News and Updates from the Town of Concord

Office of the Town Manager

MCI Concord Vision Plan

The Vision Plan for the future of MCI Concord is now live! This is a significant milestone in our collective effort to reposition the historic prison site as a sustainable, vital district that is connected to its community, natural surroundings, the region, and its history. This is an ongoing conversation, and we invite you to continue to engage with us about your perspectives on the development scenarios presented here. Together, we can turn this opportunity



Visit [the Vision Plan](#) page to learn more or click the button below to see the full report.

Cell Service Update

Improving Wireless Coverage in Concord

Ensuring reliable cell phone service is a top priority for the Town of Concord. Over the past two years, the Select Board has focused on improving wireless coverage, recognizing its importance for public safety, business operations, and daily life. We understand the frustrations many residents and businesses have with service issues related to wireless coverage gaps, and we want to assure the community that we are actively pursuing solutions to expand coverage.

This concern has been ongoing for many years, influenced by decisions made by various town bodies, Town regulations, infrastructure limitations, and community concerns.



The Town, working with cell carriers, consultants, and legal advisors, has made many efforts to identify access and advance potential solutions. Despite challenges, the Town is committed to delivering better wireless coverage for our community. Below please find a list of current initiatives to further cell service coverage in Concord.

[Wireless Coverage Update](#)

Al Filipov Award and 9-11 Remembrance

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Inspector Ron Holsinger and Dispatcher Ryan Farrell



Concord Public Safety



Lt. Niemi accepting the AI Filipov Award on behalf of FF Tim Lilley



Concord Police Department



Concord Fire Department



Dispatcher Ryan Farrell accepting the AI Filipov Award

On this 24th anniversary, the Concord Rotary Club once again honored the legacy of Alexander "Al" Filipov, who tragically lost his life on September 11, 2001, aboard American Airlines Flight 11.

Each year, the **AI Filipov Award for Outstanding Service and Courage** is presented to Concord's public safety officers who embody the very best of community spirit and bravery. This year, we were proud to recognize:

Ryan Farrell is being recognized for his persistence and judgment in investigating a vague and cryptic self-harm report with minimal details and developing enough information for responders to locate the individual and ensure a safe intervention, for his professionalism on an emergency call that led a charge nurse of 29 years to call him the best call-taker she had ever encountered, and for his clarity and support of fire command during structure fire incidents. Beyond those incidents, Ryan's steady work ethic and willingness to put in the effort day after day has a positive impact on the team.

Firefighter Tim Lilley, who while vacationing in Japan, found himself in the middle of a rescue situation on a ski mountain. While skiing with friends, he came across two skiers trying to help a woman who had fallen through the snow and was stuck in a deep hole about 12 feet deep. The river below had carved out a hidden cavity in the snowpack,

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...making it impossible for her to climb out on her own. Tim and his group were well-prepared for potential mountain emergencies. Drawing on his training and experience, he quickly pulled everyone together and coordinated the rescue effort. Thanks to his calm leadership and quick thinking, they were able to safely get the woman out. This was a great example of Tim's skill, preparedness, and ability to bring people together in a tough situation. He didn't hesitate to step up, and his actions made all the difference.

Inspector Ron Holsinger was dispatched to the West Concord train depot for a report of a pedestrian that was struck by an MBTA train. When Inspector Holsinger arrived, he was directed to the third car from the engine where he located a man in between a metal fence and partially under the train car. Inspector Holsinger saw the man had serious lower extremity injuries and was going into shock. Inspector Holsinger immediately provided first aid, which was difficult as the location to the patient was narrow due to the metal fence and the location of the train car. With the help of Concord EMS, Inspector Holsinger was able to apply tourniquets to the man's legs while Concord Fire removed the fence with a cutter. Inspector Holsinger's quick response to this call and his calm demeanor and first aid knowledge during the incident was instrumental in saving this man's life.

These dedicated professionals represent the courage, resilience, and unwavering commitment that define our town. Their service reminds us that while we remember the past, we also celebrate the everyday heroes among us who keep our community safe.

September is Emergency Preparedness Month



Emergency Preparedness Tips
The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) encourages all residents to prepare themselves, their families, and their homes for emergencies and disasters.

[Mass.gov/Ready](https://www.mass.gov/ready)

Plan for all kinds of hazards.
Residents can be affected by a variety of hazards, severe weather, natural disasters, and man-made threats. Learn more about the disasters that may affect Massachusetts and your area and how you can prepare.

<https://www.mass.gov/ready>

Prepare for medical needs.
If you or someone in your family has special medical needs or equipment, include these in your plan. Talk to your medical provider for advice or additional assistance.

Make a plan.
Make a family emergency plan that indicates what to do and how to stay in contact in case of an emergency. Have an evacuation plan that includes where you will go and what you will bring.

<https://www.mass.gov/ready>

Prepare for power outages.
Have a plan for prolonged power outages.

<https://www.mass.gov/ready>

Prepare your home.
Take steps to prevent damage caused by wind and flooding. Ensure that your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors work.

<https://www.mass.gov/ready>


Prepare for pets and service animals.
Include food, provisions, pet carriers and other things your pet or service animal would need in an evacuation. Remember: your service animal will always be allowed to enter an anywhere else you go.

<https://www.mass.gov/ready>

September is Emergency Preparedness Month!

It's the perfect time to make sure you and your family are ready for anything.

Check out these tips from MEMA to get started



Before, During, & After An Emergency

Stay informed.
Pay attention to any updates on the emergency through communications from emergency officials. Subscribe to a local news or 2-1-1 system if your community has one. Make sure that your smartphone can receive emergency alerts.

Be a good neighbor.
Check on people in your neighborhood that may need additional help before, during, and after an emergency.

Listen to emergency officials.
If you have evacuation, only return to your home when local officials say it is safe to do so. Obey local officials or call 2-1-1 for shelter locations or other information about the catastrophe.

Keep a record of any property damage.
If your home or property is damaged during an emergency, take photos or videos to document the damage. This can help with insurance and the recovery process.


Important Links:

- Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
 - <https://www.mass.gov/mema>
 - [Twitter.com/MassEM](https://twitter.com/MassEM)
 - facebook.com/MassachusettsEMA
- National Weather Service Boston/Norton Office
 - www.nws.gov
 - [Twitter.com/NWSBoston](https://twitter.com/NWSBoston)
 - facebook.com/NWSBoston
- National Weather Service Albany, NY Office
 - www.nws.gov
 - [Twitter.com/NWSAlbany](https://twitter.com/NWSAlbany)
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[Mass.gov/mema](https://www.mass.gov/mema)

September is Emergency Preparedness Month!

Sign up for Code Red - Concord's Emergency Notification System



Find more tips at [Mass.gov/Ready](https://www.mass.gov/ready)



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Now is the perfect time to take action and prepare so your family is ready for an

emergency. One thing to check off your list is CodeRED. If you haven't already, sign up for CodeRED, Concord's emergency notification system. The CodeRED System provides Concord Police Department with the ability to quickly deliver notification messages via voice, email, phone text and TDD/TTY capabilities to targeted areas or the entire Town of Concord in minutes. It's easy to sign up and only takes a few minutes.

[Sign up for Code Red](#)



World Film Premiere - Fight for Freedom

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 2 PM, Umbrella Arts Center, Main Stage

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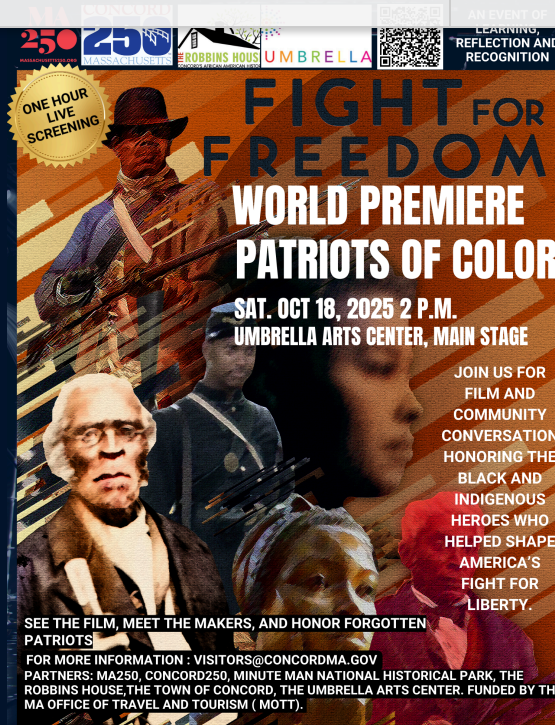
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The film, *Fight for Freedom*, is the product of a MA250 grant that was awarded to the Town of Concord and Concord250 to help tell the unique stories the American Revolution .

These stories challenge us to rethink the Revolution. Freedom wasn't fought for—or won—by just one group of people. Patriots of Color risked their lives, and their descendants kept pushing for liberty long after the muskets fell silent.

Honoring them helps us understand that America's story has always been richer, more complex, and more diverse than the textbooks often show. Check out the trailer for a preview of this exciting project.



Fight for Freedom Trailer

MassTrails highlights the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail

MassTrails of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation is highlighting the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail as one of its [MassTrails10](#).

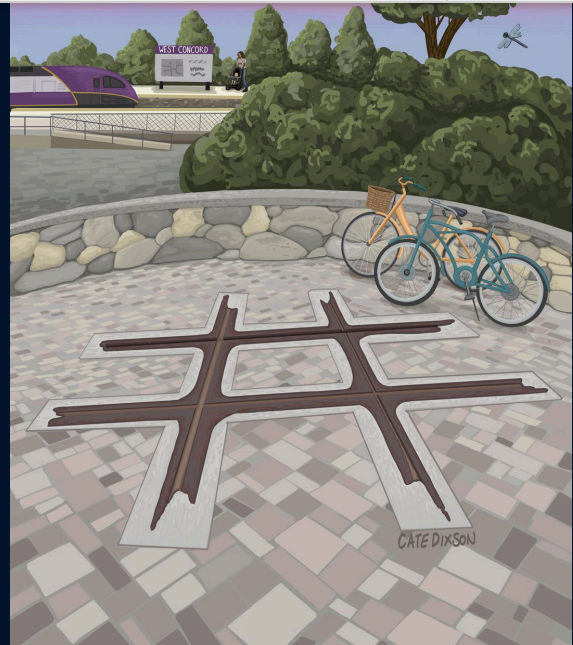
According to the MassTrails website, since 2019, MassTrails has championed a growing network of over 1,000 miles of trails and paths across Massachusetts. The ten trials featured, showcase some of the state's signature trail infrastructure — connecting

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We're honored to have the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail among the ten featured. Get out for a ride this autumn!



Artwork by Cate Dixon

Call to Action

These topics were featured in detail in previous issues of Concord Currents. Click on the green buttons to access the grant applications and opioid funds survey.



CCC Grant Application



CPF Grant Application



Take the Opioid Fund Survey

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Upcoming Events

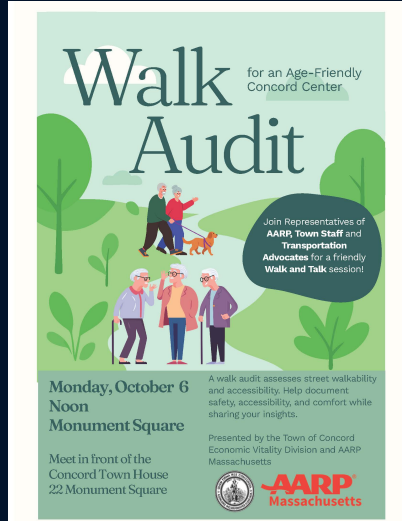


Sun Day

A solar energy event for the whole family!

Sept. 21 | 2 - 4 PM
First Parish Church, 20 Lexington Road
Concord, MA

Sept. 21, 2025 | 2-4 PM



Walk Audit for an Age-Friendly Concord Center

Join Representatives of AARP, Town Staff and Transportation Advocates for a Friendly Walk and Talk session!

Monday, October 6
Noon
Monument Square

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

Meet in front of the Concord Town House
22 Monument Square

AARP Massachusetts

Oct. 6, 2025 | Noon



TOWN OF CONCORD

FALL DROP OFF/SWAP OFF

10 OCT 4 | 9:30 AM - 3 PM | CPW 133 Keyes Road, Concord

PRE-REGISTRATION TO DROP OFF ITEMS REQUIRED

<https://www.concordma.gov/drop-off-swap-off>

Oct. 4, 2025 | 10 AM - 3 PM

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