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News and Updates from the Town of Concord

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A Message from the Town Manager

Thanksgiving Reflection and Appreciation

As we head into Thanksgiving, I want to take a moment to reflect on what makes Concord such a special place.

I am grateful every day for the people who make up this community; our residents, business owners, and the many volunteers who give their time so generously.

Concord is shaped not just by its history or its landscape, but by the way people show up for each other. Your willingness to stay engaged, to lend a hand when it's needed, and to work toward a shared future is what keeps this town strong.

WISHING YOU A
**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING
DAY**

CONCORD TOWN OFFICES HOLIDAY HOURS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27 - CLOSED
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 28 - CLOSED

Curbside Solid Waste & Recycling Collection
scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 27 will be
collected on Saturday, Nov. 29, 2025

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Concord running. Much of their work happens quietly and at all hours, whether it's our first responders keeping people safe, our public works and CMLP crews maintaining essential services, or the administrative teams who support every department.

And while most of us will be gathering with family and friends this Thursday, some of our employees will be working through the holiday to ensure the community remains safe and supported.

Their commitment to public service is extraordinary, and I am proud of all they have accomplished this year.

As you celebrate the holiday, I hope it brings you time to rest, reconnect, and enjoy the company of those you care about.

On behalf of the Town Administration, I wish you and your loved ones a safe, peaceful, and very happy Thanksgiving.

-Kerry Lafleur

Human Resources

So much to be thankful for!



Human Resources hosted a Thanksgiving brunch to honor our incredible Town of Concord staff. It was a wonderful opportunity to share a meal, connect with colleagues, and note what we are thankful for this year. Thank you to our dedicated team for all that you do!

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Congratulations to Sean O'Connor, Public Works for being the October G.E.M. (Going the Extra Mile) Winner! Sean is recognized for taking pride in his work, sharing great ideas, and leading his team with skill and care, to keep the Town of Concord looking beautiful.

Thank you, Sean, for going the extra mile!

Community Development

Online Workshop: Comprehensive Transportation Strategy

Did you miss the workshop on the 19th? You still have an opportunity to participate through a virtual workshop. The Town of Concord invites you to review preliminary recommendations and strategies for the Town’s Transportation Strategy.

You can view maps, charts, and graphics illustrating transportation data on the webpage and share concerns and ideas, and help provide input on which strategies would best address the transportation issues facing Concord.

Strategies may include the implementation of a low-stress bicycle network, safety improvements to key

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Your valuable feedback will directly inform the future of transportation in Concord. Each member of the community can help improve the transportation experience of the town by participating in this planning process. The portal is available until December 10.

intersections, locations to improve or build sidewalks, expanding public transportation options, increased transparency and accountability, and more.

Access the Virtual Workshop

Coming Events!

Jingle & Mingle on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2025 10 AM - 2 PM

It's a weekend of holiday festivities in Concord Center!

Saturday, Dec. 6, the focus is holiday shopping as the neighborhood is sparkling with holiday music, festive storefronts, and warm community spirit—making **Jingle and Mingle** the perfect way to celebrate the season while supporting local businesses.

Find all the details on the [Visit Concord site](#).



Annual Tree Light Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025 3 PM - 6 PM

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The Holidays Start Now! Join
Concord's Annual Celebration

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Mark the start of the holiday season with Concord's [community kick-off event](#) on Sunday, Dec. 7. Everyone is invited to an afternoon featuring:

- **Live Music and Entertainment**
- **The Annual Holiday Parade**
- **The Tree Lighting Ceremony in Concord Center!**

Gather your friends and neighbors—we hope to see you there!

Latkes & Laughter, Dec. 17 2025 5-6 Pm

Celebrate the Festival of Lights!

Join friends and neighbors for the 5th Annual Community Chanukah Celebration. We'll gather at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center for interactive songs, a menorah lighting, and delicious latkes provided by Debra's Natural Gourmet.

Hosted by Kerem Shalom and the Town of Concord.



Donate to Concord's Holiday Gift Card Program

Concord's **Community Services Division** invites you to donate a gift card to a local family in need this holiday season. Last year's program

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provided financial support to over 115 children living in Concord

Gift card donations from any vendor are welcome! Some suggestions are local merchants, restaurants, pharmacies, or Amazon or VISA gift cards. Supermarket gift cards would be especially welcome this year.

Donations may be mailed to Bonny Wilbur, Community Services Coordinator, 55 Church Street, Concord.

Or you can drop your donation at:

Donations will be accepted until December 15th. Contact Bonny Wilbur at bwilbur@concordma.gov or 978-318-3034 with any questions or for more information.

Thank you on behalf of your neighbors in need! Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season!

- **Town House, 22 Monument Square** - Dropbox located in the lobby to the left of the main entrance.
- **55 Church Street**, across from the Harvey Wheeler Community Center – Dropbox located to the right of the entrance, accessible any time day or night.

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