



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

### Happy New Year!

#### HOLIDAY DONATIONS

The Human Services Department is happy to report that very generous community members; City employees; and local businesses, organizations and churches helped them to provide Christmas presents for 113 children this year - a record number. Originally, there were 19 different sponsors for 75 needy children; however, the list increased to 113 children by the third week in December and more donors stepped forward to help. We would like to thank Anita Hickey, Jay and Sue Golden, Gloria Boucher, Roger Mulligan, the South Congregational Church Teen Youth Group, and two “secret Santa’s” who have asked to remain anonymous. The community support is amazing. Each year, we are in awe of the generosity of everyone that comes forward to help out families in need and help to relieve the additional pressure on these families during the holidays.

In addition to the toys and clothing that were donated, Temple Beth Jacob continues to help stock the food pantry. Food donations were also received from Pam Smith and her family, as well as from Cardiac Associates.

Thanks to our supportive community, there were 113 happy faces on Christmas morning and our food pantry is well stocked.

#### NEW DOMAIN NAME

The City has switched over to a new “domain name”, **concordnh.gov**, which better reflects who we are - a **.government** institution, not a **.company**. This means the City’s website will now be accessible at [www.concordnh.gov](http://www.concordnh.gov) and City Employees’ e-mail addresses will change from @onconcord.com to @concordnh.gov.

The old domain, onconcord.com, will continue to work, both for e-mail and the website, and people will always be able to e-mail employees at the same old e-mail address; however, the City is using concordnh.gov as the primary e-mail address.

The Police Department will not change. Their primary e-mail will remain @concordpolice.com.

January 8, 2010

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#### MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

##### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

January 28, 2010

2:00—7:00 PM

Beaver Meadow Golf Course

##### **Library Volunteer Day**

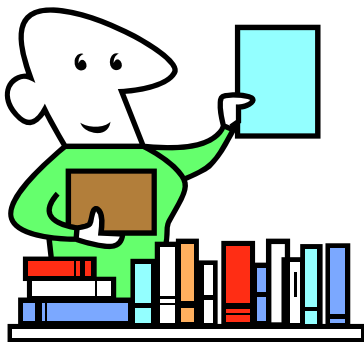
January 15, 2010

10:00—11:30 AM

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### **CITY EMPLOYEE UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN**

Thanks to a recent donation from the Concord Fire Officers Association, the City's United Way Campaign now exceeds \$22,000. This is an increase over last year's campaign and is good news in this time of great need. Thanks to all the City employees who contributed so generously.

### **PENACOOK LAKE TIMBER SALE**

The Conservation Commission is conducting a timber sale in the Penacook Lake watershed to the south of Hutchins Street/Lake View Drive. The land includes approximately 70 acres, which is managed under the City of Concord's Forestry Inventory and Management Plan. This operation consists of a selective thinning of mostly white pine trees to remove mature, diseased and stagnated trees, which will improve the overall forest quality. The timber sale was put out to bid, and the high bid of approximately \$40,000 was awarded to Chuck Rose of Webster. The operation will be overseen by the City's consultant forester and the proceeds from the timber sale will be transferred into the Forestry Trust Fund, which is used to support the forestry management and trails programs.

### **70TH ANNIVERSARY OF LIBRARY BUILDING**

The Concord Public Library is celebrating the 70th anniversary of the opening of the current Library building with a photographic exhibit for the building. Ground was broken for the building in August 1938 and the building opened to the public on January 29, 1940. The Library is fortunate to have a collection of photographs of the construction and completion of the building, part of which was constructed of local granite. The exhibit focuses on the construction of the building, what it looked like when completed, and how it has changed over the years. Please stop by the Library during the month of January to view the photographic history of the Library building.

### **LIBRARY VOLUNTEER DAY**

Library Volunteer Day will be held on **Friday, January 15th**, from 10:00-11:30 AM in the Ruth May Room and Auditorium. Those who may be interested in volunteering at the Library are invited to try their hand at a quick and easy task, such as cleaning children's books or stuffing new patron information packets; as well as to learn more about the Library's other volunteer opportunities. There is no training requirement for this introductory session. It's an opportunity for interested individuals to find out what kinds of help the Library needs and for Library staff to get to know them. There's no need to sign up; just drop by the Library and join in.



## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT LIBRARY

**Lapsit: Mondays, 10:00-11:00 AM, January 11-February 18** in the Library Auditorium. There will be no session on January 18th. This is a program designed for newborns to two-year olds and their caregivers. Together they will share stories, songs and action rhymes led by a Library staff member. Registration is not required. (No groups, please.)

**Toddler Tales: Tuesdays, 10:00-11:00 AM, January 12-February 16** in the Library Auditorium. This is a highly interactive program for two and three-year olds and their caregivers. Through stories, finger plays, songs and activities, each toddler and adult will enjoy learning together. Registration is not required. (No groups, please.)

**After School Lego Club: Thursday, January 14th, 3:30-4:30 PM** in the Library Auditorium. This club, designed for children in grades K-8, gives Lego fans a chance to create with other builders. Each month will bring a new building challenge. Registration is not required.

For more information about any of these programs, call 225-8670 or visit [www.concordpubliclibrary.net](http://www.concordpubliclibrary.net).

## CHRISTMAS TREE DROP-OFF

As the Christmas season comes to a close, residents are reminded that the City of Concord accepts Christmas trees for chipping at the following locations:

- Beaver Meadow Golf Course,
- the Transfer Station, and
- the White Farm on Clinton Street



All lights and ornaments must be removed and any plastic bags the trees are transported in must be recycled.

## CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

The ski trails at Beaver Meadow Golf Course have been groomed. Many spots are thin due to the light snow and wind; however, the trails are open. The Beaver Meadow Bar and Grille will be open from 10:00 AM—3:00 PM on weekends for skiers and the general public.



### ***FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES***

*During the week of December 27th, Fire Prevention staff of the Concord Fire Department presented one public education program, delivered a crowd manager training class, installed one child's car seat, performed two plan reviews, performed twenty field inspections and completed five fire protection consults.*

### ***ELECTRIC SERVICE INTERRUPTION***

*Unitil has announced an electric service interruption in parts of Concord on Saturday, January 9th, from approximately 5:00-5:30 AM, so they may complete required modifications and improvements to their electrical facilities. In the event of inclement weather, the work will be rescheduled for Sunday, January 10th. Questions or concerns should be directed to Unitil's Customer Service Department at 1-800-852-3339.*



## **HALL STREET SCREW PUMP REPLACEMENT**

This week, a new influent screw pump, which will replace one of the three original influent screw pumps, was delivered to the Hall Street Wastewater Treatment Facility. The fifty foot long, six foot wide screw will be installed in the spring. Spring installation allows for a \$15,000 reduction in installation costs due to the better weather. Having the equipment on-site early allows for expedited installation, should one of the remaining pumps fail in the interim.



*New influent screw pump*

## **ICE SKATING**

Outdoor skating is in full swing in Concord. The General Services Department's Grounds Division continues to prep the ice skating surfaces on White Park Pond, the hockey rink at White Park and the recently established, and now ready for skating area, at Merrill Park.

We ask that hockey be played on the rink and not on the pond at White Park. Also, we caution citizens to stay off the pond at Merrill Park and use the skating area established next to the basketball courts. The ice on the pond is unstable and unsafe to use since the dam breached several years ago.



## **ICE SKATING DONATIONS**

The City would like to thank everyone who donated to help the Recreation Department move closer to their goal of raising \$4,000 for weekend ice maintenance at White and Merrill Parks.

As of December 18th, \$2,240 has been raised, thanks to the following donors: Capital Ski & Outing Club (\$1,000); Brochu Nursery and Landscaping (\$1,000); Scott Fabozzi & Autumn Van Sice (\$100); David and Gwen Gill (\$50); Phil Trowbridge & Laura Bonk (\$25); Kevin & Jo Roy Brooks (\$25); Pamela & Frank Kennison (\$25); and Evan Mulholland (\$15).

Those who are interested in making a donation should contact David Gill, Recreation Director, at 225-8690.