



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of Civil Rights Day, City offices will be closed on Monday, January 18th.

\$6,293,000 BONDS NET 3.10%

On January 13, 2010, the City sold \$6.3 million in bonds. Ten (10) competitive bids were received, resulting in an award to Robert W. Baird & Company, Inc. for their low bid of 3.10%. In connection with this sale, the City received bond ratings from two agencies: Moody's Investor Service, who confirmed the City's **AA2** rating and removal of a negative outlook; and Standard & Poor's, who confirmed the City's **AA** rating.

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The City's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for fiscal year ending June 30, 2009 is complete. The CAFR covers the City's financial performance for the 12-month period, July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Financial statements and statistical data for all funds are presented in the CAFR and are reported in a manner designed to fairly present the City's financial position and enable the reader to gain an accurate understanding of the City's financial activities. The 2009 CAFR is available for review on the City's web site at www.concordnh.gov/finance.

The City received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for its June 30, 2008 CAFR. This is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management. The fiscal 2009 CAFR has been submitted to the GFOA this year as well, for their certificate of achievement award.

PAWS FOR PAGES

Paws for Pages is a program designed to help kids improve their reading and communication skills. On the first and third Thursday of every month, beginning on January 21st, Lily, a chocolate Labrador Retriever, along with her handlers Janet Ulbrich and Amelia Ramsey, will be available in the Concord Public Library Children's Room from 3:30 to 5:00 PM to listen as children read to her. Lily is certified through Therapy Dogs International and is a calm, gentle dog who loves people. Children who attend will each have 15 minutes of Lily's undivided attention.

January 15, 2010



**LOOKING FOR A
COOL PLACE TO
HAVE A PARTY?**

The Recreation Department will be renting out the White Park Skate House on Saturday and Sunday mornings. For \$65 you may use the Skate House from 10:00 AM—12:00 noon and rent skates for up to 15 people. This is only available when the pond is open for skating. Call the Recreation Department at 225-8690 for more information.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Red Cross Blood Drive

January 28, 2010

2:00—7:00 PM

Beaver Meadow Golf Course





FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

The City would like to thank everyone who donated to help the Recreation Department reach their goal of raising \$4,000 for weekend ice maintenance at White and Merrill Parks. As of January 11, 2010, the Department has raised an additional \$3,050 for the skate house. The fundraising goal for the skate house operation is \$4,500. Anyone interested in making a donation should contact Recreation Director David Gill at 225-8690.



WHITE PARK SKATE HOUSE IS OPEN

Due to private donations, the Recreation Department will be able to open the skate house again this weekend. Hours of operation will be Friday night, 6:00-8:00 PM; Saturday, 1:00-5:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM; and Sunday, 1:00-5:00 PM. As there is no school on Monday, January 18th, the skate house will be open from 1:00-5:00 PM on Monday as well. Skate rentals are only \$2.00.

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

The cross country ski trails at Beaver Meadow Golf Course continue to be groomed. With the light snow and wind, many spots are thin, but the trails are open.



The Beaver Meadow Bar & Grille is open on weekends from 10:00 AM—3:00 PM for skiers and the general public.

CONCORD RECREATION NIGHT

The Concord High School Girls' Basketball Program held Recreation Night on January 5th at Concord High School for the Recreation Department's youth basketball teams. Two of the Department's 5th and 6th grade girls' teams played a mini scrimmage during half-time of the CHS Varsity game. Players and coaches enjoyed the chance to play on the big court. Thanks to the Concord High School Athletic Staff for helping to put this great night together.

SURPLUS FIRE ENGINES SOLD

The City's Purchasing Manager, working closely with the Equipment Services Superintendent, was successful in auctioning off two surplus fire engines recently. Revenue gained from the sale will offset future purchases.



FIRE PREVENTION ACTIVITIES

During the week of January 3rd, Fire Prevention staff installed two child car seats, performed two plan reviews, performed 27 field inspections and completed 11 fire protection consults.