



# City of Concord

## Weekly City Manager Newsletter

May 28, 2010

### MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLOSED

In observance of Memorial Day, City offices will be closed on Monday, May 31st.

### MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

This year's Memorial Day Parade, to be marshaled by Councilor Dan St. Hilaire, will be held on Monday, May 31st, at 9:00 AM. The parade will depart from the Burlington Coat Factory parking lot, proceeding up Pleasant Street Extension and turning right onto Main Street. The parade will continue past the State Capitol to Keane Square (opposite Walker School), will turn left onto State Street and halt at the Old North Cemetery for a short ceremony. The parade will then head south on State Street and proceed to the State House Plaza, stopping for a ceremony in front of the War Memorial. In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be canceled and a ceremony will be held in the State House Hall of Flags at 9:30 AM.



### CITY CEMETERIES PREPARE FOR MEMORIAL DAY

The Grounds Division of the General Services Department has been very busy the last two weeks preparing the cemeteries for Memorial Day. Additional staff from the Parks and Tree crews have assisted the cemetery staff with trimming and mowing operations throughout the cemeteries. Staff of Beaver Meadow Golf Course also assisted with mowing and trimming last week at Maple Grove Cemetery. All the cemeteries have been mowed and trimmed at least once prior to the holiday weekend. In addition to mowing and trimming operations, staff have prepared 414 flower beds at the cemeteries and planted flowers, funds for which are provided by the Flower Trust Fund. The following flowers were planted: 3,000 geraniums, 3,000 marigolds, 2,000 Dusty Millers, 1,000 blue ageratums, 100 petunias, and 10 German ivy. Staff also put out flower arrangements at 20 graves that families purchased many years ago. A special trust fund provides the funds for these arrangements.



### NH PROPERTY TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

Applications for New Hampshire's Low and Moderate Income Homeowner's Property Tax Relief Program are available on the web at [www.nh.gov/revenue](http://www.nh.gov/revenue) or may be obtained from the City's Assessing Office. Unlike previous years, the forms will not be mailed to previously qualifying residents. Property owners who owned their homes on April 1, 2009 may apply to the State for relief of a portion of the State education property tax. There is **no age requirement or asset limit** for this program. A single person whose total household income was \$20,000 or less in 2009, and married persons or head of NH households with total household income of \$40,000 or less may apply.

Completed forms must be postmarked **no later than June 30, 2010**, and sent to the NH Department of Revenue Administration, Document Processing Division, P.O. Box 299, Concord, NH 03302-0299. Applicants will need to include a copy of their January or March 2010 tax bill and a copy of their 2009 Federal tax return. If the property is in a trust, a copy of the entire trust document must be submitted. For more information about the program, call 271-2191.



## UPSTAIRS, DOWNTOWN

On Thursday, June 3rd, from 5:30-7:30 PM, Main Street Concord, Inc. will present "Upstairs, Downtown", a guided walking tour of upper floor, downtown properties.

The tour will highlight both rehabilitated residential and commercial space. To illustrate the potential that exists within the district, two pre-rehab properties, including a historic theater where Abraham Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt spoke, are included on the route.



The tour is open to the public and will depart promptly at 5:30 PM from the Red River Theatre marquee. Attendees will be invited to continue the conversation with a wine and cheese reception immediately following the tour.

Tickets for the tour are \$20 and can be purchased at [www.mainstreetconcord.com](http://www.mainstreetconcord.com) or by calling 226-2150.

## NOTICE TO VOTERS

June 1, 2010 is the last day citizens may change their party affiliation before the September 14, 2010 State Primary. Party affiliation changes can be made at the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, through Tuesday, June 1st. The City Clerk's Office will stay open until 7:30 PM on June 1st to accommodate voters who cannot make it in to the office during regular business hours.

## NOTICE OF CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD

Residents wishing to file for State Representative or Delegate to the Republican State Convention may do so in the City Clerk's Office. The filing period for the September 14, 2010 State Primary Election begins on June 2, 2010 and runs through June 11, 2010. The filing fee to run for State Representative is \$2.00. There is no fee to run as a Delegate to the Republican State Convention. Residents wishing to file to run for any other State office may do so at the Secretary of State's Office. Filings are accepted at the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. The City Clerk's Office will stay open until 5:00 PM on the last day of filing. For more information, call the City Clerk's Office at 225-8500.

## DOG LICENSING

In accordance with RSA 466:1, all dogs four months of age or older shall be licensed annually. There are approximately 5,200 dogs within the City and, to date, approximately 2,400 of them have had their licenses renewed. Residents may license their dog in person at the City Clerk's Office, Monday through Friday, between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM. Licensing fees are as follows: \$10.00 for non-spayed or non-neutered dogs; \$7.50 for spayed or neutered dogs; \$7.50 for dogs under 8 months of age; \$2.00 for the first dog of owners age 65 and over (regular fee for additional dogs); and \$20.00 for five or more dogs of the same owner. **Owners who license their dog after May 31, 2010 are subject to additional fees.** Before a license is issued, the owner or keeper of the dog must furnish a current rabies certificate, if one is not on file with the City Clerk.



Residents who do not renew their dog licenses will be subject to civil forfeiture fines. Citizens who no longer own their dog, or who are no longer Concord residents, should contact the City Clerk's Office at 225-8500 or via e-mail at [cityclerk@concordnh.gov](mailto:cityclerk@concordnh.gov), so that they may update their records. Providing the City Clerk's Office with updated information will save tax dollars on certified postage when the City begins the issuance of \$25.00 civil forfeitures in July for unlicensed dogs.



### **NORTH STATE STREET IMPROVEMENTS**

Next week, the contractor will be fine grading and base paving the section of North State Street recently box constructed; from Knight Street to Lake Street, and Knight Street itself. One lane traffic conditions will persist in this area, with delays anticipated during hours of operation, typically 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The public is advised to seek alternate routes whenever possible.



National Grid and R.H. White continue gas service relays to customers on Peabody, K, and View Streets. Minor traffic delays are expected on these streets.

### **CRESCENT/EAST STREET WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT**

The contract for this project (CIP #84) has been awarded to Greene and Russell, Inc. of Concord, in the amount of \$232,128. The contractor is scheduled to mobilize on June 2nd. The project includes replacing 240 feet of water main on East Street, 360 feet on Crescent Street, and 200 feet on Walnut Street. All abutters have been notified and minor traffic disruptions are anticipated. The project is scheduled for completion by July 10th.

### **CIP #511 - AIRPORT SIGNAGE AND LIGHTING PROJECT**

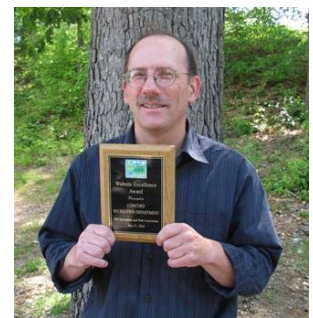
The early spring provided an opportunity for the City's contractor to install new taxiway and runway signs and lights prior to the arrival of the Karner Blue butterflies. This work was completed within two weeks. The much-needed wind sock will be installed mid-June.

### **CIP #469 - AIRPORT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

The NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT), Bureau of Aeronautics, recently approved a grant in the amount of \$294,228 (95% Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and 2.5% City and State share) for an environmental assessment project at the Concord Airport. Most of the summer will be spent collecting and documenting field data to include endangered or threatened habitat, vegetation and wildlife. In addition, an archeological and historical significance study will be prepared. Once the data has been analyzed, a public meeting will be held to solicit input from the community and airport stakeholders. Data will be used to determine any impacts to capital projects proposed in the next 5-7 years. If proposed projects are impacted, mitigation alternatives will be submitted to NHDOT and FAA for review and approval. The project is scheduled to be completed in early spring 2011.

### **WEB SITE AWARD**

The Recreation Department recently received the NH Recreation and Parks Association (NHRPA) Website Excellence Award. The NHRPA praised the Recreation Department for having a very complete, informative and always up-to-date web site. The Recreation web site receives over 110,000 hits on its main page each year. The Department's web site is updated and edited by Recreation Assistant John Dennett, pictured below.



*Recreation Assistant John Dennett*

### **NON-RESIDENT POOL PASSES**

The Recreation Department will begin issuing non-resident pool passes on June 1st. Non-resident families may purchase a family pass for \$110 at the Recreation Office. The Family Pass is good at any of the City's seven pools during the 2010 season. Residents are not required to have a pool pass but will need to show identification at the pools. Pools are scheduled to open on June 19th.



