



TOWN OF CONCORD

Office of the Town Manager

Operational Status Reports & Departmental Updates

For the Week Ending March 17, 2023

General Administration

Personnel News

Town Manager Kerry Lafleur is pleased to announce the appointment of Mimi Graney to the position of Economic Vitality Manager. Mimi brings a proven track record of creative, collaborative, and community-based solutions to economic development challenges. In both Somerville and Chelsea, Ms. Graney fostered productive partnerships between government, business, non-profit and resident stakeholders to effect meaningful change in struggling neighborhoods.



Mimi Graney, Economic Vitality Manager

As founding Executive Director of Union Square Main Streets in Somerville, Ms. Graney led efforts to turn around Union Square, beginning with a successful farmer's market initiative. The next 10 years proved transformative for the Union Square area, as the farmer's market and quirky festivals spurred interest and investment in the area. The new MBTA Union Station opened in 2022 and the nearby Ames complex is now a hub of innovation.

Fun facts! Not only did Mimi launch Somerville's Fluff Festival, she also wrote a book on Marshmallow Fluff. In a connection to Concord, as a Justice of the Peace, Mimi once officiated at a wedding ceremony between an English groom and an American bride on the Old North Bridge. The nervous groom dropped the wedding ring but fortunately it was found before it swept away down the Concord River. We look forward to Mimi joining the Town of Concord on Monday, April 3, 2023.

Fire Department

The Fire Department responded to 63 calls for service this week. Included was a response to Newbury Court Assisted Living for an alarm investigation. On arrival the crews found carbon monoxide detectors sounding in the North Building, and on further investigation with CO meters found levels



as high as 500 parts per million which is an extremely hazardous amount of carbon monoxide. 107 occupants of the North Building and the “Gardens” memory support unit were relocated to other areas of the complex. Mutual aid companies from Lincoln, Acton, Sudbury, Bedford, Lexington, Maynard, Carlisle, Weston, Wayland, Boxborough and Littleton were used to assist with relocation of residents, the ventilation and monitoring of the building while the source was found and mitigated. Additionally, a Fire District 14 resource, an “ambulance strike team” was called because of the potential need to transport many occupants. The strike team ambulances were from the Hopkinton, Holliston, Ashland, Hopedale, and Natick Fire Departments, as well as a Brewster ambulance from the city of Framingham.

The source was identified as malfunctioning component of the exhaust system in the buildings heating plant.

Two residents and two contractors were transported to Emerson Hospital, and all other occupants were evaluated by Fire/EMS. The teamwork with the Concord Police and our mutual partners made it possible to safely relocate a large number of residents safely and quickly mitigate the incident.

Police Department

Activity Log March 9, 2023 – March 15, 2023

Log items	715
Traffic Enforcement	58
Motor Vehicle Stops	94
MV Crashes and/or Paper Exchanges	6
Arrests	1



Dets. Paladino and Rodriguez with Nashoba Brooks students

Emergency Response

The dayshift assisted Concord Fire Department with scene control and traffic issues related to the investigation of a carbon monoxide incident at the Rivercrest Long Term Care on Deaconess Road. Multiple residents were evacuated for a short period of time while the Concord Fire Department conducted their investigation.

Community

Detective Paladino and Detective Rodriguez spoke with the second-grade students at Nashoba Brooks School as part of safety day.

Training/Professional Development

The Department sponsored a training on responding to mental health calls for first responders. The Eliot Center administered the training which was attended by supervisors from Concord PD along with officers from several neighboring communities.

Economic Vitality & Tourism

- The Concord 250 Marketing and Communications Committee has created a shared calendar for all Concord 250 Events, agendas, historical events and more. Beth Williams and Stewart Ikeda (Umbrella Arts) are the administrators and are training each of the Exec. Committee members and one designee from each subcommittee to understand how to read and add to the shared events. These events will then feed into the public calendar hosted on www.visitconcord.org.

Natural Resources

- **Natural Resources Commission Meeting of March 15th**

The Commission heard the following projects: A Notice of Intent (NOI) to construct an addition, resurface pavement, reconstruct a sidewalk and landscape at 59 Walden Street ; a NOI to expand an existing driveway, construct a walkway/deck and install geothermal wells at 141 Commerford Road; a NOI to construct a roofed porch at 33 West Circle; a NOI to construct a paver patio and stone walls at 343 Commonwealth Ave; a Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA) to expand an existing garage at 156 Upland Road. Permits were issued for the construction of a porch at 33 West Circle, patio and stone wall construction at 343 Commonwealth Ave, and garage expansion at 156 Upland Road. NOI's for the projects at 59 Walden Street and 141 Commerford Road were continued to the 4/5/2023 meeting. NOIs for rehabilitation of an existing building and parking lot at 794 Elm Street and construction of an addition to a single-family home at 300 Ministerial Drive were continued without discussion to 4/5/2023, with the expectation that, pending receipt of revised plans prior to the meeting, the NRC will issue permits for both projects. Three new applications were received for the 4/5/2023 meeting including a NOI for grading and construction of a rip rap slope at 53A Annursnac Hill Road; a RDA for septic system replacement at 457 Westford Road; and a RDA for construction of a stone terrace at 49 Liberty Street.

- **Land Management Tractor**

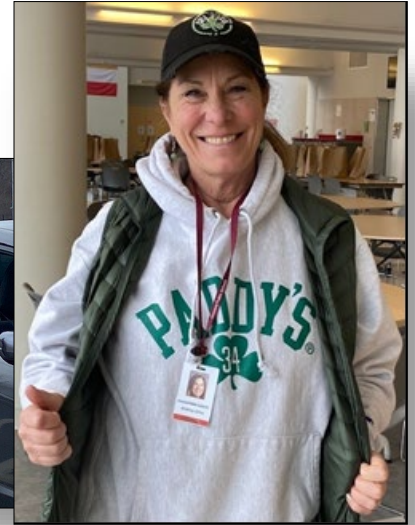
The Natural Resources Division is planning to purchase an L3901HST Kubota compact utility tractor (CUT) to assist with the management of over 1,500 acres of town conservation land, 35 miles of trails, parking areas, meadows, and fields. A tractor is the single most important tool for land management, and this will greatly assist the Division with mowing, parking lot maintenance, trail grading and drainage work, brush management and chipping, material moving and spreading, and invasives species removal. CUT's are designed as a smaller but more versatile version of an agricultural tractor capable of a large variety of land projects.



Interest in CMLP's electric vehicle rebates is accelerating. In January and February 2023, enrollment in the EV Miles off-peak charging incentive program was 80% higher than during the same period last year. Applications for the \$250 home EV charging system rebate went up 60%.

Concord on Aging

An outstanding student group from CCHS delivered St. Patrick's Day Lunch to over 130 senior Concord residents on March 11. The annual event was a Grab & Go effort that featured corned beef, cabbage, potatoes, soda bread, dessert, and a pot o' gold & green wishes. Health teacher and student advisor, Andrea Gillis, shows off her Irish-Patriots-Athletic spirit!



Andrea Gillis, Health Teacher, CCHS



