



Town of Concord

Weekly Operations Report

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Concord250

We are the final week of preparation for the 250. The Fire Department was joined by the Independent Battery, members of the community, and 250th Committee to hoist the new 15' by 25' flag in the center. The soggy weather did not dampen the spirits of the crowd there to celebrate the arrival of this much larger flag right on time for the big weekend.



The GIS team has developed an interactive [mobile app](#) that puts all the 250 information, maps, and event schedules in one place. Click the graphic on the right to be taken to the link. Save it to your favorites or pin it to the home screen of your mobile device for Concord250 on the go.

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schedules, events, and
more!

Fire Department

The fire department has been busy with our day-to-day operations as well as preparing for the 250th Anniversary Celebration. We have incorporated preparedness for the event into our training and collaborations. In regards to the 250th, they met with numerous agencies over the last two weeks including National Grid, MEMA, and internal stakeholders.

Over the past two weeks, the fire department responded to 288 calls for service. Among these was a three-car accident on Route 2, where one vehicle caught fire after its fuel line

was compromised. Due to the distance to the nearest water supply, a tanker was requested and dispatched from the Hanscom Fire Department. Additionally, we provided mutual aid to neighboring communities on eight occasions.

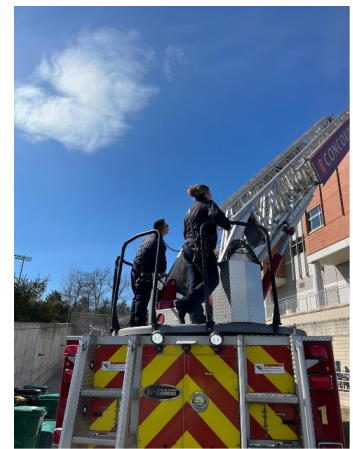
Our Fire Prevention has been very busy as well. They have done 83 Inspections, 93 Permits and 11 Plan Reviews since the last newsletter.

- They have conducted the annual inspection in conjunction with the building department at Middlesex School. This inspection takes several full days.
- Collaborated with Nashoba Brooks School and the Concord Police Department on an ALICE drill. The Nashoba Brooks School conducted the drill using industry best practices and testing their technology alerting system.
- They updated the keys at the Best Western/ Shelter. The shelter is slated to close on August 30th of this year.
- They are also working with the planning division on two developments coming soon. The 1440 Main Street/ Highland Ave is in the process of getting permits and earth removal permits. The Forrest Ridge Road/ Thoreau Hills Project had its final revision, that project is slated to get permits in the coming months.
- Lt. Nichols attended MEMA training on the WebEOC platform in preparation for the Concord 250th event, as well as a class on Vacant/Abandoned Buildings presented by the Fire Prevention Association of Massachusetts.
- Asst. Fire Chief Latta and Lt. Nichols have been conducting safety inspections of Food Trucks along with the Concord Public Health Department in preparation for the Concord 250th event.
- 190 Burning permits have been issued so far this season (which runs to May 1st). Information on obtaining burning permits and burning safely can be found at <https://www.concordma.gov/237/Open-Burning-Permit-Information>.

****Friendly reminder that there will be no burning leading up to or during the 250th Anniversary Celebration Events from April 16th through April 21st. Burning will reopen on April 22nd. ****

Training

Concord Fire Department's Squad 9 and their Boat were used for joint training with District 14 Dive Team and Massachusetts State Police Marine Unit on March 27th. They operated on the rivers and gathered information with sonar in preparation for the 250th. A portion of the team also conducted a drill at Damon Mill to practice rope systems used for current diving operations.



Other training done by members of the Concord Fire Department include the TEEX Wide Area Search course in South Deerfield. Lt. Nelson and Capt. Ostroskey attended and learned techniques for assessing disaster-affected areas, prioritizing search zones, and applying these methods to both large-scale and smaller incidents. They also networked with a variety of agencies, such as MA State Police and FEMA Task Force, building connections for future collaborations.

Concord Fire Fighters train on a continual basis to keep their skills honed for any emergencies that they are needed for. Most recently they have spent time on ladder training and 250th Anniversary Celebration preparations.

HazMat

Captain Ferrie and Lieutenant Niemi attended HazMat District 3's monthly training at the Massachusetts Fire Academy on 4-9-25. This month's training focused on the response and mitigation of Chlorine leaks from various types of storage containers and included lectures and practical components.

S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness Fire Education)

Acting Lieutenant Evan Foisy and Fire Fighter Steve Morse went to the Tremont School for their Career Day. They spoke about smoke and CO alarms. They also brought the engine.



Human Services

Open Table

Open Table is happy to announce the new location for our donation bin! The bin is now located at the **Concord Human Services building, 55 Church St, in West Concord.** Assistant Town Manager Jessica Porter was on hand for the bin delivery and placement. This location can now receive non-perishable donations which will be picked up by Open Table volunteers for distribution. Thank you to the Town of Concord for hosting our donation bin! We are grateful for community partnerships like yours to help us spread More Love, Less Hunger!



Department of Planning and Land Management

Health Division

250th Celebration Preparation

As we approach the 250th celebration, the Health Department has been busy wrapping up food truck inspections for participating vendors. We've also been finalizing the placement of porta-potties and coordinating the locations for portable water stations, such as quench buggies, to ensure easy access to drinking water during the event.



Routine Public Health Inspections & Services

- Our inspectors continue to conduct routine septic system inspections and food establishment inspections to maintain public health standards.
- Blood Pressure Clinics continue to be offered at the Council on Aging to support community health.
- COVID-19 test kits remain available for residents at the Concord Health Division, Council on Aging, and Library locations.

Community Health Needs Assessment & Behavioral Health Initiatives

The results from the Public Health Needs Assessment have been released, providing valuable insights into the town's health priorities. Key findings highlight concerns around

mental health access, substance use prevention, and the need for expanded community health outreach.

- Public Health Director Ms. Dineen and Public Health Nurse Ms. Carter presented the Community Health Needs Assessment Summary Report to the Board of Health.
- The Concord Behavioral Health Collaborative continues to focus on behavioral health priority areas for a Community Health Improvement Plan, with support from Boston University Master of Public Health candidate interns.
- Ms. Carter attended the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) Volunteer Training Day on 3/4/2025 to enhance emergency preparedness efforts.



Yellow Tulip Project – Mental Health Awareness

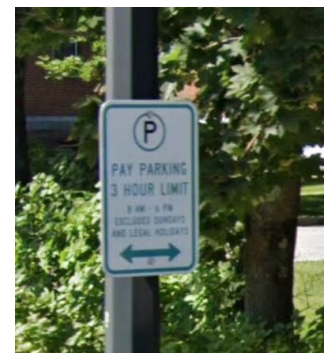
The Concord Health Division partnered with Emerson Health to bring the Yellow Tulip Project to Concord. This initiative promotes mental health awareness and works to break the stigma surrounding mental illness. Tulips were planted outside the Beede Swim & Fitness Center and the Council on Aging, symbolizing hope and resilience. Watch for them to bloom this spring!



Town Engineer

Parking Meter Posts Removal

The last of the parking meter posts were removed on Main St and Walden St by the contractor, KB Aruda Construction. The post locations on the sidewalks were repaired bringing this project to a close as stipulated prior to the 250th events. With the parking meters gone, signs like the PAY PARKING 3 HOUR LIMIT are to be replaced with signs indicating the time limit. CPW Highway and Grounds Division has ordered new signs to existing 36 signs.



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Main Street – Pavement Markings

This past week, National Grid installed pavement markings to wrap up its work on Main St related to the repairs of three gas leaks over the past few months. CPW Engineering mandated that these and other crosswalk markings yet to be installed at the Walden St intersection by Lazaro will be completed before the 250th events. Additionally, refreshing all pavement markings along the parade route is planned for the coming weeks.

Church Street Parking Lot Repairs

CPW Engineering and its consultant, McClure, are developing a design to primarily rehabilitate the poor pavement at the Church St parking lot but also to take the opportunity to improve parking, circulation, drainage, shade, etc. Discussions have been held with the occupants of the Harvey Wheeler Community Center and the Town offices at 55 Church St to understand their concerns with the existing lot. The work is expected to be performed later this year.

Street Paving 2025

On March 5th, CPW Engineering presented to the Public Works Commission the list of streets selected for resurfacing and the type of treatments to be performed in the 2025 construction season. Following that meeting, Engineering is planning to host a virtual meeting for abutting residents on the proposed streets to provide comments and ask questions. Below is the list totaling approximately 8 miles for the 2025 resurfacing projects. Please note that this list is subject to change based on bid prices received and funding available at the time contracts are being awarded.

Priority locations chosen for the 2025 Pavement Management Projects

Street Name	From Street Name	To Street Name	Planned Treatment Method
Adin Dr	Fairhaven Rd	Cul-De-Sac	RECONSTRUCTION
Hill St	Laws Brook Rd	Hillside Av	RECONSTRUCTION
Pond View Ln	Lowell Rd	Cul-De-Sac Loop	RECONSTRUCTION
Silver Hill Rd	Turning Mill Road	Cul-De-Sac Loop	RECONSTRUCTION
Elm St	Wood St	Baker Av	MILL & OVERLAY
Lowell Rd	Westford Rd	Carlisle Town Line	MILL & OVERLAY
Main St	Wood St	Old Rd	MILL & OVERLAY
Maple St	Laws Brook Rd	Bradford St	MILL & OVERLAY
Musketaquid Rd	Elm St	Simon Willard Rd	MILL & OVERLAY
Orchard Rd	Old Marlboro Rd	Main St	MILL & OVERLAY
Plain Field Rd	Fitchburg Tpke	Powder Mill Rd	MICRO-SURFACE
Kenney Ln	Phillip Farm	Cul-de-sac	MICRO-SURFACE
Walden Ter	Thoreau St	Cul-De-sac	MICRO-SURFACE
Cambridge Tpke	Lexington Road	Rt2A	FOG SEAL
Whits End	Annurnsac Hill Road	Cul-de-sac	FOG SEAL
Garrison Rd	Old Bedford	End	FOG SEAL
Walden St	Hubbard St	Heywood St	FOG SEAL
Park Lane	Elm St	End	FOG SEAL

In addition, the PWC was informed of additional pavement resurfacing work that was postponed from 2024 to this construction season.

2024 Street list postponed and to be completed in 2024

Street Name	From Street Name	To Street Name	Planned Treatment Method
Old Bedford Rd	Bedford Street	Bedford Town Line	MICRO-SURFACE
Harrington Rd	Main St	Ministerial Dr(west)	MICRO-SURFACE
Southfield Rd	Entire Length	N/A	FOG SEAL
Dana Road	Entire Length	N/A	FOG SEAL
Garden Rd	Entire Length	N/A	FOG SEAL
Riverdale Rd	Entire Length	N/A	FOG SEAL
Pilgram Rd	Entire Length	N/A	FOG SEAL
Southfield Cir	Entire Length	N/A	FOG SEAL
Riverdale Cir	Entire Length	N/A	FOG SEAL
Main St	Baker Ave	Pond St	MILL & OVERLAY
Ripley Hill Rd	Monument St	Cul-de-sac	RECONSTRUCTION