



Town of Concord

Town Manager's Operations Report

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General Administration

Town Manager Office

Middle School Solar Project Update

On May 20, The Concord Public School Committee voted unanimously to approve a proposed solar site license with the Concord Municipal Light Plant. This unanimous support is a strong endorsement of this important initiative for our community.

This approval is a critical step forward, allowing the Light Plant to proceed with bidding for the new middle school's rooftop solar installation. The bid will also include an add/alternate option for solar canopies to thoroughly assess the financial feasibility and technical requirements for the complete solar project. This is a significant project designed to offset the school's annual electricity demand (approximately 1.3 MWh AC), building on the overwhelming support it received at Town Meeting and its integration into the school's original design. All necessary bid documents, including stamped plans, are ready and have been vetted by the Light Plant's legal counsel.

We anticipate sharing the Invitation for Bid (IFB) advertisement and deadline schedule with Town departments and the School after it is finalized.

Once IFB responses are received, the Light Plant will review the financials to determine the viability of including the canopies. While the canopies offer additional solar capacity, they are considerably more expensive per kilowatt than rooftop solar and would require a battery storage system, which would necessitate a follow-up site license with the district. We are actively monitoring potential challenges, including:

- Siting considerations: Despite the (battery) location being chosen by the school and their architect, in consultation with the Light Plant early in the project, we may need
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to address any potential concerns on the chosen site due to its proximity to the school building and a nearby well.

- Federal funding landscape: The ever-evolving federal landscape could introduce uncertainty regarding the Inflation Reduction Act credits this project was anticipated to receive. We are tracking this closely.

We are excited to continue expanding in-Town solar, which will not only help lower Concord's overall greenhouse gas emissions but also reduce capacity and transmission costs associated with importing power from the ISO New England grid. The Light Board will likely dedicate agenda time in the coming months for updates and discussions on this project.

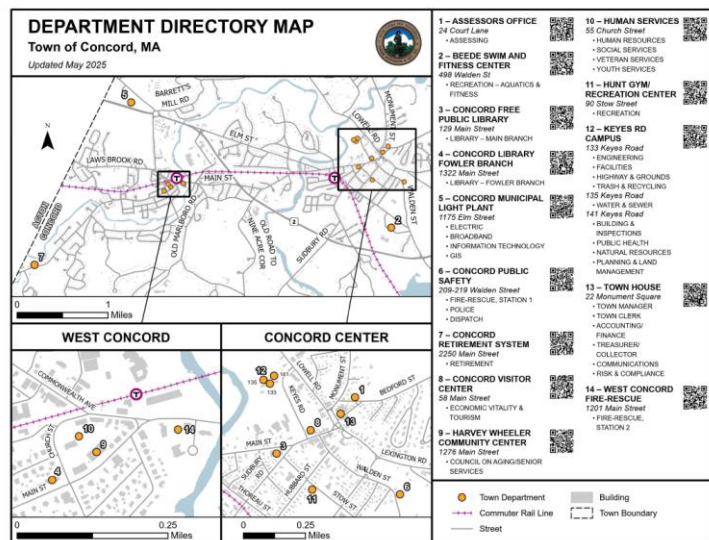
Town Department Directory Map

First, our Human Resources department in conjunction with our amazing GIS team, prepared the attached town department directory map, designed to make it easier to locate and navigate to departments across Town. This map also includes QR codes for each department location – when scanned, each code will open Google Maps with directions to the corresponding location. This tool is intended to support both internal and public-facing needs, helping

employees, residents, vendors, and visitors more easily find Town facilities. The map is in the process of being added to the Town's website. In addition to being useful, it also highlights how widely spread Town offices are across the Town.

Civic Concord Podcast

Second, Deputy Town Manager Megan Zammuto, with the support of our very talented MMN staff, was able to achieve her long-standing goal of launching the podcast series, Civic Concord, [Civic Concord - Podcast - Apple Podcasts](#). In episode one, Megan talks with Town Moderator, Carmin Reiss about the Annual Town Meeting. For her second episode, Megan is planning to dig into warrant article #8 (road maintenance funding).



Police Department

Calls for Service

Thursday, May 15th - Wednesday, May 21st, 2025

- Log items: **558**
- Traffic enforcement: **46**
- Motor vehicle stops: **46**
- Motor vehicle crashes and/or paper exchanges: **10**
- Arrests: **4**

Community

- Detective Sergeant Harrington attended Police Week events at Hanscom AFB on May 16th.
 - On May 17th, officers assisted with the Paul Revere's Bike Ride from the Concord Museum and the MS Walk from CCHS, with Detective Sergeant Harrington, Inspector Paladino, and Officer Simpson assisting with the CCHS Junior/Senior Prom in Boston.
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- Officers assisted with the National Brain Tumor Ride and the Thoreau School Road Race on May 18th.
- On May 20th, officers assisted with the bike/walk to the Alcott School.

Tourism

Patriot Pass

From May 5th through May 22nd, the Patriot Pass generated over \$600 in sales! This combination package including both a walking tour and admission to the Concord Museum saves money, adds convenience, adds partnerships, and fulfills a goal of Envision Concord

Recreation Department

Summer Camp and White Pond Activities

Recreation has hired approximately 75 staff members to help us through the summer programming, many returning local high school and college students.

White Pond Opens Saturday 10 am – 7 pm – Memorial Day then Weekends only until June 16, 2025; We are open June 16 – August 17th, 10am-7pm; Membership is Available on our website, ConcordRec.com

Emerson Pool Opens June 21, 2025

Summer Camp Open House is June 16, 2025 (Time for registered families to tour the site, meet staff, and pick up t-shirts). Also, Summer Camp Training runs June 5 – 7, 2025.

Patriot Pass

Adult:	\$32
Senior:	\$24
Youth:	\$16

Take a deep dive into Concord's remarkable history with the Patriot Pass. Through this discounted package you'll enjoy:

Admission to the Concord Museum:

- See the original lantern from Paul Revere's famous midnight ride.
- Explore dozens of objects that witnessed the day the "shot heard round the world" changed the course of history.
- Learn what it was like to live through the Revolution in the new special exhibition, *Whose Revolution*.
- Plus, view original objects owned by some of Concord's influential thinkers from Henry David Thoreau's writing desk, to Emerson's study, to Louisa May Alcott's tea kettle.



A guided historic walking tour with the Visitor Center through the streets of Concord:

- This 75-minute tour is a perfect introduction to Concord and its rich history, tracing the area's earliest beginnings to the 21st century.
- Explore the venerable streets and byways of old Concord, hearing the voices of those who have come before us while appreciating the silent stones, memorials, and buildings they have left behind.
- Learn the fuller stories of all the people of our town.






Council on Aging

Meteorologists and Trips to the Arboretum

Local TV meteorologist Eric Fisher stopped by the COA to talk about weather trends and forecasting. It was a great and informative afternoon, not to mention dry and bright inside the auditorium!



The COA van was loaded with residents as it cruised to the Arnold Arboretum in Boston's Roxbury area. The sun was out along with the rhododendrons and lilacs. A stop at Frank Pepe's Pizza added spice to the trip!

