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December 8, 2025

News and Updates from the Town of Concord

Please send your comments and feedback to publicinfo@concordma.gov.

Community Development

The Town & Alcott School Awarded a Safe Routes to Schools Grant!

The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), through its Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program, has awarded the Town and the Alcott School a \$10,000 grant through the 2025-2026 Signs and Lines Program. The funds will be used to implement low-cost infrastructure improvements, such as signage, ADA compliant curb ramp and pavement markings to improve safety and accessibility along key



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“Education is a right and ensuring that our youth, their families and educators can safely get to and from school is an investment in our future. This grant funding will enable municipalities and schools to make upgrades that create more reliable and accessible routes for everyone,” said Interim MassDOT Secretary and MBTA General Manager and CEO Phillip Eng. “Under the leadership of the Healey-Driscoll Administration, we are prioritizing safety and education as the foundation to improve quality of life for the communities we serve across the state.”

“The Safe Routes to School program builds safer communities and empowers students to walk, bike, and roll to school with confidence,” said Undersecretary and State Highway Administrator Jonathan Gulliver. “The Signs and Lines program makes travel to school more welcoming, more predictable, and more accessible for communities across the Commonwealth.”

from the Federal Highway Administration, promotes safer routes for students to actively get to and from school by fostering partnerships between community-led organizations, local law enforcement, education leaders, and public health departments. The program currently serves more than 1,200 schools in more than 280 communities across the Commonwealth. Through these partnerships, the Massachusetts SRTS Program highlights the importance of pedestrian and bicycle safety. SRTS also provides information, materials, and resources to support schools and communities with their local SRTS initiatives.

Online Workshop: Comprehensive Transportation Strategy

Did you miss the workshop on the 19th?

You still have an opportunity to participate through a virtual workshop. The Town of Concord invites you to review preliminary recommendations and strategies for the Town’s Transportation Strategy.

COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY

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Were you unable to attend the November 19th Workshops?

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Please take some time to review the workshop material links [here](#) and provide your feedback!

For more information:
concordma.gov/transitstudy

Material links will be available until December 10th.

webpage and share concerns and ideas, and help provide input on which strategies would best address the transportation issues facing Concord.

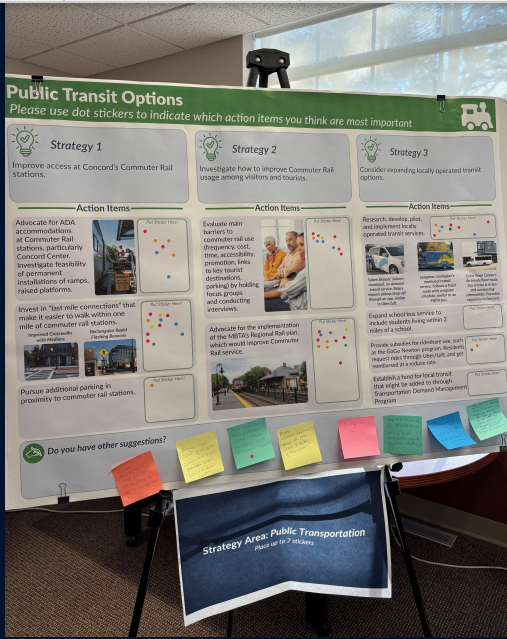
Strategies may include the implementation of a low-stress bicycle network, safety improvements to key intersections, locations to improve or build sidewalks, expanding public transportation options, increased transparency and accountability, and more.

Your valuable feedback will directly inform the future of transportation in Concord. Each member of the community can help improve the transportation experience of the town by participating in this planning process. The portal is available **until December 10.**

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Scenes from the public workshops held on November 19, 2025.

**Access the Virtual Workshop
until December 10, 2025**

Building Division

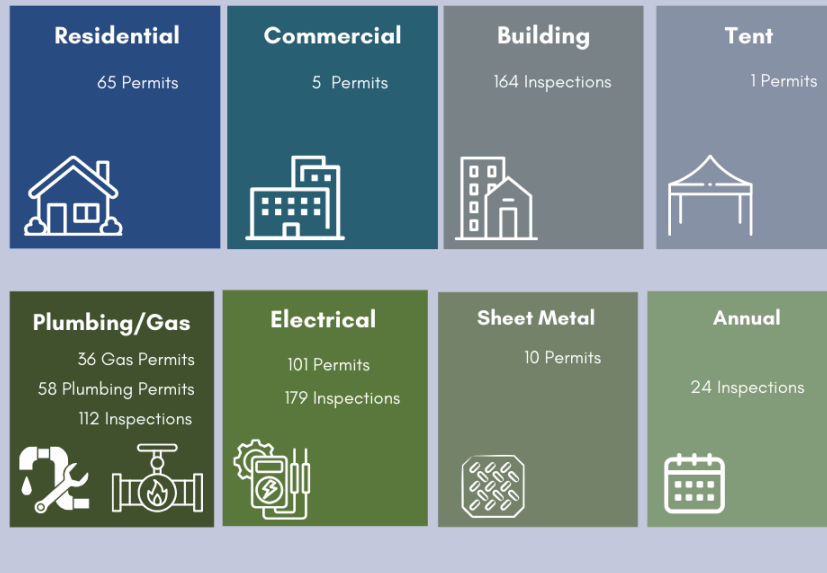
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BUILDING PERMITS - NOVEMBER 2025

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PERMIT FEES COLLECTED - \$102,898.98



Office of the Town Clerk

2026 Dog Licenses



CPD comfort dog Thor made a visit to the Town Clerk’s Office to pick up his 2026 license, with an assist from SRO Samantha Simpson. Now is the time to follow their lead and get your best friend licensed.

The window to apply for or renew dog licenses opens on December 8, 2025 and runs through March 31, 2026.

New! Effective Governance Training: Prepare for Town Meeting

When: Saturday, Dec. 13, 2025 8:30 AM-10:30 AM

Where: Town House, 22 Monument Sq.

Who should attend:
Anyone submitting a citizen petition, and members of committees with articles to go before the 2026 Town Meeting.

Topics:

- Warrant article submission and review
- Public hearing preparation
- Presentation development

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025
8:30AM - 10:30AM | TOWN HOUSE
22 MONUMENT SQ

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE WORKSHOP

NEW

Preparing for Town Meeting

<http://www.concordma.gov/TM26>

Topics Include:

- Warrant article submissions and review
- Preparing for public hearings
- Presentation development

Panelists:

- Mark Howell, SB Chair
- Carmin Reiss, Town Moderator
- Lois Wasoff, FinCom Chair
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Concord Cultural Council

Grant Cycle Closes with \$7400 in Awards

All these happy faces are those of the Concord Cultural Council (CCC) celebrating the close of their grant

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making cycle as they awarded grants of up to \$500 to enable creative activities

to serve Concord residents of all ages and abilities. The CCC reviewed nearly 50 applications from artists, educators, and local groups proposing creative projects in all kinds of creative disciplines. Project sponsors were both Concord based as well as in nearby towns with Concord residents participating.

The statewide Local Cultural Council Program is made possible by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. The CCC received \$7,400 this year, which combined with local reserves, provided the means to present grant awards of up to \$500 for dozens of community arts programs.

It's also been a big year for the Council as they took on new responsibilities overseeing the Concord Center Cultural District. For the past several months, the group has been working with consultant Zannah Noe to learn from other cultural districts, understand local strengths and opportunities, and shape a three-year work plan to guide their efforts moving forward. That plan is expected to be released mid-winter.



Pictured left to right: Chair Tooey Rogers, Hilary Taylor, Leda Zimmerman, Ronni Olitsky, Anita Tekle, Bob Gross, Jan Saragoni and Economic Vitality Manager Mimi Graney.

The CCC looks forward to supporting even more creative activity in the year ahead and thanks everyone who applied, participated, and shared their ideas.

Concord Cultural Council

Minuteman Media Network

New Episode! Civic Concord Podcast

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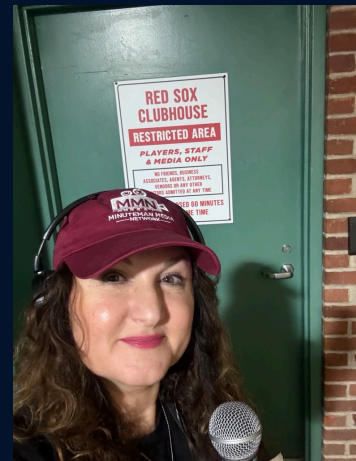
NEW EPISODE!
civic concord
 Stormwater Updates
 Megan Zammuto, Deputy Town Manager and
 Alan Cathcart, CPW Director & Samiksha
 Poudel, Environmental Engineer

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Host Megan Zammuto talks with Concord Public Works Director Alan Cathcart and Environmental Engineer-stormwater Samiksha Poudel about stormwater updates.

Find the latest episode and all episodes of Civic Concord podcast on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcast](#), or on the [Minuteman Media Network YouTube channel](#).

MMN Captures Grid Iron Highlights from Fenway Park!



Clockwise from Left: WIQH team, Julie Manoogian and Matt Beren, JM, JM and John Straggas, MB

On Thanksgiving Eve, Minuteman Media had the incredible opportunity to film at the legendary Fenway Park as the Concord-Carlisle High School football team defeated Lexington High School. Our crew captured the event from both the control room and the field, and we livestreamed the full game on our YouTube channel. We collaborated with Fenway Productions, and the commentary was delivered by the talented student broadcasters from WIQH, the high school radio station.

scenes video dropping soon!

Council on Aging

Concord Friends of Aging Holiday Luncheon



There was a full house at Nashawtuc Country Club when The Concord Friends of Aging hosted their annual Holiday Luncheon. A non-profit entity that supports Concord senior residents, the COA is grateful for the wonderful work the “Friends” has done for over 40 years in our community.

It was a festive, delicious and musical afternoon for all.

The Silver Moon Gypsies Dance Troupe

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It's never too late to shake your booty

and that's exactly what The Silver Moon Gypsies Dance Troupe did at the COA.

The dancers believe that staying active and having fun is for everyone despite age or ability! The troupe ranges in age from 71 – 90 years and brought high energy and an uplifting performance for all.



Coming Events!

Latkes & Laughter, Dec. 17 2025 5-6 Pm

Celebrate the Festival of Lights!

Join friends and neighbors for the 5th Annual Community Chanukah Celebration. We'll gather at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center for interactive songs, a menorah lighting, and delicious latkes provided by Debra's Natural Gourmet.

Hosted by Kerem Shalom and the Town of Concord.



Donate to Concord's Holiday Gift Card Program

Concord's **Community Services Division** invites you to donate a gift card to a local family in need this

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There is still time to make a difference for a child's holiday. **Donations will be accepted until December 15th.** Contact Bonny Wilbur at bwilbur@concordma.gov or 978-318-3034 with any questions or for more information.

Thank you on behalf of your neighbors in need! Best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season!

holiday season. Last year's program provided financial support to over 115

children living in Concord.

Gift card donations from any vendor are welcome! Some suggestions are local merchants, restaurants, pharmacies, or Amazon or VISA gift cards. Supermarket gift cards would be especially welcome this year.

Donations may be mailed to Bonny Wilbur, Community Services Coordinator, 55 Church Street, Concord.

Or you can drop your donation at:

- **Town House, 22 Monument Square** - Dropbox located in the lobby to the left of the main entrance.
- **55 Church Street**, across from the Harvey Wheeler Community Center – Dropbox located to the right of the entrance, accessible any time day or night.

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Visitor Center

Concord History to Go!

Looking for gift ideas? The Concord Visitor Center has you covered with history gift packs.

Combine a tour with special commemorative items, from warm winter hats to Concord250 memorabilia.



December Hours and Tour Times

Monday - Friday 10 AM - 2 PM
Saturday & Sunday 9 AM - 4 PM

Tours on weekends at 1 PM
Family Tours on December 22, 23, and 26 at 11 AM

Closed on December 25
Always open online!

[VisitConcord.org](https://www.visitconcord.org)

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