

## Around the City in a sentence | Catch-up quickly on department news

**Airport:** MHT's "Wings for Autism" program takes off. For more information (including video) please visit flymanchester.com;

**Assessor:** We recently attended a meeting at the DRA regarding the possibility for the State to contract for aerial photography. Cities and towns would get access to the data for \$3,000 per year. A full Pictometry over-flight of Manchester, if done independently, would far exceed this cost. If you are interested in more information visit, pictometry.com or stop by the Assessors office.

**City Clerk:** There is a Special Election for State Representative in Ward 2 on Tuesday, March 19th.

**Finance:** Do you have a check that has stumbled onto your desk and you have no idea which department it should be sent to? Please forward to Finance/Treasury. We LOVE money and would be happy to find its home!

**Fire:** Chief Burkush & the MFD are proud to announce that a committee has been formed to produce a yearbook. In 1994, the dept. produced a yearbook commemorating 150 years of history and a proud tradition of service to the citizens of Manchester. The focus of this yearbook will be a look back on how the department has evolved since 1994. If anyone has any photos of the MFD to share, covering 1994 to present, please contact either Captain Rich McGahey or Linda Miccio, Co-Chairs at 669-2256.

**Fleet:** Tom Giovagnoli has joined the department. He started on Tuesday (2/19).

**Health:** Suzanne Rouleau, RN, MSN, HHS, a Community Health Nurse at the Health Dept. was named by her peers as the Health Dept. 2012 Employee of the Year. Congrats!

**Human Resources:** There's a new face at the front desk. Ann-Marie Curry, has joined the dept. as an Admin. Asst.

**Information Systems:** Welcomes Eric Levesque, who came from Corning. Eric

has a BA in Computer Science and Anthropology, is certified in fiber optic installation and is an Iraq war veteran. Welcome Eric.

**Library:** Our library consortium, which consists of 12 member libraries in the Greater Manchester area, has been awarded a grant from the Samuel P. Hunt Foundation to begin offering the 3M Cloud Library, a new eBook service, directly through the library's online catalog.

**Mayor:** Mayor Gatsas and members of the Board of Aldermen welcomed a delegation from Manchester, England to discuss trade and the Sister City Project.

**MEDO:** A fond farewell to Chris Wellington who is leaving the MEDO office to join the Department of Revenue and Economic Development (DRED) at the State level.

**MTA:** Bus service remained running during winter storm NEMO. No bus was more than 5 minutes late. Kudos to MTA drivers!

**OYS:** OYS is organizing Winterfest 2013 for February School Vacation (Feb. 23 to Mar. 3). Free and low-cost activities will be available for children and families at public and private venues in the Greater Manchester area. The full schedule is posted on the OYS page of the City website.

**Parking:** Krystyna "Krys" Donati is retiring on February 28, 2013 after 15+ years of service as a parking control officer. Her plans include spending time with her four grandsons, traveling to Italy with her husband Dino, and practicing tai chi. Krys has been a wonderful co-worker and a good friend. She will be greatly missed and we wish her the very best.

**Planning:** The Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant program has been moved back in-house to the Planning & Comm. Development Dept. after several years of the program being administered by a consultant. As a result there are three new faces in our department tending to the details of this \$4 million grant. Welcome to Claude Rounds, Ross Malcolm & Mary Jo Christian.

**Police:** On February 4th Officer Daniel Doherty returned to work and reported for Roll Call at 7:00 A. M. For a tour of the MPD call Kim Demers at 792-5403.

**Public Works: (Parks, Facilities, EPD):** The DPW moved a majority of their vehicles into the new Vehicle Storage Building on February 1st. The building is over 48,000sf in area. It will be used to store equipment such as loaders, dump trucks, and graders. It is the last building to be completed within the Municipal Complex Project. DPW workers can now pre-load our salt trucks before a winter storm and the equipment will be on the street quicker. This building will not only enhance the safety of the streets, but also increase the safety for our employees. **EPD:** Chief Engineer Fred McNeill was honored by the New England Water Environment Association with a lifetime achievement award for his contributions to the environmental engineering industry.

**Senior Services:** Senior Services welcomes Kimberly Bean to the staff. Kimberly is becoming acquainted with the many seniors who frequent the Center. She will be a great asset. If you are visiting the Center please make it a point to introduce yourself to Kimberly!

**Water Works:** MWW is gearing up for the 20th annual 4th grade city science fair. The theme is "Ride the Cycle." Students are encouraged to present projects associated with the water cycle and similar water related topics. Cheryl Wood, Laboratory Manager and microbiologist has helped kids in city elementary schools learn about the fascinating topic of "water" since 1994. If you'd like to help sponsor or just be involved, call Cheryl at 603-624-6482.

**Welfare:** The Welfare Department hours of operation were revised in mid-December. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

**FYI:** The Events Committee & the Quality Council are looking for members. Please call Vicki 624-6500 if you are interested.

### DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT: DISCOVERY CHANNEL TO PROFILE MANCHESTER HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION



They were filming for "Nightmare Next Door," a program that will recount the investigation into the homicide of Mary Stetson,

In mid-January, the MPD hosted a television production crew filming for an upcoming Discovery Channel television program featuring a 1999 Manchester Homicide Investigation.

found murdered in July 1999. The investigation led to the arrest and conviction of Vaclav Plch, who is serving life without parole in New Hampshire State Prison.

The production included interviews of the Manchester officers involved in the investigation including Sgt. Scott Fuller, Lt. Soucy and retired Capt. Mark Putney.

Discovery Channel plans to air the program later in the spring. *Pictured: Lt. Soucy being interviewed.*



## CITY OF MANCHESTER THE QUEEN CITY CONNECTOR

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### A HISTORICAL TOUR THROUGH CITY HALL

The Queen City is rich with history and City Hall also has a story to tell. Thanks to JoAnn Ferruolo this history can now be more easily shared.

Recently JoAnn put together the *City Hall Historical Guide*. This is a printed self-guided tour of City Hall and its grounds. It's informative and should be enjoyed by everyone. Here are a few of the highlights:

**The Beginning:** On March 10, 1841, the founding fathers of Manchester voted to construct a town hall on land deeded from the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company for \$2,500.

On August 12, 1844 a fire completely destroyed the three year old town hall building.

**Rebuilding Town Hall:** In October 1845 a larger gothic revival style town hall was completed for a cost of \$35,000. The new building

contained a clock tower and a bell, both are in existence today.

**Manchester Becomes A City:** In June 1846 Manchester became the first city in New Hampshire to adopt a city charter.

**Renovations to City Hall:** In 1895 through renovations the entrance was moved from Market Street to Elm Street.

**City Hall Historical Site:** On June 13, 1975 City Hall was registered on the National Register of Historic Places

**City Hall Annex:** In December 1969 Manchester purchased the Hillsborough County Courthouse which became the Annex.

**Historical Restoration:** In 1999 the city completed a \$7.3 million renovation and the original entrance was moved back to Market Street. At the time a walk-

way was built to connect City Hall and the Annex (See page 3 to continue your tour.)

#### That was then . . .



#### This is now . . .



### A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Congratulations to Tracy Boudreau from the Dept. of Public Works for providing the winning name of the city newsletter: *The Queen City Connector*. Tracy was the lucky recipient of the \$25 gift certificate to Ignite.

Many thanks to everyone that submitted a name. They included: *Off the Radar, Man-Chatter, The Staff Scoop, Queen City Notable, Manchester 101, The Manchester Minute, Manchester Monitor and the City Hallah!* What a creative bunch

we have here at City Hall.

If you are travelling for the winter break please be safe and enjoy yourself!

Regards,

*Seel Gatsas*

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#### Picture of the Month



Tracy Boudreau wins it!

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to these city employees that have reached a milestone with the City of Manchester in the month of February (and a few from January):

#### 10 years:

David Mears  
Highway Department  
Joanne Barcomb  
Water Works

Matthew Pettengill  
Police, Communications

#### 15 years:

Frank Stenger  
Water Works  
John Williams  
Fire Communication

#### 25 years:

Thomas Bozoian  
Highway  
Gene Coburn  
Highway

Jonathan Hopkins  
Police

Daniel Knight  
Planning & Community Dev.

#### 30 years:

Janice Auger  
Library

#### 35 years:

Tom Clark  
City Solicitor  
Colleen Harressey  
Tax

Mark St. Hilaire  
Library  
Gary Mitchell  
EPD

**FYI: USEFUL TIPS AND INFORMATION**

**Where do you go for all your HR needs:** All the information you need about city benefits is right at your fingertips. Add manchesternh.gov/hr to your favorites list. Here's a sampling of what you will find:

- Information about vision coverage;
- Information about gym membership reimbursement;
- Submit a bright idea;
- Find current job openings;
- Wellness committee postings;
- Information about Compass SmartShopper;
- Copy of the employee handbook.

**Maintenance tip of the month from Fleet Maintenance:** Drivers should check their engine oil every time you fuel your vehicle. When checking oil remember that too much oil is just as bad for an engine as too little oil. An engine with too little oil is not getting the lubrication it needs to run properly resulting in excessive wear and possibly engine failure. An engine with too much oil can blow seals and the oil could foam resulting in the engine not being lubricated properly and thus experiencing the same problems as an engine with too little oil.

Oil should be kept between the minimum and maximum level on the dipstick. To check your oil, park on level ground then wait for 2 to 3 minutes for the oil to settle. Pull out the dipstick and wipe it with a clean cloth and place it back in. Then pull the dipstick out and read the oil level. If it is between the minimum and maximum levels it is fine. If it is below the minimum level add the amount of oil recommended in your owners/operators manual.

**Parking Customer Service:** Customer service is a priority in the Parking Division. It is located in the Victory Parking

Garage at 25 Vine Street and is open from 7:00am-10:00pm Monday-Friday for your convenience! Or give them a call at 624-6580.

**Saturday night skate @ JFK:** Try the new public skating session at JFK Coliseum from 8:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Sat. for only \$5 dollars, (\$3 dollars for kids), rent skates there or bring your own. For a full schedule of public skating dates and times please visit the website calendar at [www.manchesternh.gov/parks](http://www.manchesternh.gov/parks) and click on the JFK Memorial Coliseum tab on the right.

**Wellness Tip Of the Month:**

February is heart health month find out your family history of cholesterol and heart disease. Knowledge is key!

For more tips check out: [manchesternh.gov/hr](http://manchesternh.gov/hr) (click on the wellness tab)

**Wear blue March 1st for Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month!**

**WELLNESS COMMITTEE: STAIR CHALLENGE**



When it comes to being healthy small steps can really make a big difference. The Wellness Committee is challenging city employees to skip the elevator and take the stairs. In buildings across the city the Wellness Committee has posted signs near the elevators

encouraging people to use the stairs.

There are many benefits to taking the stairs. Here are a few:

- By climbing the stairs you will burn 5x's more calories than taking the elevator;
- Taking the stairs is a good way to incorporate activity into your workday;
- Studies show that risk of cardiovascular disease and

death is lower among those who are regular Stair climbers;

- Taking the elevator will save you time. More often than not taking the stairs is quicker than waiting for the elevator;
- Stair climbing is a "green" activity—the only energy needed is the energy in your body.

This is a three month challenge so be on the lookout for little reminders to use the stairs.

Website: [manchesternh.gov/hr](http://manchesternh.gov/hr) (click on wellness tab)

**COMMUNITY PARTNER: BUSINESS STEPS UP FOR TECHNOLOGY**



Dan Quirk, George Scrivanos and Grey Chenoweth celebrate the opening of the West High School computer lab.

A big thanks to Dan Quirk from Quirk Automotive (South Willow Street), Jeremy Hitchcock of Dyn Inc. (Millyard) and the Scrivanos Family Dunkin' Donuts franchises for collectively donating \$32,500 for upgraded technology in each of the three city high schools.

New computers., monitors, televisions, printers and other networking equipment are fully operational. The new equipment will be used for distance learning and for city students to have access to the Virtual Learning Academy (VLAC) course of study.

**CONTINUED: A HISTORICAL TOUR THROUGH CITY HALL**

**Points of Interest INSIDE City Hall:**

**Portraits of Mayors:** Portraits of all Manchester mayors are on display in the main staircase made possible by the McIninch Foundation.

**McDonald Light:** The light fixture in the main stairway was donated by the McDonalds corporation. The McDonald brothers, founders of the iconic restaurant chain were born in Manchester.

**Art on the Wall:** Local art is on display throughout City Hall under the direction of the Manchester Art Commission.

**Aldermanic Chambers:** The Manchester Aldermanic Chamber is the site of the longest city governmental board in the State of New Hampshire. City government has been meeting in this building continuously for 160 years.

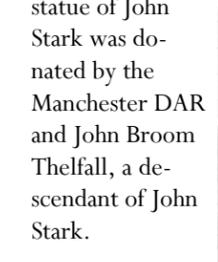
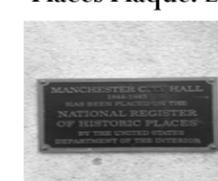


**Points of Interest AROUND City Hall:**

**National Registry of Historical Places Plaque:** Located on the southeast corner of Elm Street.

**Green Roof:** In September 2007, a green roof was installed on the connector roof. See the sign in the plaza for details and benefits.

**Stark Statue:** In October 2000, a statue of John Stark was donated by the Manchester DAR and John Broom Thelfall, a descendant of John Stark.



**The Telephone Booth:** Inventor Dean Kamen donated a "British" style telephone booth located on the south side of City Hall Annex in 1999.

To view this brochure in it's entirety or to download and print a copy visit the website of the City Clerk at [manchesternh.gov/cityclerk](http://manchesternh.gov/cityclerk).



**EMPLOYEE EVENTS COMMITTEE UPDATE: ★★ ★**  
**SAVE THE DATE**  
 THE EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST WILL BE ON SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD @ SWEENEY POST, 251 MAPLE STREET. THE EVENT STARTS AT 9:00AM. VISIT [MANCHESTERNH.GOV/HR](http://MANCHESTERNH.GOV/HR)

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- 200 Union Street

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- City Hall West Wing
- Manchester Police Dept.

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