

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

Airport: USAirways strengthens its position as the second largest carrier at MHT by adding new daily flights to both their Washington National Airport (DCA) and Charlotte, NC (CLT) hubs in April.

City Clerk: Did you know there was a special election in Ward 2 on Tuesday for State Representative? Thanks to the staff in the Clerks Office for making it happen and get the results on the clerks website.

Finance: When in doubt, don't throw it out! In accordance with Records Retention and Disposition Ordinance 30.07 (D), "Departments...may develop internal Retention Schedules which exceed the standards published in the New Hampshire Municipal Records Board Rules or as may be recommended by the City Solicitor." Give us a call if you need help.

Fire: The Hackett Hill Fire Station construction projection is nearing completion. The members of Station 4 are eager to transfer from their current "trailer" into the new station at 141 Hackett Hill Road on April 8th. An official dedication of the building will be scheduled for mid-May. Also after 39 years of service Dona Blais will retire from the MFD. Dona began her career with the Finance Dept. in 1974 as an account clerk. She worked at the Ash Street School Administration Building as an account clerk and worked at Wilson School as a school secretary, where she left in 1992 to join the MFD where she remained for 20 and half years. Her compassion and dedication will be missed. She and her husband plan to travel and take care of their grandchildren.

Fleet: Have a question about the tires on your city vehicle call our tire expert Mark Bukowski who will be glad to answer your questions. 624-6474.

Health: The Health Dept. is pleased to announce that Kristen Treacy, has joined the Department as the new Weed & Seed Coordinator. In addition, we welcome Karen Manikowski and Victoria Adewumi, who will be working on the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation – Community Schools

Project.

Human Resources: The Annual benefits statements were sent out with payroll on March 7th. If you have questions call the office at 624-6543.

Information Systems: Now that the Municipal Complex project is winding down, we are ramping up the technology for the Odd Fellows Home and Fire Station 4 on Hackett Hill.

Library: The Pine Street Branch (Downtown) of the Library completed a renovation of its main floor public restroom in keeping with the building's 100th anniversary. The subway tiles reflect the décor of the 1913 era.

Mayor: Know someone that likes to attend the Mayor's Senior Luncheon? The date is set: Wednesday, June 12th, 12:30pm-3:30pm at the Radisson Hotel on Elm Street. Tickets are \$5. Call Barbara at 624-6533.

MEDO: The Workout Club has opened a new location in Manchester at the Northside Plaza in Ward 1. It's a beautiful facility stop by and see for yourself.

MTA: MTA is anxiously awaiting delivery of 4 brand new school bus to replace aging vehicles in our fleet! These new buses will run on B-20 biodiesel just like the rest of MTA's fleet and two buses will have under body storage compartments for skis, golf clubs, and other school sports equipment to remove those items from the passenger compartment for improved student safety.

OYS: OYS is working with the New Hampshire Child Advocacy Center, The New Hampshire Association of Chiefs of Police, The State of New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services and Governor Hassan's Office to offer policy advice as a resolution to the reduction in funds available to disconnected youth who were previously served through services related to CHINS cases (Child In Need of Services).

Parking: The Parking Div. would like to thank Steve Sarette & Son Excavating and

Blue Ribbon Fence and Landscaping for the tremendous job that they have done during the 2012-2013 winter season. They are responsible for plowing all City-owned parking lots, the Victory Parking Garage and shoveling out the 201 Pay & Display meters located around the downtown and millyard areas. In addition the Traffic Div. of the DPW provided additional shoveling along with sanding and salting of these lots. Thanks for the great work and support!

Planning: After many months of negotiations, planning and renovations, the Planning & Community Development Department is pleased to announce that the Odd Fellows Hall, at 434 Lake Avenue, will see its first occupants in the coming weeks.

Police: After 34 years and 8 months Assistant Chief of Police Gary Simmons will retire from the Manchester Police Department. Best wishes and good luck!

Public Works: Facilities: In 2009 the school district had 2 buildings that were Energy Star rated by the EPA. Today they have 16 thanks to hard work from the DPW Facilities Division. Plans are in place to have all buildings Energy Star rated in the next two years. Congratulations!

Senior Services: Myseniorcenter software helps the department maintain statistics on seniors served. In the last fiscal year the Senior Activity Center served 3,457 people over the age of 60 (with a female/male ratio of 2 to 1) with the largest number of people in the age range of 71-75.

Water Works: The MWW Board of Water Commissioners welcomed 2 new members at their Jan. meeting. Cliff Hurst and Matt Greenwood joined the Board replacing our two outgoing members, William Beaton and Dylan Cruess. We thank them for their service and wish them well. Manchester's Board of water commissioners is lead by President Paul Lessard and meets monthly at our office at 281 Lincoln St.

EYI: This weekend don't miss the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, March 24th. The Parade follows the traditional Elm Street Parade Route and steps off at noon.

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT: WEDDING BELLS ARE RINGING!



Beginning in 2011 the City Clerks Office began performing wedding ceremonies here at City Hall. To date they have performed over 350 ceremonies for happy couples. The cost of a ceremony here at City Hall is \$145 and has generated over \$65,000 in revenue since we started offering the service.

Amongst the most popular days to get married at City Hall have been, Valentines Day and New Years Eve each year and 12/12/12. The most popular day of the week to get married is Friday.

If you know someone that would like to get married here at City Hall they should contact the City Clerks Office at 624-6455. (A Valentine's Day Ceremony is pictured left)



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BEATLEMANIA COMES TO CITY HALL

The Central High School music program has put together a unique Beatles experience to benefit their music education program. In partnership with the *Beatlemania Stage Show* they hope to raise money to benefit their program through the "Help Keep Music Education Alive" initiative. All proceeds from the show will benefit the Central High School Music Department.

On Wednesday March 27th at 12:15pm take a moment out of your day and join Central High School Band Director, Ed Sterling and Mayor Gatsas in City Hall Plaza for a public "kick-off" to raise awareness for the event.

A press conference and community meet and greet will take place in the plaza followed by a

performance of the Central High School Band featuring familiar tunes from the Beatles song book. If it rains the event will be moved to Aldermanic Chambers.

The *Beatlemania Stage Show* is a national touring production of Beatlemania. The show chronicles the complete Beatles experience from songs to period costume changes and authentic Beatle instruments. Central High School music students will perform with the company in some songs. This is truly a must see performance to benefit the outstanding music program at Central High School.

Tickets for the April 12th performance are on sale at Shaw's Supermarkets, the Puritan Backroom and online at www.purplepass.com and range in price from \$25- \$45.



★ HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ★

Congratulations to these city employees that have reached a milestone with the City of Manchester in the month of March.

5 years:
Maryann Dunn
Health Department

John O'Neil
Manchester Water Works

Patricia McBride
Health Department

Heather Freeman
City Clerk

Paula Doucette
MFD

10 years:
Shawn Dionne
Department of Public Works

Edward Emond
Department of Public Works

Patrick Houghton
MPD

Peter Marr
MPD

Brandon Murphy
MPD

Kenneth Chamberlain
MPD

William Biser
Airport

Nelson Barreiro
Department of Public Works

Martha Hozzman
MPD

15 years:
Brian Lemay
MFD

Edward Groulx
Central Fleet Maint.

Aaron Krycki
Health Dept.

Wayne Georgiana
MFD

Donald Rippey
MFD

20 years:
John Nowe
MFD

Christina Lemieux
MFD

Philip Talbot
MFD

Guy Chabot
Manchester Water Works

Amanda Gromko
MFD

David Murphy
Airport

John Clarke
MFD

25 years:
John Couture
MFD

Andre Parent
MFD

Pierre Boissonneault
Manchester Water Works

40 years:
Michael Roche
Manchester Water Works



Pictures of the Month



The staff in the City Assessors Office Celebrate "Dress in Blue Day" on March 1st!



Human Resources Celebrates Dress In Blue Day!



MPD testifies in support of Senate Bill 166 in Concord.



Asst. Police Chief Gary Simmons addresses the BMA after receiving a proclamation for nearly 35 years of service

FYI: USEFUL TIPS AND INFORMATION

Human Resources Tip: The Compass SmartShopper program continues to grow. There are now over 40 services available for an incentive!! See the list of services available from Compass Smartshopper at www.manchesternh.gov/hr.

Maintenance tip of the month from Fleet Maintenance: Tire Pressure: Maintaining the proper air pressure will minimize blowouts and save gas. For every 3 psi below the tire's recommended pressure a vehicle will use 1% more fuel and tire wear will increase by 10%. Check your tire pressure even if your tires are not leaking as the tire pressure changes 1 psi for

every 10 degree change in temperature. If the last time you checked your tires was on an 80 degree day in the fall and the average temp is 30 degrees in the winter, your tire pressure will be 5 psi too low! Use a digital tire pressure gauge not the stick or "pencil" gage as they tend to be inaccurate. Digital gages provide a more accurate reading for a low cost which means more fuel savings and the more expensive gage will pay for itself very quickly.

Parking Announcement: For anyone holding a monthly parking permit the current permits expire on April 30, 2013. Reminder letters were included

with March invoices and will be included again in April invoices. Your account must be current in order for your permit to be renewed. New permits will be available for pick-up at the Victory Parking Garage on or after April 15, 2013. **Support the Learn to Read Program at the Barnes & Noble Book Fair:** The Learn to Read program which is working to overcome adult illiteracy is participating in a Book Fair at Barnes & Noble on South Willow Street on Thursday, April 18th from 2pm—7pm. Please come out and support this great program.

Employee Events Committee Programs: Have you won-

dered where to find the Employee Events Committee website is located? It's easy to get to here's how—go to the human resources page, click on the news link tab at the top and chose the Employee Events Committee option. From here City Employees can purchase Canobie Lake Park tickets at a discounted rate (\$6.00 off the regular adult ticket price of \$35.00). A Red Sox trip is also planned on Thurs. June 27th and the price is \$99pp. For more information/reservations visit the webpage. www.manchesternh.gov/EmployeeEvents

Wellness Tip Of the Month:

Sometimes all it takes for good health is 60 seconds. What can you do?

- 1) Drink a glass of Water
- 2) Schedule a physical
- 3) Floss your teeth
- 4) Take 10 deep breaths
- 5) Walk up and down a flight of stairs
- 6) Walk around the block
- 7) Eat an apple
- 8) Do jumping jacks
- 9) Take a multi-vitamin
- 10) Wash your hands

REMINDER

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THIS WEEKEND!

THE EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST WILL BE THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 23RD @ SWEENEY POST, 251 MAPLE STREET. THE EVENT STARTS AT 9:00AM. TIX ARE \$2 (CHILDREN)/\$5 (ADULTS)

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE QUALITY COUNCIL!

Mission Statement: *The Quality Council shall promote and coordinate Continuous Improvement efforts by supporting all employees in carrying out the mission of the City to ensure exceptional customer service through involvement, communication and commitment.*

Do you have an idea that the Quality Council could look into developing? If so let us know and we will see if

we can help!!

Do you currently donate your time to a charity? If you do let us know, we are looking at ways for City employees to give back to the community.

We want you! The Quality Council would like to Adopt-A-Site, if you like to garden and would like to get involved we would like to have you join our team.

We are always looking for new members to help us get our ideas off the ground. Please contact Kristy Blanchette at 624-6460 or kblanchette@manchesternh.gov with any ideas you have or send your information along if you'd like to join. We look forward to hearing from you!!!

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR | SPRING IS IN THE AIR!

Good bye Winter, Hello Spring! You know that spring is just around the corner when Cremeland is open, we start talking budgets and everyone's excited about hockey playoffs.

It's true Cremeland is open for the season and it's never too early to enjoy the flavors of this Manchester favorite!

On February 19th I delivered my FY2014 budget address. A copy of my remarks and all the budget documents are available

on the homepage of the city website in the *Message From the Mayor* box. A public hearing is scheduled for April 1st at Memorial High School beginning at 6:00pm.

Do you love college hockey? The NCAA D-1 regional finals are taking place at the Verizon Wireless Arena Friday, March 29 and Saturday, March 30th. I'm hoping UNH makes it. Enjoy!

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COMMUNITY PARTNER: NH FISHER CATS HIT A HOME RUN!



With baseball season quickly approaching we thought we would highlight the charitable giving of the NH Fisher Cats and use this space to recognize and thank them for all they do for the Greater Manchester Community.

The New Hampshire Fisher Cats and the Fisher Cats Foundation have a 365-day scope through school programs and community appearances, in-season activities, and off-season special events. In this 10th anniversary season the NH Fisher Cats and the Foundation are poised to surge beyond \$2.5 million in giving. A large portion of this funding is generated from the Granite State Baseball Dinner and several other fundraising events and partnerships.

Below is a snapshot of the NH Fisher Cats Charitable Foundation giving:

- \$2.47 million in cash and in-kind donations supporting more than 3,500 organizations since 2006;
- \$200,000 in high school scholarships given throughout the region;
- The Mother's Day 3k raised more than \$5,000 for *The Mom's Place* at Catholic Medical Center;
- The Thanksgiving Day 5k has more than 3,500 runners participate and helps support Serenity Place and the NH Hospital for Children;
- In-game Launch-a-Ball program has raised more than \$30,000 for the American Red Cross since 2011;
- The Fisher Cats reading challenge in 2012-13 had more than 200,000 students participate and provided \$15,000 in prizes for schools;

•Hats4Heros is leading the way in Minor League Baseball into an industry-wide initiative of selling team hats with a portion of the proceeds benefiting wounded soldiers and veterans;

•Manchester Goes Back to School is a partnership with the Manchester Christian Church and Queen City Paint to provide free school supplies to 3,000 students in Manchester.

Many thanks to the NH Fisher Cats organization for everything they do for the Greater Manchester Community and best of luck in the upcoming season.

Opening day for the NH Fisher Cats is Thursday, April 4th! For ticketing, specials and schedule information please visit the Fisher Cats website at www.nhfisercats.com.



Derryfield Country Club Update | Golf Coming Soon!

The Parks Enterprise is planning, and hoping, for an April 1st Opening Day at the Derryfield Golf Course. Memberships are now on sale. Call 669-0235 for more information.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE

Please be reminded that applications for the Members First Scholarship Program are due by Monday, April 1. Applicants must be either a member of the Credit Union or have a parent that has been a member for at least one year. All applications must be complete. For questions, please contact Shauna Barnum-Gouette at 641-2440.



Check out the opportunities by visiting www.membersfirstnh.org and searching "Scholarships."

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