

## AROUND THE CITY IN A SENTENCE: CATCH UP QUICKLY ON DEPARTMENT NEWS

**Airport:** The Federal Aviation Administration recently completed its annual inspection of Manchester-Boston Regional Airport and found zero discrepancies! The certification inspection takes place over a three-day period and includes an assessment of all airport operations and facilities, aircraft rescue firefighting, fueling procedures, training and record keeping. Great job by the crews at MHT!

**City Clerk:** Do you live in the city? Do you have a dog? If you answered yes to both questions don't forget to renew your dog license. Stop by the City Clerks Office today to renew your dog license by April 30th.

**Fire:** Welcome to Michelle Morin who will take over for recently retired Donna Blais in an Administrative Assistant position.

**Human Resources:** The open enrollment period is beginning. If you have any changes that need to be made in your benefits this is the time. For more information see the Department Spotlight!

**Library:** The libraries celebrated National Library Week April 14th -20th with events that included an Acoustic Concert, a lecture about the Carpenter Family who built and donated the main library building, a Patron Appreciation Day and one of our popular \$5 a bag book sales.

**Mayor:** The Mayor's Office is busy planning Small Business Week for May 20th through May 24th. There's a great lineup of workshops for the week. Learn more at [www.manchestersmallbusinessweek.com](http://www.manchestersmallbusinessweek.com)

**MEDO:** Did you know that two new café's opened downtown? Café La Reine on Elm Street (next to Shaskeen) & Kimbely's Kitchen on Havover Street (across from the Palace Theatre) Stop by for a cup of coffee or a sandwich!

**MTA:** The Transit Authority recently welcomed new Commissioner Michelle Lauder. She replaces outgoing commis-

sioner John Trisciani who served on the Transit Authority for 13 years.

**Police:** 7 new police officers were sworn in at the MPD Headquarters on Monday, April 15th. Welcome to Brett Fernald, Raymond Youngs, Ryan Heile, Steven Cornacchia, David Swinson, Matthew Blonigen & Guy Kozowyk.

**Public Works: Parks & Recreation:** A big thanks to the team at Parks and Recreation and DPW that were able to pull together and prepare Gill Stadium in time for the softball and baseball season openers of the Southern New Hampshire University Penmen who's fields could not be ready due to weather. Way to go! Also the Derryfield Country Club is open. Memberships are still available—just call 669-0235

**Senior Services:** The Mayor's Senior Luncheon is planned for Wednesday, Friday June 12th at the Radisson. Tickets are \$5 and go on sale May 21st at the William B. Cashin Senior Center. You must be a Manchester resident to participate and this year's event is a tropical theme!

**Tax:** Welcome to new employees Cindy Preston, Elaine McLaughlin and Amanda Mulrooney to the Office of the Tax Collector.

**Water Works:** MWW is busy focusing on youth education for the 20th consecutive year! 3rd and 4th graders in Manchester elementary schools are busy making posters and participating in the Water Science Fairs. The "Best of the Best" from each school will present their projects at the City Water Science Fair on Saturday, May 4th at the Manchester Water Treatment Plant. Many thanks to Cheryl Wood, Kristin Conte, and Cindy Breton for their hard work making this program a huge success and loads of fun for kids in Manchester!

**Quality Council:** If you are interested in working on the "Adopt-A-Spot" program with the council to help beautify the city contact Jennie Angell at 624-6577.

## THE National ARTS PROGRAM

Mark your calendar for the 8th Annual National Arts Program Art Competition at the Art on the Wall at City Hall Gallery. This show is for city hall and Manchester School District employees, their family members, retirees, elected officials and volunteers.

The contest is designed to give artists at all skill levels and ages the opportunity to exhibit their work and compete for cash prizes of up to \$300. You can also compete for other great prizes including a continuing art education grant, tickets to upcoming Verizon Wireless Arena events and a party suite for a game at Fisher Cats Stadium.

Registration brochures will be arriving with your paycheck soon so be on the lookout. Important dates to remember for the art show are as follows:

**Monday, June 3rd:** Registration deadline

**June 19th—21st:** Art drop-off from 9am to 4pm in the Mayor's Office

**July 8th—August 28th:** Exhibit on display at the Art on the Wall @ City Hall Gallery

**July 31st:** Reception and Award Ceremony

If you have questions please contact Vicki in the Mayor's Office at 624-6500.

## DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT: HR, IT'S TIME FOR OPEN ENROLLMENT

### Benefits, Benefits, Benefits!

It's that time of year again . . . time for open enrollment for plan year 7/1/2013 through 6/30/2014 for flexible spending, life & disability and your health & dental plans.

In the next few weeks keep a lookout in your paychecks for the open enrollment flyers. During the open enrollment period you will find all the information and forms that you need at

[www.manchesternh.gov/openenrollment](http://www.manchesternh.gov/openenrollment). Open enrollment for the various benefits are as follows:

**Flexible Spending:** 4/22/2013—5/3/2013

**Life & Disability:** 4/29/2013—5/10/2013

**Health & Dental:** 5/6/2013—5/17/2013

If you have any questions about these benefits or changes you need to make please call the HR Benefits Department at 624-6543 or e-mail [benefitscoordinator@manchesternh.gov](mailto:benefitscoordinator@manchesternh.gov).



## CITY OF MANCHESTER THE QUEEN CITY CONNECTOR

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### ODD FELLOWS HALL | A REMARKABLE RENOVATION

In mid-March the renovation of the historic Odd Fellows Hall located at 177 Lake Avenue was completed. Soon after the first new tenants moved in: the Manchester Community Resource Center and the Manchester Police Department at the new police sub-station. In the next few weeks the Organization for Refugee & Immigrant Success will follow.

Odd Fellows Hall was once the location for secret meetings and community bingo games. Alderman Jim Roy remembers putting in the plumbing for a Laundromat that was located on the first floor.

In total the building received a \$3.4 million makeover and will be an anchor for community revitalization in this area of the city. A big thank you to the team that saw this project through from concept to completion. Here are a few photos we hope you enjoy!



## ★ HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ★

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

### 5 years:

Kevin Kincaid  
City Clerk

Dean Almeida  
Airport

Paul Tower  
Water Works

Kevin MacArthur  
Water Works

**10 years:**  
Adam Philbert  
MFD

Kevin Ainsworth  
MPD

**15 years:**  
Dorothy Krasner  
OYS

Stanley Campbell  
Water Works

Mark Fay  
Facilities

Sean Leighton  
MPD

Timothy Craig  
MPD

Jason Keim  
MPD

Yvette Robitaille  
Information Systems

Scott Brown  
Aviation

Marc Bilodeau  
MPD

Robert Gravelle  
MPD

Michael Baer  
Parks, Recreation &  
Cemetery

Mark Ampuja  
MPD

Steven Mangone  
MPD

Charles Anderson  
MPD

Brian Cosio  
MPD

Robert Keating  
MPD

David Ghiorzi  
MPD

Michael Dunlap  
MFD

Jerry Biery  
MPD

**25 years:**  
Jeff Goley  
MFD

**35 years:**  
Bruce Gosselin  
DPW



### Snapshots from the Bunny Breakfast!



Hazel Gott (City Solicitor) & the Easter Bunny!



Frankie, Sammy and Calleen with the Easter Bunny



Waiting for the goodies!

Thanks to the Employee Events Committee for putting together this annual event!

FYI: USEFUL TIPS AND INFORMATION

**Human Resources Tip:** Check out the Department Spotlight (back page) for information on the upcoming open enrollment period for the various city benefits.

**Parking Announcement:** Do you have a monthly parking pass? Your current pass will expire on April 30th. Your account must be current in order for your permit to be renewed. New permits are available for pick-up at the Victory Parking Garage.

**Employee Events Commit-**

**tee Programs:** The warm weather is on its way get your discount tickets for Canobie Lake Park. The link to purchase discount tickets is [www.manchesternh.gov/EmployeeEvents](http://www.manchesternh.gov/EmployeeEvents). Tickets are \$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 visit the webpage.

**DPW, Trash Talk:** If you live in Manchester you should have received your 2013 Residential

Refuse Guide in your recent water or EPD bill. If you missed it the guide can be found on the homepage of the city website in the Mayor's box. On Saturday, May 11th from 9:00am to 2:00pm is Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. The city allows residents to drop off household hazardous waste for free! This includes: anti-freeze, oil-based paints, paint thinners and other paint products, household cleaners, drain openers, pesticides, pool

chemicals, disinfectants and flammables. Did you know that latex paints are not hazardous? They are water-based. To dispose of remove the cover, add a drying agent, stir, let air-dry until solid and then put out with the regular trash. Curbside yard waste pick-up has begun for the season review the refuse guide for more information. If you have questions about curbside yard waste & recycling call 413-6799 and for all other questions contact the public works department at 624-6444.

Wellness Tip of the Month

Simon Says "Stand Up!"

Despite what your teacher might have told you, sitting still isn't always a good thing, especially for breaking down fat in your body.

Sitting around too much stops the enzymes that break down fat from working. So any kind of activity, from standing up and sitting down to bouncing your knee, can help keep your body fat levels under control.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE: KNOW YOUR NUMBERS CAMPAIGN COMES BACK!

Mark your calendar for the Know Your Numbers Campaign for May 6th to May 10th. Once again the employee Wellness Committee will offer 15 minute health screenings at various departments across the city. This program is for active City of Manchester employees only and everyone who participates will receive a \$25 Hannaford Gift Card AND new this year if you take the online pre-screening health assessment you will receive an additional \$25 Hannaford Gift Card.

The screening includes: 1) Blood Pressure, 2) Blood Sugar, 3) Cholesterol, 4) HDL, 5) Body Composition and 6) Waist to Hip Ratio. The schedule for the screenings is as follows:  
**Monday, May 6th:** Derryfield Country Club Ballroom (8am—8pm)  
**Tuesday, May 7th:** Health Dept. (6:30am—9:00am / 12:30pm—4:00pm)  
**Wednesday, May 8th:** Central Fire Station (9:00am—4:00pm)

**Thursday, May 9th:** City Hall (3rd floor conference room) 8:00am—4:00pm & Airport (3rd floor Board Room) 8:00am—4:00pm  
**Friday, May 10th:** Water Works Dept. (8:00am—4:00pm) & DPW (1st Floor) 7:00am—4:00pm. The screenings are by appointment only and it fills up quickly! To make an appointment please call (603) 731-4560 beginning April 22nd through May 8th. Sign up soon!

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR | LET'S CELEBRATE!

There's been a lot of construction going on in the Queen City lately and with the recent completion of the MFD Engine 4 Station at Hackett Hill and the Manchester Municipal Complex we will host two community celebrations. Mark your calendars and join us!

On Saturday, May 11th there will be an official ribbon cutting at the new Engine 4 Fire Station located at 141 Hackett Hill Road from 11:00am to 1:00pm. This will be followed by a community celebration including station tours, opportunities for the kids to check-out the

trucks and equipment and learn about fire prevention. On Saturday, June 1st we will host the official ribbon cutting for the Manchester Municipal Complex on Valley Street from 9:00am to 11:00am. This will also be followed by a community celebration which will include tours of the facilities, "touch-a-truck" opportunities for children and various demonstration by the MPD which will include the k-9 unit. Please be sure to stop by, bring your family and enjoy the day with us. Happy April!

*Seel Gortas*

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COMMUNITY PARTNER: AutoFAIR  
 MAKE THE GRADE AND DRIVE HOME A NEW CAR!

As the school year begins to wind down the prospect of summer fun and graduation is not the only exciting thing Manchester High School students have to look forward to. For the third year in a row AutoFair has partnered with the Manchester School District for the *Make the Grade* program.



The *Make The Grade* Program is a public-private partnership between the City of Manchester, AutoFair and the New Hampshire Fisher Cats. This program is a shared effort to recognize academic achievements and enhance community commitment from corporate partners.

The *Make The Grade* Program will award a brand new Honda Civic to a junior or senior high school student who achieves

academic excellence by making the Honor Roll, High Honors and Principals List the 1st, 2nd and 3rd quarter of the academic year. Dependent on the level of honors achieved by a student will determine the number of chances the student has to win the vehicle. Principals List = 3 entries, High Honors List = 2 entries and Honors List = 1 entry.

Students enrolled at Manchester High School Central, Manchester High School West and Manchester Memorial High School are eligible for a chance to win the Honda Civic.

So what exactly does a student have to do for a chance to win. It's as easy as 1, 2, 3.

1.) Bring ORIGINAL report card and Honor's recognition letter from the

Mayor to AutoFair Honda, Ford or Hyundai off South Willow Street;  
 2.) Give the documents to a Sales Associate to photocopy;  
 3) Fill out an entry form.

**The deadline to submit report cards for the 2013 Academic Year is May 20th at 9:00pm.**

If you still have questions OR for more information visit [AutoFair.com](http://AutoFair.com).

The winner will be announced at the NH Fisher Cats game on Friday, May 31st and we will be sure to announce who the winner is in our June issue and post a picture. A big thanks to AutoFair!

**The 23rd Annual Walk for Hunger is May 19th! Would you like to join the City Hall team? Call Vicki at 624-6500!**