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Hello PATH Members! If you are a new member - Welcome!

If you have carpooled, bicycled, walked, or taken transit to work at least 10 times during the month of June, you are eligible for the PATH monthly drawing for prizes. **Simply reply to this email or email path@cnhrpc.org to report your commutes and be entered into the drawing.**

As a PATH member, you will receive this email once per month with news, stories, and event listings. If you prefer to not get the monthly email, you may unsubscribe at the bottom of the email.

PATH members who carpool or bike to work are also eligible for the Emergency Ride Home benefit. If you or your fellow carpooler gets caught without transportation in the event of an emergency, PATH will reimburse your cost of transportation home according to the rules of the program. Complete rules and instructions can be found at our website www.path-nh.org.

Trail Clean-up Day July 14 Be There for the First Step for the Merrimack River Greenway Trail

Save the date!

Friends of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail are looking for volunteers to help pick up trash on the first phase of the MRGT. The first session is scheduled for **4:00-8:00 pm on Thursday, July 14**. Additional cleanup days, if needed, will be Friday, July 15, 4:00 pm to sunset, and Saturday, July 16, 8:00 am until finished.


Bottled water will be provided to volunteers by NH Distributors, pizza by [Constantly Pizza](#) and burritos by [Boloco](#).

The ultimate goal for the area is to have a long-distance, paved, 10 foot wide bicycle path. Before this can happen, we first need to clean the area up, then construct a hiking trail to get people out there. This is an important first step for the MRGT before fundraising for a shared-use path can begin in earnest!

Phase 1 is proposed to connect Loudon Road to Manchester Street along the east bank of the Merrimack River. The complete MRGT would span the length of Concord.

To volunteer, send an email (before noon, July 11, please) to MRGT-INFO@CNHBC.ORG and tell us what dates you can help. Directions and instructions will be sent by email.

Also, let us know in your email whether you want to pre-register for trail construction.

For more information on the MRGT, visit the Friends Group on Facebook  or visit <http://www.cnhbc.org/what-we-do/merrimack-river-greenway>.



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Delta Drive Bridge Update

Work now Scheduled for 2015 or Later

The Delta Drive bridge in Concord crosses over I-93 near NHTI. Bicyclists often use this bridge to access the bike path bridge next to I-93 over the Merrimack River. The Delta Drive bridge was previously scheduled to be re-constructed in 2012, but as of now it is scheduled to be advertised in 2015. The dates are subject to change, but for now it looks like there will be no closures for the next few years.

The bridge is of importance to bicycles and pedestrians because it is one of only a few crossings of I-93 in Concord. Without it, bicyclists and pedestrians would need to take Loudon Rd over the Merrimack River and under the I-93 exit 14 interchange, which is exceptionally unfriendly to bicyclists.

Last summer, PATH organized dozens of volunteers (including many PATH members! Thank you!) to conduct a bicycle and pedestrian count on the Delta Drive Bridge and the adjacent bike path. About 300 bicycles and pedestrians used the bridge the day of the weekday count, making up approximately 30% of the total traffic on the bridge.

As a result, the NH Department of Transportation (NHDOT) has worked with PATH, the Planning Commission, and Concord City Staff and agreed to help mitigate the effect on bicyclists and pedestrians during the short-term closure that will likely be required to re-construct the bridge. Options under consideration include signage and upgrades to alternative routes. PATH, the Planning Commission, and Concord City Staff are all working with NHDOT to minimize any negative impacts to bicyclists or pedestrians with the bridge construction.

We'll keep you posted of any developments. If you have any questions, contact us at path@cnhrpc.org or call Craig at CNHRPC at 226-6020.



Delta Dr. Bridge and Adjacent Bike Path

Concord Area Transit Changes for Market Days Event

July 14-15

Adjustments to the routes CAT buses and trolleys will be made because of the Market Days event. On Thursday, July 14 and Friday, July 15, riders who typically board CAT services in front of the State House or

Eagle Square will instead be picked-up at the Capitol Commons parking garage on Storrs Street. The trolley that runs through the downtown will also be re-routed. Riders who would like additional information should call Concord Area Transit at 225-1989.

New: Log Your Miles for Fossil Fuel Free Fridays

The next Fossil Fuel Free Friday will be held **Friday, July 15th at Eagle Square** across from the State House. This year Fossil Fuel Free Fridays are held on the third Friday of each month. Events will be held downtown Concord at Eagle Square in July and in front of the State House the rest of the season. Join us for free coffee and snacks!

New this year, participants will be able to log their miles at the [Commute Green NH](#) website, as was done during Commute Green NH this May. Look for an upcoming announcement when the site is up and running to report FFFF mileage!

The remaining **Fossil Fuel Free Friday Schedule 2011:**

July 15, 7-9am at Eagle Square

August 19, 7-9am at the State House

September 16, 7-9am at the State House

October 21, 7-9am at the State House



Proposed Zoning Changes in Concord Public Hearing July 14th

The Concord City Council will hold a hearing on proposed changes to the zoning code on July 14th in Council Chambers at 41 Green St. Among the proposed changes are updates to the required off-street parking, which in most cases calls for the same or reduced parking requirements; "Form Based Codes" that help preserve the walkable nature of Downtown; and an amendment to require off street parking in certain zones to be located at the side or rear of the building. Parking at the side or rear of the building creates a safer and more pleasant environment for bicyclists and pedestrians.

PATH's mission is to reduce traffic congestion, improve air quality and increase societal emphasis on personal fitness through the creation of services and materials which promote transportation options to the single occupancy vehicle.

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