
Economic Vitality in Concord - December 2025

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Concord Economic Vitality News

Strengthening the Commercial Sector of Concord, MA

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Last Minute Shopping



Avoid the delays and costs of shipping by shopping local! Whether it's the charming retailers of West Concord or Concord Center, gift certificates for services like an arts workshop, massage or fitness class, or tickets to a play or concert performance, there's something for everyone on your shopping list. A donation to one of Concord's high quality non-profit organizations is yet another great way to show loved ones you're thinking of them this season.

Discover Concord Magazine's annual "Holiday Guide to Gift Giving" issue features gift ideas entirely from local shops, restaurants, museums and service businesses. Find the free print magazine all around town or [click to enjoy the eBook version](#).

Property Spotlight



Important Consideration for Brokers, Landlords and Prospective Tenants

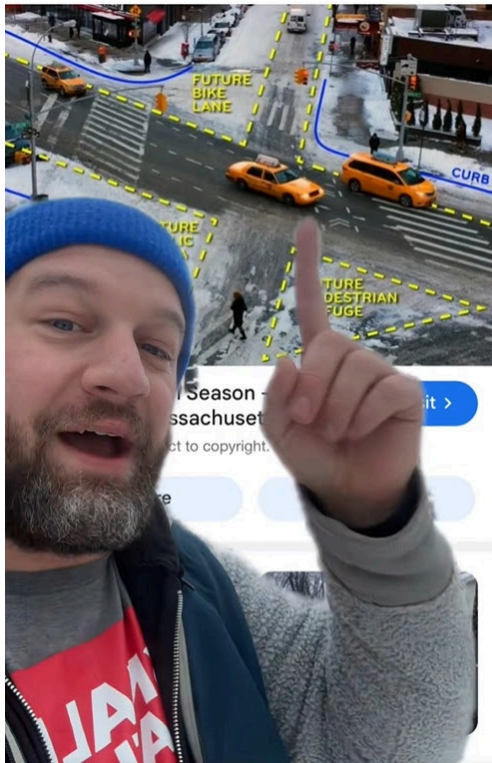
With higher office vacancies around town, some former office spaces are being leased to new businesses whose operations differ from the prior use. In these situations, a [Sewer Improvement Fee](#) may be triggered. In some cases, this fee can be a significant and unexpected expense, even when no to little new plumbing is installed.

To avoid surprises, prospective tenants and their agents are strongly encouraged to request a Sewer Improvement Fee determination before signing a lease, particularly when a change in use is anticipated.

The Sewer Improvement Fee is assessed by the Town's [Water & Sewer Division](#) and administered by the [Health Department](#), both of which can provide detailed information. For general assistance and information, all new businesses are encouraged to contact the Town's Economic Vitality Manager for assistance in town permitting and licensing.

Transportation Planning

Snowfall brings more than a beautiful dusting to trees and fields. It can also reveal how our streets really function. As this short video shows, the tracks left by vehicles and pedestrians highlight “desire



paths” that point to where pavement could be rethought or reclaimed to make our roadways safer for everyone.

Assessing Roadways for Cycling

The Goodwin Forum was filled on November 20 for a presentation by Dr. Peter Furth, who explored the question, “Can bicycling be a primary mode of travel in Concord?” Dr. Furth introduced the concept of “low-stress connectivity” as a practical framework for achieving measurable, positive improvements through relatively simple design changes.

The event was presented by the Concord Chapter of Mothers Out Front and Bike-to-School Concord.



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Concord Welcomes Your Business



Need assistance for your new or existing business or commercial property? Town of Concord staff are available to provide technical assistance and connect you with resources to help your venture succeed.

Online resources at ConcordMA.gov

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