



# CITY OF CONCORD

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City Manager's Office

Thomas J. Aspell, Jr.  
*City Manager*

## REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

**DATE:** April 26, 2023  
**FROM:** Thomas J. Aspell, Jr., City Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Citizen Comments

### **Recommendation:**

Recommend City Council accept this report.

### **Background:**

Attached for your information are citizen comments received during the past month.

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Attachments

## Stevens, Suzanne

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**From:** Gill, David  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 28, 2023 2:52 PM  
**To:** Stevens, Suzanne  
**Cc:** Aspell, Thomas  
**Subject:** FW: Thank you and photo  
**Attachments:** Concord Family Center at the City-Wide Community Center - 1.JPEG; Concord Family Center at the City-Wide Community Center - 5.JPEG

*Good afternoon Sue,*

*I was hoping you can include this under "positive comments" in the next city council packet. Laurie Hart runs the Heights Family Center for the Concord School District and has been based out of the new city wide community center since before the city took over the building. They have been a great resource for the community and our staff.*

*Thanks and any questions please let me know.*

*David*

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**From:** Laurie Hart  
**Sent:** Monday, March 27, 2023 11:23 AM  
**To:** Bryant, Laura  
**Subject:** Thank you and photo

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Good morning, David, Laura and John,

On behalf of the children and families of Concord Family Center, I am reaching out to offer our sincere gratitude for the opportunity to host Family Center two mornings per week at the City-Wide Community Center. Your support for programming that offers families the opportunity to bring their young children together with other children and families has had such a positive impact on family well-being and the critical growth and development of Concord's young children. Through this program, we are able to support families to help their children learn together, as well as to create important access to resources that enhance the children's opportunities to flourish and prepare for future school success. Families often tell us that they embrace the opportunity to meet other families and to share the journey of raising their children with other families. This year, we have been able to offer some fun family events, supported by

our community partners as well as to offer training to Concord's providers as we all work together to support our youngest learners. Your staff is always welcoming and helpful and it is a heartwarming experience to welcome more families each week. Thank you for helping us to come together to offer the best of our strong and committed collaboration through Concord Family Center programming.

Kind regards,

Laurie Hart and The Family Center Team

April 5, 2023

Fire Chief John Chisholm  
Concord Fire Department  
24 Horseshoe Pond  
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Chief Chisholm,

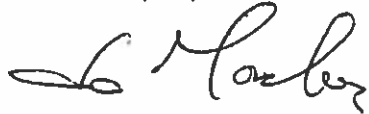
My husband and I attended Sunday Service at Trinity Baptist Church in Concord last week. Shortly after the service began, a picture of you appeared on a large screen in front of over 300 people. Trinity Baptist Church prays for a city or state leader every Sunday, and this past Sunday, we prayed for you!

I was honored and humbled to pray for you, Chief. It provided an opportunity for me to thank God for your leadership and support to the City of Concord. I want to especially thank you and your team for arriving at our home in about 6 minutes after we called 911 because of a chimney fire! This happened almost 2 years ago, and our entire neighborhood was grateful for your team's quick response, great communication, respectful outreach....and especially for keeping our community safe.

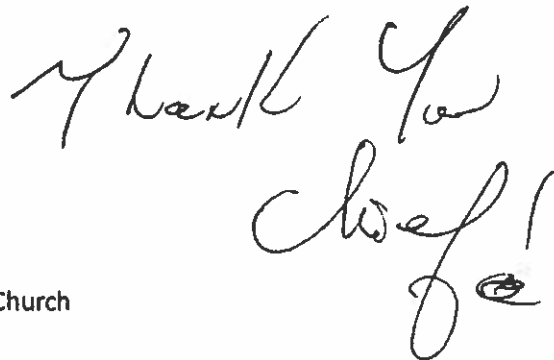
I had the opportunity to work with Fire Marshall Paul Sirois when COVID first hit our community. The NH Department of Health and Human Services assigned me to serve as the 1<sup>st</sup> Safety Officer at the COVID Public Health Operations Center, initially located at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. We reached out to Fire Marshall Sirois for guidance on evacuation plans, safety exits and a response plan for emergencies. He was amazing. You work with a great team.

Thank you especially for your leadership and advocacy in securing a 4<sup>th</sup> ambulance for the City of Concord. My husband and I have lived in Concord for over 20 years. Our children and grandchildren live in this City. We are super appreciative of your perseverance in addressing the increase in calls, by adding this new ambulance.

As you continue your important work as Fire Chief of Concord, I wish you the very best Chief. Please know that Trinity Baptist Church wishes you the very best as well. You are in our prayers!



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Cc: Lead Pastor Jonathan Threlfall, Trinity Baptist Church