

Concord News Update



COMMUNITY SWAP SHOP

...promoting REUSE in Concord!

The City of Concord recently launched the Community Swap Shop, a Facebook page where citizens in and around Concord can go to advertize items they want to give away.

The page is designed to promote REUSE, one of the three Rs. "The Community Swap Shop is win-win-win," says Mandy Smith-Thompson, Concord's Environmental Educator, "People can visit the site to get rid of things they no longer want, avoiding disposal cost. Others can visit to get things they need for free, and by doing so, citizens are helping to divert useable items from the waste stream, keeping them out of the landfill."

The City of Concord also has a separate Facebook page designed to share information with the public. "Friends" of Concord can also use the page to communicate directly and conveniently with the City. If you haven't already, to log into Facebook at www.ci.concord.nc.us and click the Facebook icon in the social media block on the right of the website to check out these convenient resources!

Bunny Run 5K & Fun Run
Saturday, April 3, 2010
Les Myers Park 338 Lawndale Avenue
Concord, NC 28025

Fun Run begins at 8:00 a.m. 5K begins at 8:30 a.m.

Starts and ends at Les Myers Park in Concord. Course starts in the lower parking lot area, continues on the Harold McEachern Greenway, turns around on the Downtown Connector Segment and back to Les Myers Park.

Modified Course. USAT&F Certified Course
New stroller division.
Registration and awards presentation will be held in Paul's Shelter at Les Myers Park.

REGISTRATION FEE:

5K Bunny Run:

\$12.00 entry fee until March 26th. \$15.00 registration after March 26th. Online registration will close on Thursday March 26th. T-Shirts guaranteed to the first 125 registered participants.

1 Mile Fun Run:

Warm up before the 5K Bunny Run or just run for fun! All ages are invited to run at no cost on this one mile run through the McEachern Greenway.

There is no fee for the Fun Run, however, if you desire a T-shirt, it may be purchased for \$8.00 by using the entry form. Quantities and sizes may be limited, so please order early.

Registration is required for the 1 mile fun run at no cost.



**For more information,
please contact
Ryan Jones at 704-920-5619 or the
Concord Parks & Recreation
Department Office at 704-920-5600
Email: recreation@ci.concord.**

Bunny Bash

Event Date: Saturday, April 3, 2010

Event Time: 11:00am – 2:00pm

Event Location: W.W. Flowe Park, 99 Central Heights Drive.

The Concord Parks and Recreation Department will present the Bunny Bash on Saturday, April 3, from 11:00am to 2:00pm. The event and all activities are **free** to the public.

The festival will be held at W. W. Flowe Park, located at 99 Central Heights Drive, beside Central Cabarrus High School, in Concord. Additional parking will be available at the high school with shuttles to and from the park.

From 11:00am –2:00pm children can enjoy free activities including face painting, amusement games and interactive activities with the DJ.

Pre-school age children can participate in activities on the Bunny Trail. They can meet and play games with story-book and popular cartoon characters portrayed by Concord Youth Council members. The Bunny Trail is sponsored by Southgate Masonry & Lumber.

Egg hunts, beginning at 12:00 noon, will be divided into age groups on the ball fields. Parents are asked to remain behind the fence while their children hunt for eggs.

Hunts are divided into the following age groups:

3 & 4 year olds at 12:00 (sponsored by Ruckus House Learning Center)

5 – 7 year olds at 12:20 (sponsored by Jeff Gordon Children's Hospital)

8 – 10 year olds at 12:20 (sponsored by Technologies Edge)

Police officers, K-9 units and Fire & Life Safety officers will be on hand to give out safety tips. Children can have their photos taken with the Easter Bunny. Food and drink will be sold by Concord Youth Council.

Contact Debbie Littlefield, 704-920-5600 or littlefd@ci.concord.nc.us for additional information.



Join us for Viva Verde Earth Fest

This year the Cities of Concord and Kannapolis – along with Cabarrus County – will be holding a joint Earth Day Festival on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at North Cabarrus Park, 760 Orphanage Rd. in Kannapolis.

Plans include information booths, classes at the Dogwood Shelter, nature walks, geocaching, art contests, recycling, arts & crafts, music, children's activities, paper shredding, Carolina Raptor Center, Paper Shredding, Voodoo U Junk Art, food and more.

There will also be a shuttle to and from the Piedmont Farmer's Market.

The following will be accepted for recycling or safe disposal:
Eyeglasses, Plastic Bags, Cell Phones, Batteries, Athletic Shoes, Medications, Electronics, Plastic Pill Bottles, and Compact Fluorescent Bulbs



CONCORD-KANNAPOLIS-CABARRUS COUNTY

For more information, please contact:

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Kannapolis: Elizabeth Cox ecox@cityofkannapolis.com or 704-920-4314

Cabarrus County: Pete Pasterz papsterz@cabarruscounty.us or 704-920-3280



Date: Saturday, May 15, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

For information call the CDDC
at 704-784-4208.
www.springintoarts.com

The "Spring Into Arts" Festival showcases talent from great local artists and provides a full day of entertainment for the whole family. The event is held on Union Street in beautiful Historic Downtown Concord. Artwork includes paintings, pottery, basketry, wood crafting and many other arts and crafts. All are available for sale. In addition to great arts & crafts, the event features great entertainment from local bands, a children's activity area, roving entertainers, a beer and wine garden and a wide variety of food vendors.

The event is held by the Concord Downtown Development Corporation (CDDC) and is **free** to the public.

City of Concord Upcoming Meetings

Public hearings Held in the Municipal Building, 26 Union Street, S.

City Officials

Mayor Scott Padgett
Mayor Pro-tem David Phillips
Councilmember Ella Mae Small
Councilmember Jim Ramseur
Councilmember Dr. Hector Henry, II
Councilmember Al Brown, Jr.
Councilmember Lamar Barrier
Councilmember John Sweat, Jr.

City Manager Brian Hiatt
City Attorney Al Benshoff

March Meetings

3/11/2010 at 6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
3/16/2010 at 6:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Meeting
3/18/2010 at 7:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
3/23/2010 at 6:00 p.m. Board of Adjustment

April Meetings

4/8/2010 at 6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting
4/15/2010 at 7:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
4/20/2010 at 6:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting
4/27/2010 at 6:00 p.m. Board of Adjustment Meeting

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