



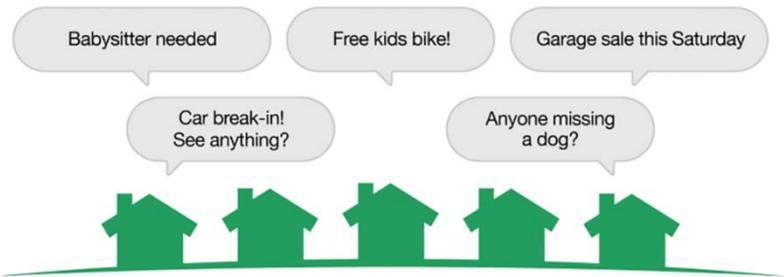
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Concord neighbors connecting online using Nextdoor.com



Roughly three years ago, the City of Concord worked with neighborhood leaders to introduce Nextdoor.com, an online social-media platform that is tailored specifically to meet the needs of neighborhoods. When we launched the City's Concord Nextdoor site, it was our goal to use this powerful social media platform to help us in our efforts to build stronger, safer, and more connected neighborhoods.



Since the launch the response has been incredible. Approximately 9,400 residents or 17% of Concord NC households now use this social networking site to connect with their neighborhood, community, civic activities and city information. Neighbors are using Nextdoor to organize community yard sales, find missing pets, announce meetings and events, and alert neighbors of suspected criminal activities. Last year, the City's Nextdoor.com newsfeed expanded to include Concord Police & Concord Fire - who are now engaging with neighbors and sharing event announcements, crime prevention and safety tips, and emergency bulletins.

Thank you all for helping to spread the word about this useful tool. Many of you have established Nextdoor Neighborhood Accounts - Great!! Continue to spread the word to your neighbors and encourage them to join the conversation. Remember, only verified residents of your neighborhood gain full access to private discussions on Nextdoor. To learn more about the benefits of Nextdoor, go to www.nextdoor.com.



First Day of School for Cabarrus County Schools Monday August 29. #LETSDOTHISCCS

Cabarrus County Schools launched a new Back to School Site to help parents who need answer to questions about important issues such as school calendars and transportation. The site includes a wealth of information including open house dates, school bell schedules, report card and progress report dates, as well as how to register as a volunteer in schools.

Parents can also connect on social media (Facebook, Twitter & Instagram) using the hashtag #letsdothisCCS. Visit www.cabarrus.k12.nc.us for more information.



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Important Neighborhood Leadership Council Meeting September 1 ■ 6:30 PM

Join us on Thursday September 1 for a very important Neighborhood Leadership Council Meeting. 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Clearwater Artist Studios - 223 Crowell Drive NW, located in the Gibson Village Neighborhood.

During the Leadership Council meetings, neighborhood leaders share experiences, exchange information, and receive important information regarding neighborhood program enhancements.

Meetings are held quarterly and are open to neighborhood leaders from each of the City's recognized neighborhood organizations. In most cases this is the neighborhood association chair or current president, although any active member is welcomed to attend meetings. Recognized neighborhood organizations are encouraged to designate a primary and an alternate representative to serve as its NLC representative. Come network and meet other neighborhood leaders. To RSVP for the meeting or for more information please call (704) 920.5298 or send an email to jzarc@concordnc.gov.

Guest Speaker: Concord Emergency Manager – Jim Sells. Mr. Sells will share important information on emergency preparedness steps for individuals, households, and neighborhoods.

National Night Out - Tuesday, August 2, 2016

A good night to get to know your neighbors

On Tuesday, August 2, several Concord neighborhood groups will join with their neighbors, police officers, fire and other community leaders to celebrate National Night Out. Activities include community cook-outs, meet & greet socials, and small block parties. This year marks the 15th year of National Night out Celebration for the City of Concord. Recognized Neighborhoods participating in this year's National Night Out include: Brown Mill, Carriage Downs, Christenbury, Fairway Ridge, Logan Community/Concord Housing, , Gibson Village, and Highland Creek.



In observance of National Night Out **on Tuesday, August 2, 2016**, Concord Police asks that you make an effort to introduce yourself to neighbors that you don't know and get to know your neighbors better. Remember to leave your porch light on from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The porch light is a symbol of alertness and awareness; it also makes your neighbors and friends feel welcome. Participation is not limited to leaving your porch light on August 4.

If you have questions or desire more information regarding National Night Out, please contact Chris Friguglietti (704) 920-5063 friguglc@concordnc.gov. You can also find more information at www.nno.org



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Concord City Council Awards FY 2016/17 Neighborhood Grants

On July 14, 2016 Concord City Council has awarded \$20,000 in Neighborhood Matching Grant funds to the following recognized neighborhoods:

1. \$3,000.00 – Sapphire Hills - *Erosion Control Project – Phase II*
2. \$3,000.00 – Kings Crossing - *Entrance & Lane Drive Beatification Project*
3. \$3,000.00 – Afton Village - *Beautification of Village Greene Area – Phase II*
4. \$185.00 - Gibson Village – *10 Street Sign Toppers*
5. \$3,000.00 – Brandon Ridge - *Walkway Construction Project*
6. \$3,000.00 - Christenbury – *Street Light Project*
7. \$2,407.50 - Highland Creek Homeowners Association - *Street Light Project*
8. \$2,407.50 – Moss Creek - *Street Light Project*



Congratulations to this year's matching grant recipients. The matching grant program gives recognized neighborhood organizations an incentive to raise funds, build partnerships, cultivate volunteer and community support all in an effort to facilitate neighborhood self-improvement projects. For more information on the City's Neighborhood Matching Grant Program, visit the program's website at concordnc.gov/neighborhoodgrants.

State Home Foreclosure Prevention Project

Get help today to prevent foreclosure.

Homeowners, who have received a 45-day pre-foreclosure notice, can receive FREE help from [the State Home Foreclosure Prevention Project \(SHFPP\)](#). Help includes housing

counseling, access to legal services if your

income is low, and assistance working with your servicer. You are eligible for assistance whatever the cause of your pending foreclosure – the reason does not need to be related to your employment. There are no credit

restrictions for this help. The SHFPP coordinates HUD-approved housing counseling agencies, state and federal agencies, legal assistance organizations, mortgage servicers and community organizations to provide the resources for those in need to avoid foreclosure. The program was created by the General Assembly in 2008 and is administered by the [North Carolina Housing Finance Agency](#), a self-supporting public agency.



Homeowners who need assistant should contact the [State Home Foreclosure Prevention Project](#) at 1-888-442-8188 to make an appointment. Calls will be answered Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



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Good Neighbor Tip Control mosquito breeding areas

Being a good neighbor means that you'll take steps to control mosquito breeding areas. Here's how:

Step 1. Identify anywhere and everywhere that standing water can accumulate. Mosquitoes can mature in just an inch of water. Destroy or dispose of tin cans, old tires, buckets, and plug tree holes and stumps, as these can also be popular breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Make sure that rain barrels are covered tightly, and that water is not pooling up around your downspouts and foundation. Change the water in birdbaths and wading pools at least once a week. Clean your gutters, or hire a roofer to clean your gutters, to make sure that they are moving smoothly and not trapping water in stagnant pools.

Step 2. Talk to neighbors about the importance of identifying and clearing items from their property where standing water can accumulate. It's important for groups of neighbors to be on board together to prevent mosquitoes from inhabiting their blocks. For example, if any of your neighbors have standing water in their swimming pool, that's a mosquito breeding ground that will counteract your efforts on your own property.

Step 3. Ensure that your yard is properly maintained. According to the [American Mosquito Control Association](#), "adult mosquitoes prefer to rest on weeds and other vegetation". Properly prune shrubbery adjacent to your house foundation, and mow the lawn regularly.

For more information about how to best protect yourself and prevent mosquitoes from breeding, visit [Cabarrus Health Alliance Environmental Health](#).

Welcome New and Returning Neighborhood Leaders!

Congratulations to the newly elected and re-elected neighborhood leaders. Thank you for your dedication to your neighborhood. Your service to your neighborhood will benefit your neighbors and the City of Concord!

Neighborhood Leaders, please complete the [Contact Information Form](#). The information on this form will help us to maintain open lines of communication with your organization's board of directors. If you have any changes which include meeting date, time and location changes, please share them with your liaison or [email](#) me directly.



Protect Yourself, Protect Cabarrus
from the Zika virus and other mosquito-borne illnesses.

By knowing how to control mosquito breeding areas and how to protect yourself from being bitten, you can join us in taking precautions against the Zika virus, as well as other more common mosquito-borne illnesses in our community.

Prevent Mosquito Breeding

Here are a few ways you can get rid of standing water and reduce the number of mosquitoes around your home and property.



Clean your gutters so water runs freely.



Repair screens and windows to keep mosquitoes out.



Dispose of old tires. Tires can breed thousands of mosquitos.



Tip or toss empty containers in your yard that can collect standing water such as buckets, children's toys, even flower pots.



Change water in outside pet bowls and bird baths weekly.



Cover unused swimming pools and cement ponds.

Protect Yourself

Follow these simple steps to protect yourself and your family and friends from mosquito-borne illnesses.



Avoid activities in areas with lots of mosquitoes, and going outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

Clothing, such as long pants, long sleeve shirts, and socks, can help protect from bites.

Apply insect repellent that contains DEET. Always follow directions for using repellents - especially on small children.

For more information on mosquito prevention visit www.Cabarrushealth.org.





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Neighborhood Meeting Schedule

August 1

Christenbury HOA Board Meeting, 6:30PM

Gable Oaks_HOA Board Meeting, 7PM

August 2

National Night Out Celebrations

- Brown Mill, 5:30 p.m. -Bethlehem Baptist Church
- Carriage Downs, 7PM - Club House
- Christenbury, 5PM - Manor House
- Gibson Village, 6:30 p.m. – Clearwater Artist Studio
- Fairway Ridge, 5PM - Fairway Ridge Common Area
- Highland Creek, 6PM - Prosperity Park
- Logan Community/Concord Housing, 4PM - Caldwell Park - Ceremony @ 5PM

August 4

*Province Greene - 632 Weyburn Drive, 7PM

August 9

Asheford Green – TBD, 7PM

Gibson Village – Clearwater Artist Studio, 6:30PM

*Highland Creek - Community Clubhouse, 7PM

Morris Glen – Speedway Club, 6:30PM

August 10

*Wyndham Place – 434 Wyndham Pl NE, 2:30PM

Glen Grove – Fire Station #8, 6PM

*Brandon Ridge – Fire Station #8, 7PM

*Winding Walk - 10660 Fairwoods Dr, 6PM

August 11

Oakleaf – Clubhouse, 6PM

August 12

City Council Meeting – City Hall, 6PM

Yates Meadows - Roberta United Methodist Church, 7PM

Residents of Historic Concord – 116 Union St. N, 7PM

August 15

* Kings Crossing – Clubhouse, 7PM

*Oak Park – Community Clubhouse, 7PM

*The Woodlands – 5719 Woodridge Ct NW, 7PM

August 16

Planning & Zoning, 6PM

*Carriage Downs - Clubhouse, 7PM

Sapphire Hills – Fire Station #7, 7PM

Silver Hill - Primitive Baptist Church, 6PM

August 17

Sheffield Manor – Pool Clubhouse, 630PM

August 18

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 7PM

Wincoff School Rd & Belvedere - Flow Harris

*Covington - Speedway Club Boardroom, 6PM

August 22

Logan Community Meeting - Logan Multi-Purpose Center, 6pm

Moss Creek - Clubhouse, 6:30 PM

**Board Meeting*



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Residential bulky waste collection now every other week

Concord residents are reminded that residential bulky waste collection is now scheduled on the same day as recycling. The new, every other week collection schedule for bulky waste allows the City to continue providing a complete range of solid waste collection services with no additional charge to residents. Bulky Waste includes all items that cannot fit inside curbside carts such as furniture, tires, equipment, appliances (white goods), and e-waste (anything with a circuit board, especially TVs and computers). Recycling and bulky waste will be collected every other week according to the established blue/green zone schedule. Weekly garbage and yard waste collection continues unchanged. Visit concordnc.gov for full details.

Southern Piedmont Woodturners to be featured ClearWater exhibit in August

ClearWater Artist Studios will host: "Artistry in Woodturning," July 30 through August 27 in its Main Gallery. An exhibition of some of the finest and most original works on offer by members of the Southern Piedmont Woodturners Association, which is headquartered at ClearWater, the show will also include works by ClearWater's resident Leathersmith. The opening will be Saturday, July 30 at ClearWater, 1-4pm, with an Artist Talk to be given at 2:00 p.m. by Charles Farrar, noted local artist and curator of the Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture's current show, [Shaping the Vessel](#). SPW Studio and the Gallery will be open each Saturday in August also, 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Visit clearwaterartists.com for details and weekly hours, or call 704-784-9535.

Summer 2016 Art Camps at Clearwater Artists Studio

Concord Parks and Recreation, and ClearWater Artist Studios in Gibson Village, are pleased to offer Summer Art Camps and Classes for kids and teens, for the first time, this Summer! Classes are to be taught by both ClearWater Resident artists, as well as other local artist-teachers; all will take place at ClearWater either in their Gallery, open Market Space or their rustic Great Room in the lower level. Registration must be done in advance, through Parks and Recreation's registration process. See the new 'Leisure Times' Summer 2016 online catalogue at the Parks and Rec website, at <http://www.concordnc.gov/Departments/Parks-Recreation>; or pick up a hard-copy version of Leisure Times.

Parks and Recreation highlights

Read the [Summer 2016 issue of Leisure Times](#) for a full list of programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Please share this newsletter by forwarding it to your neighbors.

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