



# Neighborhood News

July 2016

## National Night Out 2016

\*\* Tuesday, August 2, 2016 \*\*

National Night Out is a national neighborhood crime and drug prevention event that occurs annually on the first Tuesday in August. It is celebrated in numerous cities, towns and villages in the United States. Over the past 33 years, National Night Out has grown to over 37 million people in over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, US territories, Canadian cities, and military bases worldwide. **This year marks the 15th year of National Night out Celebration for the City of Concord.**



**Tuesday August 2, 2016**



A GOOD NIGHT TO GET TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBORS

### NNO is designed to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for local anti-crime programs
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships
- Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Effective crime prevention begins with strong neighbor and police relationships. Bonded neighborhoods deter crime by sending the message that neighbors are close and everyone is aware of what is happening in the neighborhood, and are watching out for each other.

**If your neighborhood is planning a NNO activity, please complete and submit the [registration form](#) no later than July 15.** When you register, be sure to include details about your plans, such as contests, live bands, and the number of people attending. City officials and elected officials enjoy attending your neighborhood events where they can meet and speak with lots of neighbors.

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

## Party Ideas

BBQ, Bicycle Race, Art Contest, Chalk Drawing Contest, Hop Scotch Contest, Home Improvement Award, Cake Eating Contest, Ice Cream Social, Child I.D.'s, Anti-Drug/Anti-Crime Rally, Recognize Your Neighborhood Police Office, Water Play, Scavenger Hunt, Pool Party, Karaoke, Pot-Luck, sack races, Meet a new neighbor contest, Neighborhood Clean-Up, etc.

**[REGISTER NOW](#)**



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## Help feed pollinators by planting NATIVE plants.

The best way to attract butterflies and other pollinators to your yard is to FEED them with NATIVE plants! Did you know that native milkweed, like the butterfly weed in the picture; is the ONLY plant that female monarchs will lay their eggs on? This is because milkweed leaves are the only food monarch caterpillars eat. Monarchs butterflies lay their eggs on milkweed plants so the tiny caterpillars will have access to food the moment they hatch. When you plant milkweed in your garden, it's like rolling out a welcome mat for monarchs. Millions of acres of habitat for monarch butterflies and other important pollinators have been lost to development and agriculture in recent decades. Planting your own little garden of milkweed and other native plants will help the monarchs and other pollinators.



For a list of recommended plants and more information on how to create an effective pollinator garden or to purchase a [pollinator garden seed kit](#), visit [butterflyhighway.org](#). Find out how to join others along the butterfly highway by [registering your garden](#) for free! To learn about the Mayor's Monarch Pledge, visit [concordnc.gov](#).

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## Good Neighbor Tip Lawns and Landscaping



Being a good neighbor means maintaining your yard. Clear debris, remove weeds, dead plants and any items that may provide a breeding ground or harbor mosquitoes rats or other pests, mow your grass weekly and make sure shrubs don't grow onto sidewalks. City ordinance: Sec. 30-161.

The City's code enforcement officers work hard to ensure that neighbors are being good neighbors by adhering to city codes. These codes maintain a healthy and safe environment for all residents by eliminating specific dangers and hazards. [Robert Watson](#) is the Code Enforcement Manager for the City of Concord and can be contacted at 704-920-5150. To report a code violation, you can call the Customer Care Center at 704-920-5555.



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## Crime Prevention Tip: If you see something, say something.

When you see suspicious activity, please call 911. By calling 911 you are helping law enforcement focus in on what is truly suspicious activity in your neighborhood or at your business because you are the expert on what is “normal” in your neighborhood. It also allows Police to focus on issues and track trends that we might not otherwise know about. While Nextdoor is a good place stay connected with neighbors, it is not the appropriate way to request police services. If you require emergency services or need to report criminal or suspicious activity, please call 911. Also, if you have utility inquires, questions about garbage collection, code enforcement, or similar city service request, please contact the City’s Customer Care Center 704-920-5555.

### Reporting Suspicious Activity



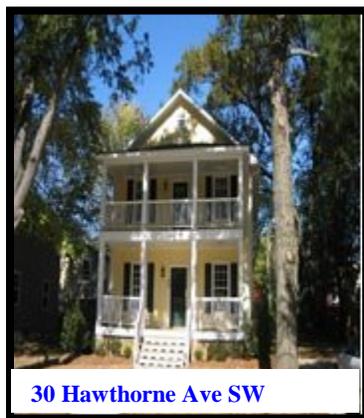
Click on the image above to watch the PSA.

## Affordable Homes for Sale.

For more information on or call 704.920.5133.



22 Hawthorne Ave SW



30 Hawthorne Ave SW

These two houses located on Hawthorne Ave SW were constructed on vacant lots owned by the city and are now available for sale. Through program funding from the U. S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD), the City provides housing assistance to income-eligible residents for the purchase, rehabilitation, and/or construction of homes through several different programs. There are four programs available: [Down Payment Assistance](#),

[New Construction](#), [Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation](#), and [Emergency Repair](#). The city has a number of infill lots in the center city area on which affordable homes can be constructed. If you meet the eligibility criteria, you may select one of the city’s house plans to be constructed on one of these lots. For more information about the City of Concord’s Affordable Housing Programs, visit [concordnc.gov](http://concordnc.gov) or contact LeDerick Blackburn at 704-920-5142.



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## Fire Prevention Tip: Make Water Safety A Priority this Summer

Summer fun in the often involves time cooling off in a swimming pool or boating activities on the lake. To help you and your family stay safe around bodies of water, follow these tips:



- Swim in designated areas supervised by lifeguards.
- Always swim with a buddy; do not allow anyone to swim alone.
- Never leave a young child unattended near [water](#) and do not trust a child's life to another child; teach children to always ask permission to go near water.
- Have young children or inexperienced swimmers wear U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jackets around water, but do not rely on life jackets alone.
- Enroll children over the age of 3 in swimming lessons taught by qualified instructors.
- Look before you leap or dive.
- Keep toys that are not in use away from the pool or water areas
- If you have a pool or hot tub, secure it with appropriate barriers.
- Learn CPR. Concord Fire Department, in partnership with the City's Parks and Recreation Department, now offers [Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation \(CPR\) training](#) free of charge to the public. Classes are scheduled for July 22, August 19, and October 7 – call 704-920-5516 to register.
- Always have a first aid kit, cellphone, life jacket, and reaching/throwing equipment handy.
- Pay attention to local weather conditions and forecasts. If lightning and thunder are nearby, get out until the storm has passed.

For more information, contact the Concord Fire Department at (704) 920-5517.



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### ***Introducing the Concord NC Public Safety Facebook Page***

The City of Concord believes in creating partnerships with the citizens who live and work in our City. We believe this partnership keeps our quality of life at a high level and allows us to provide the best municipal services possible. To help build this partnership, Concord Communications, Emergency Management, Fire, and Police staff is proud to introduce the [Concord NC Public Safety Facebook Page](#). Receive safety tips, news, and updates from the City of Concord's Communications, Fire, Police, and Emergency Management staff. Please call 911 if you are experiencing a life threatening emergency. Visit [facebook.com/ConcordNCPublicSafety](https://www.facebook.com/ConcordNCPublicSafety) to connect with us.

### ***Free lunch provided this summer by CCS through August 19***

Cabarrus County School Nutrition Department will provide FREE lunches for children in our community this summer. The open sites and mobile sites will run the entire length of summer, June 13th-August 19th. Every child age 18 and younger is eligible. No identification or reservations are required. Select sites throughout the community also are offering free breakfasts for qualified participants. For more information, visit [cabarrus.k12.nc.us](http://cabarrus.k12.nc.us).

### ***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 if it's not mailed to your home. Classes and camps are held in take place from June 13 throughout the Summer. There are also some Adult classes!

### ***ClearWater Artist Studios Extends popular guest artist show, THE GO-BETWEEN now through July 16***

Due to a high level of interest sparked by a profile of the artist in the [June 26 Charlotte Observer Article](#), ClearWater Artist Studios has decided to extend the current Guest Artist show, "The Go Between," a solo show of works by Wingate artist, Phillip Larrimore. The show, originally set to come down after June 30, will stay up in the ClearWater Gallery now through July 16. This includes Saturday July 9, when Artist Studios throughout ClearWater will be open with artists working in their studios/ available to talk to visitors from 10am to 4pm. This monthly event is called '2nd Saturday Open Studios' and sometimes features talks or events related to whatever show is in the Gallery. For more information, visit [clearwaterartists.com](http://clearwaterartists.com) or call 704-784-9535.

### ***Union Street Live Concert & Block Party***

Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the free, outdoor Union Street Live concerts the third Thursday of every month from May through August. Concerts take place on Means Avenue, next to the historic Cabarrus County Courthouse located at 65 Union Street, South. 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. These free outdoor summer concerts feature regionally recognized musical entertainment in a family-oriented environment. For more information about this event, visit [www.concorddowntown.com](http://www.concorddowntown.com) or call Concord Downtown Development Corporation at (704) 784-4208.



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## Neighborhood Meeting Schedule

*\*Board Meeting*

### **July 7**

\*Province Greene - 632 Weyburn Drive, 7PM

### **July 11**

Oakleaf - Clubhouse, 6PM

Residents of Historic Concord - 205 S Union, 7PM

### **July 12**

Asheford Green - TBD, 7PM

Gibson Village - Clearwater Artist Studio, 6:30PM

\*Highland Creek - Community Clubhouse, 7PM

\*Laurel Park - Community Clubhouse, 6:30PM

Morris Glen - Speedway Club, 6:30PM

### **July 13**

\*Wyndham Place - 434 Wyndham Pl NE, 2:30PM

\*Brandon Ridge - Fire Station #8, 7PM

\*Winding Walk - 10660 Fairwoods Dr, 6PM

Skybrook North - Fire Station 9, 6PM

### **July 14**

**City Council Meeting - City Hall, 6PM**

Yates Meadows - Roberta United Methodist Church, 7PM

### **July 18**

\*Kings Crossing - Clubhouse, 7PM

\*Oak Park - Community Clubhouse, 7PM

\*The Woodlands - 5719 Woodridge Ct NW, 7PM

### **July 19**

**Planning & Zoning, 6PM**

\*Carriage Downs - Clubhouse, 7PM

Sapphire Hills - Fire Station #7, 7PM

Silver Hill - Primitive Baptist Church, 6PM

### **July 20**

Sheffield Manor - Pool Clubhouse, 6:30PM

### **July 21**

**Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 7PM**

Winecoff School Rd & Belvedere - Flow Harris

\*Covington - Speedway Club Boardroom, 6PM

### **July 25**

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

Moss Creek - Clubhouse, 6:30 PM

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