



# Neighborhood News

May 2016

## Block Captains

At some point your neighborhood organization has struggled to maintain connections with members. Meetings are held and you see the same faces and thus address the same issues. Events are held and attendance is low. Perhaps you think that this occurs because neighbors are apathetic or too busy. However often times this occurs because of a lack of awareness. A great way to stay connected with neighbors is to establish a *block captains system*. This system empowers individuals to be the go to person or leader along their street or at the block level.



### What is a Block Captains?

A Block Captain is a resident who volunteer's time and effort to make their neighborhood a better place to live. They act as the association's liaison for their immediate neighbors - they communicate the activities and events of the association and work to better understand the priorities of their immediate neighbors. Specific duties are developed according to the association's needs.

Neighborhood Associations who utilize the block captain system often increase the awareness of association activities among neighbors while better understanding issues. Remember generating more participation is also closely related to communication. Keeping neighbors informed about the organization and its activities is perhaps the single most effective means of increasing participation.

### Need help establishing a block captain system?

If you are interested in having hands on training of how to set up a Block Captain System in your neighborhood, please contact Cherie Jzar at [jjzar@concordnc.gov](mailto:jjzar@concordnc.gov) or (704) 920.5298

### Suggested Responsibilities of a Block Captain

- ❖ Remain in contact with the block residents...listen to their needs and/or ideas.
- ❖ Gather information for the neighborhood directory.
- ❖ Keep track of occupied and vacant housing.
- ❖ Attend general neighborhood meetings to report to board of directors.
- ❖ Report to the neighborhood association any block information needing attention by the association.
- ❖ Hold periodic block club meetings to discuss issues relating to their area of the neighborhood.
- ❖ Welcome new neighbors and encouraging them to join the association.
- ❖ Work with code enforcement by alerting neighbors or association officers of violations.
- ❖ Distributing information from the association - neighborhood newsletter or other informational flyers.
- ❖ Work with neighbors to coordinate cleanup and beautification events.



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## Neighborhood Matching Grant Program

Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday May 31, 2016



The [Neighborhood Matching Grant \(NMG\) program](#) was established to assist recognized neighborhood organizations in funding projects which will enhance and strengthen neighborhoods. The program awards up to \$3,000.00 in matching grant funds to eligible recognized neighborhood organizations. Eligible recognized neighborhood organizations should carefully read the [program guidelines](#) then complete and submit a grant application. Applications are due no later than 5:00 p.m.

on Tuesday May 31, 2016. Applications are available for download on the City's website at [www.concordnc.gov/neighborhoodgrants](http://www.concordnc.gov/neighborhoodgrants) or you can request a copy via [email](#).

Need help completing the Application? Attend the *How to Complete the Grant Application* workshop at **4:00 PM on Monday May 16, 2016 in City Hall located at 35 Cabarrus Ave West**. *RSVP required*. Attendees will be given a brief presentation on program guidelines and guided through each page of the application form including guidance on necessary information needed to complete the required 1 page project proposal.

## Crime Prevention Tip:

**A new understanding of "eyes on the streets"**

How do you view your neighbors? Are they the couple that lives next door, or the woman with the large dog? Perhaps you don't know them at all because you just don't have the time to make that connection. But knowing the people who live around you is one of the best ways to strengthen your sense of safety and pride in your neighborhood.

Make attempts to get to know your neighbors. Research shows that you have more in common with your neighbors than you think, but you'll never know if you don't make the connection. People who get to know their immediate neighbors—whether they live in a rural area, suburban neighborhood, townhouse community or apartment complex—are more likely to look out for each other, exchange occasional favors and enjoy where they live. Plus to solve many crimes, police rely on information from citizens. The more knowledge you have of the people that live around you, the more likely you are to identify unusual or suspicious activities. Everyone benefits from more eyes on the street.



If you are a victim of a crime, remember you are not at fault. Please report ALL suspicious activity or crime promptly. Dial 911 or (704) 920-5555 for Police Non-Emergency.



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## Be a Good Neighbor

Know the guidelines for efficient curbside collection.

Good Neighbors know that it's their responsibility to manage the proper placement of their city-issued rollout cart. To do this, neighbors should understand the guidelines for efficient curbside collection. Here are a few tips:

- The City of Concord contracts with [Waste Pro](#) to provide curbside garbage collection and recycling in residential neighborhoods. Collections are made between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Residential trash/garbage must be placed in tied bags. All bags must fit inside City of Concord authorized rollout garbage carts.
- Neighbors should place the rollout garbage cart on the curb in front of your home by 6am on your collection day, but no earlier than 5pm the day before your scheduled pick up. After the garbage has been collected, neighbors should remove the bins from the curb.
- Take pride and show consideration for your neighborhood by removing your cart from the curb as soon as your garbage/recycling is collected each week. Carts should be removed from the curb within 24 hours of pick up.

**Place cart out between 5 pm day before and 7 am day of collection**

**Retrieve cart by 9 pm collection day**

**Wheels must face your house**

**No liquid waste**

**Cart should not block streets, sidewalks, mailboxes or driveways**

**Garbage placed inside rollout cart must be in a tied plastic bag**

**Do not place trash on ground beside cart**

**2 feet minimum between carts, yard waste, bulky pickup, fire hydrants and other objects**

For more information, go to: [CONCORDnc.gov](http://CONCORDnc.gov)  
**704.920.5555**

**Concord**  
NORTH CAROLINA

### How to report a missed collection

If your waste or recycling is not collected on your scheduled collection day, call the Customer Care Center 704-920-5555. If a miss is reported before 5:15pm, Waste Pro will respond by 8:00pm on that day. However, if a miss is reported after 5:15pm, Waste Pro will respond on the following day. Check out the City's [Solid Waste Guide](#) for additional detailed information on the City's Solid Waste Services.



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## Neighborhood Meeting Schedule

### May 2

Gable Oaks Board Meeting, TBD 7PM

### May 3

Roberta Farms - Crossroads Church, 7PM

### May 5

\*Province Greene - 632 Weyburn Drive, 7PM

### May 9

Oakleaf - Clubhouse, 6PM

Residents of Historic Concord - 205 S Union, 7PM

Weddington Woods - Fire Station 7, 7PM

### May 10

Asheford Green - TBD, 7PM

Glen Grove- Fire Station #8, 6PM

\*Highland Creek - Community Clubhouse, 7PM

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

Morris Glen - TBD, 6:30PM

### May 11

Brandon Ridge - Fire Station #8, 7PM

\*Winding Walk - 10660 Fairwoods Dr, 6PM

\*Wyndham Place - 434 Wyndham Pl NE, 10AM

### May 12

[City Council Meeting - City Hall, 6PM](#)

Yates Meadows - Roberta United Methodist Church, 7PM

*\*Board Meeting*

### May 16

\*Christenbury - Manor House, 7PM

\*Kings Crossing - Clubhouse, 7PM

\*Oak Park - Community Clubhouse, 7PM

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

### May 17

[Planning & Zoning, 6PM](#)

Boulder Creek Annual Meeting- Fire Station #8, 7PM

\*Carriage Downs - Clubhouse, 7PM

Silver Hill - Primitive Baptist Church, 6PM

### May 18

\*Sheffield Manor - Clubhouse, 6:30PM

### May 19

[Historic Preservation Commission Meeting, 7PM](#)

Covington HOA - Speedway Club, 6PM

Carolando - TBD (Resident Home), 7PM

Winecoff School Rd & Belvedere - Flow Harris

### May 23

Logan Community Meeting - Logan Multi-Purpose Center, 7pm

Moss Creek - Clubhouse, 6:30 PM



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### [Cabarrus Law Day 2016, Friday May 6](#)

On Friday, May 6, the public is invited to show their appreciation of our local law enforcement officers and commemorate the development of law in the United States at a special Law Day ceremony at 10:45 a.m. in the Cabarrus County Government Center (65 Church Street, Concord). For more information about Law Day and the ceremony, call the Cabarrus County Sheriff's Office at 704-920-3000 or visit [www.cabarruscounty.us](http://www.cabarruscounty.us) and [www.lawday.org](http://www.lawday.org).

### ***Spring into Arts Festival - Saturday, May 14***

Come enjoy performing and visual artists in the streets of beautiful historic Concord. Offerings include art vendors, music, food and Creation Station, a children's hands-on activity area. 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Downtown Concord. For more info: [Concord Downtown Development Corporation](http://ConcordDowntownDevelopmentCorporation.com), (704) 784-4208

### ***Haulers on Union - Thursday May 19***

The Haulers on Union parade features the haulers of the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series teams Thursday, May 19 in Concord. En route to Charlotte Motor Speedway to load in for the NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race, the drivers will transport the race cars down Union Street in downtown Concord – arrival time is expected around 6:00 p.m. Come out and line the streets to welcome the teams to Charlotte! For more information, visit [600festival.com](http://600festival.com).

### ***Financial Assistance for struggling homeowners***

[The N.C. Foreclosure Prevention Fund™](http://TheNCForeclosurePreventionFund.com) helps North Carolina homeowners who are struggling to make their mortgage payments due to job loss or temporary financial hardship. For qualified homeowners, the Fund can provide an interest-free loan of up to \$36,000 to pay mortgage and other related expenses for up to 36 months. To participate, homeowners may be behind (or at risk of getting behind) on mortgage payments, or in foreclosure. This is a program offered by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, a self-supporting state agency. For more information visit the [program website](http://programwebsite.com) at [www.NCForeclosurePrevention.gov](http://www.NCForeclosurePrevention.gov) or call 1-888-623-8631.

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### [Partnership for Stronger Neighborhoods](#)

**BUILDING** relationships to **EMPOWER** communities and **CONNECT** citizens to resources.