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Street Sign Toppers

In some instances, the exact boundaries of neighborhoods are undistinguishable. There are, after all, no lines on the ground to delineate the boundaries. However, with sign toppers, the curious need only look up.

Through the Neighborhood Street Sign Toppers Program, recognized neighborhoods can purchase toppers from the City's Transportation Department at a cost of \$37 per topper. The toppers are placed on top of existing street signs at prominent intersections within the neighborhoods boundaries. Sign Toppers help build community identity and pride by cultivating an awareness that you have arrived in a distinct area. Those of you who attended the Neighborhood Leadership Council Meeting on August 27, 2013 were able to see and hold the mock Neighborhood Street Sign Topper. During that meeting, I was surprised to hear some say that they were not aware that the signs are available to purchase. Neighborhoods such as Gibson Village, Logan, and Roberta Farms have these sign toppers. Since the program was started, it has been pleasing to see these sign toppers pop up all over the City and hear the buzz that's generated among the neighbors in those communities. If you neighborhood organization is looking for a way to distinguish boundaries and cultivate a sense of pride throughout the neighborhood, consider making an application to purchase these street sign toppers. For more information, visit www.concordnc.gov/neighborhoods.



Mark your calendars!!

Neighborhood Matching Grant Pre-Application Workshop, October 4th

Organizations interested in applying for grant funds should send a representative to the pre-application workshop which will be held on Friday, October 4, 2013 at noon in City Hall – 26 Union Street South. Attendees will receive assistance with complete the grant application form including the expense and match forms. Call or email Cherie Jzar to RSVP for this workshop. The next Neighborhood Matching Grant application deadline is Friday October 18th. Visit the program's website at a www.concordnc.gov/neighborhoodgrants to learn more about eligibility requirements.

Good Neighbor Tip:

Keep the Peace - Dog Etiquette



Dogs - yes, they are cute and lovable and if you are an owner you know the companionship, loyalty, and fun that the dog adds to your life. But you must also realize that you have a certain responsibility towards your neighbors as a result of owning a dog. For good neighbor relations, follow these three dog etiquette tips to "keep the peace".

1. **Scoop the Poop.** Be a responsible pet owner and clean up after your dog- even if it is in your own yard. When you are sharing walls and yard space, no one wants to look at dog waste. If you notice dog waste as a problem in your yard, for good neighbor relations, try speaking with your

fellow dog walking neighbors, or notify your neighborhood association, to devise a plan for clean-up, notification and detection.

- 2. Follow leash laws.** Always keep your pet on a leash whenever it is outdoors. It's the law. Whether a dog is aggressive or friendly, a leash keeps him in check and allows the public to pass undisturbed.
- 3. Quite that barking dog!** Excessive barking can be extremely annoying and noisy animals can create arguments, resentments, etc. Remember, not everyone loves dogs, and some people are deathly afraid of dogs, so the dog owners should work hard to present a dog that is well-socialized and always under control.

Proper dog etiquette will pave the way for pleasant relations and peaceful coexistence among dog owners and non-owners alike.

Fire Safety Tip:

Proper Maintenance of Clothes Dryers Can Prevent Fires



Taking care of your clothes dryer is important for home fire safety. The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is failure to clean them. According to the U.S. Fire Administration, an estimated 2,900 home dryer fires happen every year, causing 5 deaths, 100 injuries, and \$35 million in property loss. Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional. Clear lint out of the vent pipe every three months. Keep the area around the clothes dryer free of items that can burn. Check regularly to make sure nests of small animals and insects are not blocking the outside vent. If you will be away from home for an extended

time, unplug or disconnect the dryer. For more safety tips to help you prevent a clothes dryer fire, visit the U.S. Fire Administration's website at <http://www.usfa.fema.gov>.

News Headlines

Concord Regional Airport prepares for scheduled passenger service.

On August 20, 2013 Allegiant Air [announced](#) new, nonstop jet service between Concord and Orlando via Orlando-Sanford International Airport. The service is scheduled to begin Friday, December 20, 2013. Allegiant will initially serve passengers flying from and to Florida twice a week, with flights arriving to and departing from Concord on Friday and Monday mornings. Introductory roundtrip fares are as low as \$99. The City hopes to expand service to multiple Florida destinations and Las Vegas in the future. Learn more and see photos at concordnc.gov.

How will Cabarrus County grow over the next 40 years? Join the discussion.

The CONNECT Our Future project will host several two-hour Community Growth Workshops on Tuesday, September 24 at Concord First Assembly Village, Suite 5. Neighbors from across the county will discuss ideas for how Cabarrus County might grow over the next 40 years. There are three convenient times to participate: 9:00 -11:00 a.m., 1:00 -3:00 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. There is no cost to participate and parking is free. Register now at <http://bit.ly/CabarrusCounty> - pick the session most convenient for you.

Planning a reunion? The Cabarrus County Convention and Visitors Bureau can help!

Reunion planning services from the [Cabarrus County Convention and Visitors Bureau](#) make it easy to create an unforgettable experience. From securing hotel rooms for out of town guests to selecting the ideal venue and arranging activities, the Visitor Bureau's tools will help you spend more time looking back and laughing with loved ones. Welcome your guests with customized goody bags that include area information and special deals to help them make new memories at Cabarrus County's

exciting attractions like legendary Charlotte Motor Speedway and Concord Mills—the largest shopping and entertainment destination in the Carolinas! Get started today by contacting Carrie Hendrickson, Leisure Sales Manager at (704)456-7969 or Carrie@VisitCabarrus.com. Plan your next reunion right here in Cabarrus County—“Where Racing Lives!” www.VisitCabarrus.com

Mayor’s Golf Tournament to benefit youth programs September 28

The sixteenth annual Mayor's Golf Tournament will be held on Friday, September 27 at Rocky River Golf Club. Proceeds from the tournament benefit youth programs in our community, and the deadline to enter is September 20. Sponsorship opportunities are available. Visit concordnc.gov for a registration form and more information.

Bowling Anyone? - 10AM on Monday at Fryes Lake Bowling Alley

Every Monday at Fryes Lake Bowling Alley on Poplar Tent Road Ed Brasefield and Oakleaf HOA members gather for fun a friendly game. Ed would like to extend an invitation to anyone wanting to bowl. No team or league to join. Bowling starts at 10:00 a.m. The group typically will bowl two games. The cost is \$2.00 per game and \$2.00 for shoe rental. Need more information or if you are interested in joining in on the fun, Contact Ed Brasefield - Thebrasefields@aol.com.

Learn to Play “BRIDGE”

Need a new hobby. EasyBridge is an opportunity to learn a great game. EasyBridge teaches you how to play Bridge starting at the first lesson and gives you the opportunity to improve rapidly. A typical session consists of a brief, 20-minute lesson and two hours of play. The lessons are 15 weeks long, the first four of which are FREE. This gives you the opportunity to determine if Bridge is the game for you. Players have a great time and meet new friends. Soon you will be “hooked” on the game. Lessons are open to everyone and every age. Come alone or bring family and friends. If you need a partner, someone will be at the lessons to play with you and fun is guaranteed every week. To register, or for more information, please call Ruth Derrrow at (704) 877-1911 or email RuthDerrrow@gmail.com.

Financial Assistance for struggling homeowners

[The N.C. Foreclosure Prevention Fund™](http://www.NCForeclosurePreventionFund.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://www.NCForeclosurePrevention.gov) at www.NCForeclosurePrevention.gov or call 1-888-623-8631.

Neighborhood Meeting Calendar

Click the heading above to access the September 2013 Neighborhood Meeting Calendar.

The calendar includes meeting dates, times and locations for neighborhood meetings, City Council Meetings, Planning and Zoning Commission Meetings and other city events. Please note that as reported by the organization. Meetings date and times are subject to change without notice. This is a live calendar so changes are made immediately after they are report. For a full schedule of all recognized organization meetings, visit the program’s website concordnc.gov/neighborhoods.

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