



Neighborhood Newsletter for June 2014

Neighborhood Leadership Council Meeting – June 26, 2014

The next Neighborhood Leadership Council Meeting will be held on June 26, 2014 – 6:00 p.m. at [Fire Station 3 - 100 Warren C. Coleman Blvd.](#) Come out and meet neighborhood leaders from across the City and learn about what others are doing in their neighborhoods to improve neighbor-to-neighbor relations and improve the overall quality of life in the City. [RSVP Today!](#)



Featured Presentation: [Water Use & Water Restrictions](#)



Your drinking water travels a complicated path before arriving at your home or business. Have you ever wondered where the water comes from or why? During the meeting you will receive a special presentation about Water Use & Conservation from Mandy Smith-Thompson the City’s Environmental Educator. This presentation will include information about where our water comes from, water restriction information, and helpful tips for saving water and money in your household and neighborhood.

Mark your calendars!!



Neighborhood Matching Grant Submission Deadline – June 20th

The Neighborhood Matching Grant (NMG) program was established to assist recognized neighborhood organizations in funding projects that will enhance and strengthen neighborhoods. The program awards up to \$3,000.00 in matching grant funds to eligible recognized neighborhood organizations. The grant is a competitive grant and neighborhoods will compete for the grant with other recognized neighborhoods and funds are available on a first come first serve basis. The application submission deadline for the 2014 funding cycle is Friday June 20, 2014. All applications are due by 5:00 p.m.

[Click here for more detailed information and to download an application.](#)

National Night Out Kickoff Event Scheduled for Saturday August 2, 2014

National Night Out (NNO), “America’s Night Out Against Crime” has been celebrated across the country on the first Tuesday in August since 1984. It’s a day when neighborhoods hold parties and special events to strengthen community cohesiveness and crime resistance, and get to know their neighbors and their local public safety officials. Community watch groups and neighborhood organizations from all across the City participate. On August 2, 2014, the City of Concord will host a special kick-off event. Neighborhood Leaders will receive invitations in July. Please save the date for this special event. We hope that your neighborhood will participate in this year’s National Night Out celebration. If you have questions about the City’s National Night Out Celebration, contact Captain Betty Stock at (704) 920-5010 or send email to stocksb@concordnc.gov.



To learn more about National Night Out visit www.nno.org

Good Neighbor Tip:

Where does your recyclables go?



All good neighbors know that recycling has a broad range of environmental benefits but did you know that there are also economic benefits associated with recycling? Recycling extends landfill lifespans and prevents materials that have economic value from going to waste. The recyclables from Concord residences are taken to a materials recovery facility (MRF) where they are sorted by type, baled, and marketed to manufacturers who give them new lives! Many modern MRFs use machinery to do most of the sorting, and this is just what happens at [Sonoco Recycling](#), the MRF that accepts Concord's materials. At [concordnc.gov](#), you can check out a video that shows this amazing facility in action.

For more information on residential recycling collection, visit [www.concordnc.gov](#).

Crime Prevention Tip:

Vehicle Break-ins: Don't be a victim.



Concord Police Captain Jimmy Hughes posted a message on Nextdoor.com about the increased amount of vehicles entered and valuables taken in several neighborhoods. In his message, he stated that most of the time the vehicle was left unlocked and valuables were in plain sight. It takes less than a minute for a thief to open an unlocked car door and snatch the iPod, laptop, or purse on the front seat. Please don't become a statistic. Take action now! Lock your doors and take all valuables out or leave them out of sight. [Click here](#) to download a flyer that has several tips to reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim.

If you observe any suspicious activity in your area, or have any information on suspect(s), please call the Concord Police Department at (704) 786-9155 or 911 if it is an emergency.

Fire Prevention Tip:

Lightning Safety

Thunder and lightning storms happen year round; however, did you know that lightning strikes occur most often in the summer? Know what to do to keep you and your family safe when it does strike!

Outdoor Safety

- If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance of lightning. Look for shelter inside a home, large building or a hard-topped vehicle right away.
- If you are in or on the water, get to land and seek shelter immediately.
- Remember there is no place outside that is safe during a thunderstorm.

Indoor Safety

- Stay away from windows and doors.
- Unplug small appliances and stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment.
- Avoid washing your hands, bathing, doing laundry or washing dishes.
- Remember that lightning can strike as far as 10 miles from any rainfall, so when you hear thunder, take action!



For more information please contact Education Specialist Jeff Bostian, bostianj@concordnc.gov.

News Headlines

City Manager budget recommendation for FY 2014-15

Concord City Manager Brian Hiatt presented his fiscal year 2014-15 budget recommendation to the Mayor and City Council at a special meeting on Tuesday, May 27. The City-wide budget totals \$216,784,204 and the recommended General Fund budget is \$71,577,540. Hiatt recommended the tax rate remain at 48 cents per 100 dollars of valuation. The City Council will hold at least one budget workshop on June 10, 2014 and a public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, 2014 during the regular City Council meeting. Visit [concordnc.gov](#) for details.

Concord Fire - Career Day June 7, 2014

The Concord Fire Department is hosting its annual Career Day open house at [Fire Station 3](#) (100 Warren C. Coleman Boulevard), on Saturday, June 7 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The event kicks off the 2014-15 firefighter recruitment process. Career Day provides the opportunity for interested applicants to learn more about the department, meet firefighters, tour facilities, see equipment, and find out what it is like to be a firefighter. Visit [concordnc.gov](#) for a flyer and to learn more.

Get your FREE Soil Sample Kit from Cabarrus Cooperative Extension

Pick up a soil sampling kit for lawn, garden, field and landscaping areas. This free kit identifies how to improve your soil, just follow the simple instructions and mail your soil sample to get a full evaluation and recommendation. [Click here](#) for more information or call 704-920-3310.

Parks and Recreation highlights

Check out the [Summer 2014 issue of Leisure Times](#) for a full list of programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.

New adult wooden bat softball league to launch

New this summer: adult wooden bat softball leagues. Registration is available from June 1 through June 30, and costs \$375 per team. Men’s Open and Co-ed leagues are available. The Men’s Open league plays on Mondays and Wednesdays and the Co-ed league plays on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All games are played at WW Flowe Park. The league season will include 10 regular season games and a post season single-elimination tournament. Visit concordparksandrec.org for more information and a registration.

Cool off at the McInnis Aquatics Center

The John F. McInnis Aquatics Center is now open weekends, and this summer's weekday hours begin Monday, June 16. During the season the pool offers open swim for the community at a minimum fee, water aerobics, and swimming lessons for both youth and adults. For hours and more information on programs please visit concordparksandrec.org.

[Neighborhood Meeting Calendar](#)

Click the heading above to access the June 2014 Neighborhood Meeting Calendar.

https://www.google.com/calendar/embed?src=i3p4oeup208aisu536m7iqt950%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York

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 meetings date and times are subject to change without notice. This is a live calendar so changes are made immediately after they are reported. For a full schedule of all recognized organization meetings, visit the program’s website concordnc.gov/neighborhoods.

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