



Neighborhood Newsletter for October 2014

Take ACTION! Expand your organization's network.

Neighborhood Leadership Council Meeting Rescheduled

NEW DATE - October 23, 2014 ■ 6:30 PM ■ [Fire Station #9](#)

There are 38 active neighborhood organizations throughout the City of Concord formally recognized by City Council to participate in the City's neighborhood program. These organizations are run by neighborhood association officers who are dedicated citizen volunteers who tirelessly share their gifts, skills and capacities to build community. Neighborhood officers are elected by members of the organization and represent the neighborhood organization to the City of Concord. The City values the ongoing commitment and effort that neighborhood leaders make in support of their neighborhood organization.

Over the past two years, the leaders of these neighborhood organizations come together quarterly to share experiences, exchange information, and participate in focused leadership training. Leaders often discover solutions to similar issues or share organizational documents or establish new friendships. Participation in these quarterly meetings is key to ensuring that neighborhood leaders maximize the value and knowledge gained from these meetings. If you are a president of a neighborhood organization, I encourage you to attend these important meetings or at the very minimum, encourage or designate a representative from your organization to serve as your NLC representative. Expand your organization's network, make new connections, or find a solution to an ongoing problem. [Click here](#) to discover more about the neighborhoods currently participating in the program.



The next NLC meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 23, 2014 – Fire Station 9 (1020 Ivey Cline Road). During the meeting, neighborhood leaders will participate in focused leadership training to learn about the Appreciative Inquiry process which will help them utilize neighborhood assets as a means for reaching goals. To RSVP for the meeting or for more information please call (704) 920.5298 or send an email to jzarc@concordnc.gov.

SAVE THE DATE – Discover Concord

- [Dogs' Day Out](#) – Saturday, October 18 - Les Myers Park 11AM-2PM
- [Candy Crawl - Downtown Concord](#) – Friday, October 31 3PM-5PM
- Concord Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event - Friday, November 21
- [Concord Annual Christmas Parade](#) - Saturday, November 22

Good Neighbor Tip:

Fall Leaves.

Good Neighbors know that un-bagged loose leaves are ONLY collected according to the published [loose leaf collection schedule](#). Bagged leaves are collected WEEKLY on your regular garbage collection day. Good Neighbors also consider bagging leaves if they cannot wait for loose leaf collection. Bagged leaves MUST be contained in untied, clear plastic or biodegradable paper bags weighing less than 35 pounds each. Loose leaves placed at the curb before or after leaf collection season are a violation of City code and are subject to Code Enforcement and removal penalties of \$150 or more. For more information, visit concordnc.gov or call City of Concord Customer Care (704) 920-5555.



Crime Prevention Tip: 10 ways to reduce the risk of becoming a victim.



There are a variety of actions you can take every day to ensure the safety of yourself and the ones you love. Here are 10 basic tips that every homeowner should know that can go a long way towards reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime.

1. **Lock your vehicle.** A large percentage of automobile break-ins involve unsecured vehicles. Never leave valuables inside of your vehicle, where they can be seen in plain view.
2. **Trim back any shrubbery that hides the doors or windows of your house.**
3. **Keep spare keys with a trusted neighbor, not under a doormat or planter, on a ledge, or in the mailbox.**
4. **Illuminate places an intruder might hide like a side porch or other entry ways - Set timers on lights when you're away from home.**
5. **Always lock your home when you leave.**
6. **Treat your garage just like your vehicle - keep the door closed and locked, even when at home or in the backyard.**
7. **Be observant of repair men, construction workers, or service workers, who might be thieves.** If their behavior or location seems out of the ordinary, notify the police.
8. **Remember the stronger the connections, the safer the community.** Get to know your immediate neighbors. Be familiar with what type of vehicles they drive, whether they have out of town guests, or if they will be having hired services performed at their homes.
9. **Educate yourself and your children about being safe in cyberspace [Get Wise about Wireless](#).**
10. **Join your neighborhood watch or help to start one today!** A Neighborhood Watch is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and reduce fear.

Fire Prevention Tip:

Help us sound the alarm that working smoke alarms save lives.

Did you know that many people don't test their smoke alarms as often as they should? Almost three of five (60%) of reported home fire deaths in 2007 to 2011 resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. When there is a fire, smoke spreads fast. You need working smoke alarms to give you time to get out. Working Smoke Alarms Saves Lives. Test yours every month! [Learn all about smoke alarm safety with this quiz](#), and be sure to share your results. For more information contact Education Specialist Jeff Bostian, bostianj@concordnc.gov.



News Headlines

Join the Big Sweep movement

The Concord Wildlife Alliance is organizing a cleanup in Concord along Academy Branch. Meet other volunteers at ClearWater Artist Studios, 223 Crowell Drive NW, on Saturday, October 11 at 10:00 a.m. Snacks will be available following the cleanup. For more information, please visit concordwildlifealliance.com, or contact Lynn Tesh at lynn@teshtroxler.com or 704-425-8718.

Enjoy some jazz - John Brown Quintet to play on October 3rd

The John Brown Quintet specializes in music from the time-honored bebop and hard bop jazz eras, and bring new life to some of the best-known classics in the Great American Songbook. An all-star group of North Carolina jazz musicians, they brought down the house when they played at the Davis in 2010. On Friday, October 3, at 8:00 p.m. the John Brown Quintet will play at the Davis Theatre. Get your tickets today! [Click here](#) to learn more or call: 704-920-2753.

Diabetes and Hearing Loss Workshop, October 18th

Did you know that diabetes affects hearing? The FREE workshop hosted by the Cabarrus Health Alliance will address the problems that diabetes may have on our ears and ability to hear. This workshop is recommended for those with pre-diabetes and type 2 diabetes. Family members and friends are also welcome to attend. A light breakfast will be served. [Click here](#) to learn more or call 704-920-1999.

First phase of Hector H. Henry Greenway now open

City Council and family members dedicated the first completed phase of the Hector H. Henry, II Greenway Tuesday at the Odell Elementary School entrance in Moss Creek Village. What will become the City of Concord's longest greenway project was named in July 2013 in honor of Council Member Dr. Hector H. Henry, II. Henry served the City of Concord for over thirty years on the City Council. See photos from the dedication event at flickr.com/concordnc. Visit concordnc.gov to learn more.

Planning a reunion? Let Cabarrus County Convention and Visitors Bureau 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

Parks and Recreation highlights

Please see the [Fall 2014 issue of Leisure Times](#) for a full list of programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.

Neighborhood Meeting Calendar

Click the heading above to access the September 2014 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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