



August, 2015

National Night Out 2015

** Tuesday, August 4, 2015 **

On Tuesday, August 4, several Concord neighborhood groups will join with their neighbors, police officers, fire and other community leaders to celebrate National Night Out (NNO). Activities include community cook-outs, meet & greet socials, and small block parties. This year marks the 14th year of National Night out Celebration for the City of Concord.



POLICE • COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

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.

National Night Out is celebrated in numerous cities, towns and villages in the United States. Over the past 32 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 14th year of National Night out Celebration for the City of Concord.

In addition to increasing awareness of crime, NNO strengthens neighborhood bonds and community-police partnerships, while sending a message to criminals that neighborhoods are taking a stand against crime! Bonded neighborhoods deter crime by sending the message that you are close to your neighbors and everyone is aware of what is happening in your neighborhood, and is watching out for each other. This annual police-community partnership event will involve over 10,000 communities from all 50 states. In all, over 34 million people are expected to participate.



In observance of National Night Out **on Tuesday, August 4, 2015**, Concord Police Captain Betty Stocks asks that you try and get to know your neighbors better. You can do this by going door to door and introducing yourself if you have not done so in the past. Remember to leave your porch light on from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. The porch light is a symbol of alertness and awareness; it also makes your neighbors and friends feel welcome. Participation is not limited to leaving your porch light on August 4. Police would like

Let's all give crime a going-away party in Concord! For more information about Concord's National Night Out celebration, Contact [Captain Betty Stocks](#) at 704-920-5010



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Why do Fire Trucks respond to 911 medical emergencies?

We're glad you asked!

Written in part by Deputy Chief, Jacob Williams

When you hear the words "Fire Department" you think of a group of people who fight fires. Historically, this is absolutely true; however, fighting fires is only one of the many services that the department provides to the shareholders and customers of the City of Concord.

The Concord Firefighters are trained to the level of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) and are licensed with this credential through the State of North Carolina. During any emergency situation, time is extremely important to the situation. When someone calls 911 for emergency medical services (EMS), a decision is made on the spot as to what resources will respond. In many cases, a fire truck is able to arrive on the scene of the emergency much faster than an ambulance. Fire trucks are generally assigned to a specific geographical area of the city and remain in this area under normal circumstances ready to respond to emergencies. Ambulances, however, roam various geographical areas of Cabarrus County at designated posts and typically respond to emergencies from those locations. Also, all fire trucks are equipped with lifesaving equipment such as Automatic External Defibrillator (AEDs) and other critical lifesaving equipment. With the strategic location of the city's fire stations, in conjunction with the firefighters training and ability to deploy lifesaving pre-hospital emergency care, fire truck responses to medical emergencies have without a doubt aided in saving shareholder and customers lives.



When the patient is ready for transport to the hospital, three or four firefighters work as a team to lift and safely place the patient on the stretcher. This provides more stable and steady movement for the patient and provides a safer lift and transfer for the firefighters, reducing the risk of lifting injuries. Often, it takes many hands to accomplish a lot in a short time and one of our goals is to minimize the on-scene time so we can get a patient en route to the hospital as fast as possible.

Although it may seem strange to see a fire truck respond when you called with a medical emergency, providing a high level of care throughout the course of any emergency is critical. Safety is our primary goal and the department is committed to fulfilling our goal by doing anything in our ability to protect your life and property. At the end of it all, that's why we are here.

Listed below you find just a few of the many professional services the department proudly provides:

- Fire Protection
- Technical Rescue
- Hazardous Materials Response
- Emergency Medical Response
- Fire Prevention and Education
- Fire Inspections and Plan Review

For more information, contact the [Concord Fire Department](#) (704) 920-5516.



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Neighborhood Leadership Council Meeting – September 3 ■ 6:30 PM



Join us on Thursday September 3 for the next Neighborhood Leadership Council Meeting. The meeting will be held at [Fire Station #8](#) (1485 Old Charlotte Road). Come network and learn how to best utilize [Nextdoor.com](#) to connect with neighbors online. You will have a chance to ask questions, hear about best practice that you can take home and put to work right away.

During the Leadership Council meetings, neighborhood leaders share experiences, exchange information, and participate in focused leadership training. Meetings are held quarterly and are open to neighborhood leaders from each of the City’s recognized neighborhood organizations. In most cases this is the neighborhood association chair or current president, although any active member is welcomed to attend meetings. Recognized neighborhood organizations are encouraged to designate a primary and an alternate representative to serve as its NLC representative. To RSVP for the meeting or for more information please call (704) 920.5298 or send an email to jzarc@concordnc.gov.

Good Neighbor Tip:
Protect your Property from Insects & Rodents

Insect and rodent infestations are not only a nuisance, but also destroy property and may pose threats to your family and possibly your neighbor’s health and safety. Good Neighbors understand that it is important to take measures to prevent infestations and that if one were to occur, they are responsible for eliminating the infestations and providing continuous maintenance to insure a pest free environment. These requirements are spelled out in the City’s Minimum Housing Code Sec. 14-62. - **Control of insects, rodents and infestations.**



TIPS TO PREVENT INFESTATIONS

- ✓ KEEP your yard clean and free of tall weeds, abandoned cars, and trash.
- ✓ SEAL small openings in homes, buildings or sheds to prevent rodents from entering.
- ✓ Properly maintain your backyard garden and if you have fruit trees, remove fallen fruit from your yard.
- ✓ STORE firewood on open racks at least 18" above the ground and away from the sides of your house.
- ✓ KEEP living areas free of garbage and open food.
- ✓ PROPERLY DISPOSE of all garbage, trash, debris, needless clutter, old furniture, newspapers, boxes.
- ✓ PUT garbage in closed containers. (Remember to place the sanitation collection container to the curb for pick-up only on the morning of the scheduled collection day.)

If you have questions about City Codes, contact [Concord Police Code Enforcement](#) at (704) 920-5150. To report any code violation, call the Customer Care Center at 704-920-5555.



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News Headlines

Province Greene joins the Partnership for Stronger Neighborhoods Program.

On Thursday July 9 Concord City Council officially recognized the Province Greene neighborhood. Province Greene was established in 1999. The neighborhood is located off of George W Lyles NW. The neighborhood has approximately 61 single-family homes. Officers for the association are: President – Wendy Hays; Vice President – Diana Sturdevant; Treasure – Robert Highbee.

Voluntary Water Conservation requested as regional drought conditions worsen

On Wednesday July 22, the Cities of Concord and Kannapolis announced that customers of both municipalities' water systems should follow Level 1 water use restrictions, due to regional drought conditions. These restrictions are for the municipalities of Concord, Kannapolis, Harrisburg, Landis, and Midland. The Catawba-Wateree Drought Management Advisory Group (CW-DMAG) also announced that dry weather conditions and above-average temperatures have placed the Catawba-Wateree River Basin in Stage 1 drought levels of the Low Inflow Protocol (LIP).

With yesterday's update from the [NC Drought Management Advisory Council](#), the City urges customers to take these conditions seriously. Customers are reminded that under normal, responsible water use guidelines adopted by Concord and Kannapolis, lawn irrigation is ONLY allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. To learn more about what activities are permitted by Level 1 voluntary restriction, visit concordnc.gov.

Back to School Community Health & Wellness Fair planned for August 15

On Saturday August 15 the Lambda Upsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will sponsor a back to school community health and wellness fair. The event will be held from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM on the Front Lawn of Barber Scotia College located at 145 Cabarrus Avenue, West Concord, NC. Concord Fire will attend as well. This event will also include free screenings, games, prizes, fun exercises and healthy snacks for the children. For more information, contact [Shauntel Walden](#).

Free CPR Training – Next class: August 21, 2015

Concord Fire Department, in partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department offers Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) class at no charge to the public. This class is not for certification, but is a class intended to educate the public in the lifesaving skill of CPR. The latest research indicates that "hands only" or compression only CPR has a tremendous positive effect on the survivability rates in cardiac incidents. Participants will learn the fundamentals of CPR, in adults and infants, and the use of an automatic electronic defibrillator. Class will be held from 6:00-8:00pm at Fire Station #9, 1020 Ivey Cline Rd. Concord 28027. For more information, visit concordnc.gov.

August 20– 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 or call Concord Downtown Development Corporation at (704) 784-4208.



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Neighborhood Meeting Schedule

August 4

Wyndham Place – 434 Wyndham Pl NE, 10AM

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT EVENTS

- City of Concord/Logan Community – Caldwell Park, 4PM-8PM
- Boulder Creek - First intersection, 5:30PM -7:30PM
- Brown Mill - Bethlehem Baptist Church, 5:30PM-7:30PM
- Concord Chase Apartments- Concord Chase Circle, 5PM-7PM
- Highland Creek- Prosperity Park 5710 Fairvista Dr. 6PM-8PM
- Rock Hill Community- Rock Hill AME Zion Church, 6PM-8PM
- Silver Hill Neighborhood- Hartsell Park, 5PM-7PM

August 6

Morris Glen HOA – Speedway Club, 6:30PM

August 11

- Asheford Greene – TBD, 7PM
- Brandon Ridge – Fire Station #8, 7PM
- Gibson Village NNO Celebration- Clear Water Artist Studio, 6:30PM-8PM
- *Morris Glen – Fire Station #9, 6:30PM
- *Laurel Park – Community Clubhouse, 7PM

August 10

Oakleaf – Club House, 7PM

August 13

Yates Meadows- Roberta United Methodist Church, 7PM

August 17

- *Kings Crossing - Community Clubhouse, 6:30PM
- *Oak Park – Community Clubhouse, 7PM
- *The Woodlands – 5719 Woodridge Ct NW, 7PM

August 18

- Silver Hill Silver Hill Primitive Baptist Church, 7PM
- *Carriage Downs – Clubhouse, 7PM

August 19

- *Sheffield Manor – Clubhouse, 6:30PM
- *Highland Creek - Community Clubhouse, 7PM
- *Winding Walk - 10660 Fairwoods Dr, 7PM

August 20

Winecoff School Rd & Belvedere - Flow Harris Presbyterian Church, 7PM

August 24

Moss Creek – Clubhouse, 6:30PM

**Board Meeting*

Neighborhood News is published monthly and information from neighborhood associations and others are welcome.

Please share this newsletter by forwarding it to your neighbors - post an excerpt in your community's newsletter, post a copy on your community bulletin board, website, Facebook or Nextdoor page.

Partnership for Stronger Neighborhoods

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