



November, 2015

Loose Leaf Collection

October 19 - January 29

On Monday, October 19, the City of Concord began its annual loose leaf collection season. This popular program provides each Concord resident three opportunities to have un-bagged leaves collected curbside, between October 19 and January 29. Concord is one of just a few North Carolina municipalities providing this exceptional value to taxpayers, by funding a wide range of solid waste services out of their tax dollars. The program is offered by Solid Waste Services to residents at no extra charge.



While bagged leaves, grass, and other yard waste are picked up year-round, loose leaf collection offers residents the extra convenience of simply raking leaf piles to the curb. Be a good neighbor—don't put leaves out too early. The 2015-16 loose leaf collection schedule was mailed to each residence in the Fall 2015 City Circular. The schedule is also available for download at concordnc.gov. For more information about the program or collection schedule, visit concordnc.gov or contact the Customer Care Center at (704) 920-5555.

SAVE THE DATE

- [Election Day](#) – Tues. November 3, 6:30 am to 7:30 pm ([Cabarrus County School will be closed](#))
- [5 Alarm 5K Run and Fun Run](#) – Saturday, November 7
- Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 11
- [Concord Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event](#) - Friday, November 20
- [Concord Christmas Parade](#) - Saturday, November 21

Neighborhood Leadership Council Meeting – December 2 • 6:30 PM



Join us on Wednesday December 2 for the 4th quarter 2015 Neighborhood Leadership Council Meeting. The meeting will be held at the [Clearwater Artist Studio](#) (223 Crowell Dr. NW). Come network and learn about how to make committees and best practices to help lighten the Board's load and strengthen the association.

The Neighborhood Leadership Council provides neighborhood leaders with an open, flexible, and consistent forum to come together and share experiences, exchange information, and have access to focused leadership training. The meetings are open to neighborhood leaders from each of the City's officially recognized neighborhood organizations. In most cases this is the neighborhood association chair or 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 contact Cherie Jzar at (704) 920.5298 jzarc@concordnc.gov.



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Good Neighbor Tip:
Yard Sales /Garage Sales

City code 42-30 to 42-38

Yard /Garage sales provide residents with a great opportunity to get rid of unwanted items and make space for new furniture or to clean out your attic or garage, but did you know that the City of Concord Codes regulates this type of activity?

QUESTION: Why is it necessary to regulate garage/yard sales?

The idea is to allow every citizen the opportunity to conduct a garage sale while at the same time considering that these sales are typically held in residential neighborhoods. Yard sales left unregulated could lead to lingering effect on the surrounding neighborhood by potentially inconvenience the neighbors. Yard sales which extend beyond the time allotted are considered to be a commercial endeavor and a nuisance, creating an activity which is not conducive to a residential neighborhood.



QUESTION: Are there any limitations for yard sales?

Residents can hold a yard sale on their property. However, sales are limited to no more than (3) sales within a year and the sale should not last for more than (2) consecutive days or more than 16 hours in a single week. Also, yard sale items are limited to personal property from your household. For example, the sale of 25 bicycles obtain from any commercial business would not be a garage sale.

QUESTION: Is it ok to post a yard sale signs on a utility pole?

No. While it's true that posting signs within the public right of way is prohibited; there are many creative ways to successfully advertise your sale. Successful methods include on the web, on community social media pages, in local newspapers, on community bulletin boards and in your neighborhood newsletter. Remember, all signage must comply with the current requirements set forth in the Concord Development Ordinance as amended or modified by city council.



It is best to coordinate your yard sale with neighbors on your block or with a "community wide" yard sale. Doing so will mean that all neighbors are aware of the anticipated increase in non-resident traffic. Ensure that the sale does not spill out in areas within the public right-of-way like the sidewalk or street. Remember, a yard sale is selling of unwanted household or personal items such as tools, furniture, or clothing from your own property on an infrequent basis. Having one provides you with a GREAT way to declutter and earn a few extra bucks. However, a good neighbor understands that there's more to it than putting price tags on your old stuff and a sign out in your front yard.



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Crime Prevention Tip: Mortgage Fraud Prevention

Mortgage fraud is a crime that hurts homeowners, families, communities, businesses, and the economy. Although new laws and protections have been enacted to address these scams, mortgage fraud schemes have been particularly resilient and have adapted to economic changes and modifications in lending practices.

If a deal to buy, repair or refinance a house sounds too good to be true, it usually is! Scammers typically target the most vulnerable and often look for homeowners in financial trouble. They use complex schemes to rob homeowners of their homes and incomes. Despite efforts to avoid scams, many homeowners fall victim to mortgage fraud. The sad reality is that there is generally little recourse to recover money already paid.



Click on the image above to watch the video which provides an overview of mortgage fraud and its detrimental effects, along with some basic red flags you should look out for.

If you have been victimized or suspect that you have fallen victim to mortgage fraud, you can take action to protect yourself from further problems. **REPORT IT:** www.stopfraud.gov www.preventloanscams.org or call 1-800-CALLFBI. For any Police, Fire, or Medical Emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

Fire Prevention Tip: Home Heating Safety



According to the [National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\)](http://www.nfpa.org), typically more home fires and home fire deaths occur in cooler months. This is due in part to an increase in cooking and heating fires. Holiday decorations and winter storms that can interrupt electrical service and cause people to turn to alternative heating sources also contribute to the increased risk of fire in winter. Watch the video by clicking on the image below to watch a special message from the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA).

For more information on the NFPA, visit nfpa.org or contact Concord Fire Life Safety Education Specialist - Jeff Bostian, bostianj@concordnc.gov.



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News Headlines

Concord Wildlife Alliance to present free screening of "Vanishing of the Bees"

Honeybees have been mysteriously disappearing across the planet, literally vanishing from their hives. Known as colony collapse disorder, this phenomenon has brought crisis to those responsible for producing out of every three bites of food on our tables. Join the Concord Wildlife Alliance for a free screening of [Vanishing of the Bees, narrated by Ellen Page](#), on Thursday, November 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Davis Theater, 65 Union St S. Refreshments will be served and a panel of experts will take questions after the movie. For more information, visit concordwildlifealliance.com.

Concord Electric Presentations - New advance metering infrastructure or AMI

Staff representatives from Concord Electric would like to attend your neighborhood meeting to introduce residents to a new meter reading technology referred to as AMI which stands for advanced metering infrastructure. This new technology called AMI meters will allow the transmission of data instantly between Concord Electric and its customers using wireless technology. It will allow consumers to monitor their own electricity usage and provide a number of other benefits to Concord Electric and customers. For more information or to request this presentation, contact your assigned neighborhood liaison.

Annual Concord Christmas Parade

The Annual Concord Christmas Parade will be held at 2:30 pm on November 21, 2015. As in years past, we are asking each neighborhood to send at least one representative to ride on the Christmas Parade float. If you want to send two representatives that is fine. The more the merrier!! We also welcome children as long as they are accompanied by an adult guardian. We always have lots of fun and it's a great time to meet other neighborhood representatives. Please [email](#) with the name and contact information for the individual(s) from your neighborhood so that I can coordinate the specifics (i.e. gathering time and place). This event is sponsored by the [Cabarrus Events Association](#).

Year-Round School Informational Meetings - Oct. 30th and Nov. 4th

The Cabarrus County Board of Education voted at its October business meeting to allow Wolf Meadow Elementary School to operate on a balanced calendar (also known as year-round school) beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. The school will hold informational meetings for parents interested in learning more about this educational opportunity. The meetings will be held on Oct. 30th and Nov. 4th. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parks and Recreation highlights

Please see the [Fall 2015 issue of Leisure Times](#) for a full list of programs offered by the Parks and Recreation Department.



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Neighborhood Meeting Schedule

November 2

Gable Oaks Board Meeting, TBD 7PM

November 3

Residents of Historic Concord - 189 Union St North
 *Roberta Farms, Crossroads Church Room 120 7PM
 Wyndham Place - 434 Wyndham Pl NE, 10AM

November 9

Oakleaf - Clubhouse, 6PM

November 10

Asheford Greene - TBD, 7PM
 Brandon Ridge - Fire Station #8, 7PM
 Silver Hill - Primitive Baptist Church, 6PM
 Glen Grove HOA - Fire Station 8, 6PM
 Underwood Park - Zion Hill AME Zion Church
 *Laurel Park - Community Clubhouse, 7PM
 *Morris Glen - Fire Station #9, 6:30PM

November 12

Yates Meadows- Roberta United Methodist Church, 7PM
 *Weddington Woods - Fire Station #7, 7PM
 City Council Meeting - City Hall, 6PM

November 16

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

November 17

Planning & Zoning, 6PM
 *Carriage Downs - Clubhouse, 7PM
 Zemoso Acres - Fire Station #7, 7PM

November 18

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

November 19

Historic Preservation Commission Meeting - City of Concord City Hall, 2nd floor, 7PM
 Winecoff School Rd & Belvedere - Flow Harris Presbyterian Church, 7PM

November 23

Logan Community Meeting - Logan Multi-Purpose Center, 7pm
 Moss Creek - Clubhouse, 6:30 PM

**Board Meeting*

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

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