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Top 10 Ways for Neighborhood Leaders to Stay Informed

Information is key to being a successful neighborhood leader. There are many opportunities to get involved and learn about City operations. Consider the following as a way to stay informed about the City of Concord programs, events, and activities.

1. **Visit the City's Website and read the [Community News](#).** Read announcements about developments, events, awards and issues. Many news articles contain links to additional information and relevant background material. The Community News is located on the homepage of the City's website.
2. **Sign up for and read the weekly [CityLink newsletter](#).** The weekly newsletter helps residents stay up to date with the latest news, events and services offered by the City.
3. **Read the City Circular magazine.** The magazine is produced quarterly by the City Manager's Office to provide citizens with information about current activities including feature stories on topics of interest, economic development news, public safety, staff developments, road construction information, and more. [Click here](#) to access the Fall 2015 digital edition.
4. **Subscribe to [Blackboard Connect](#).** Receive time sensitive phone messages from the City. Subscribers receive any message regarding the safety or welfare of the community. Examples include severe weather warnings and updates, hazardous traffic or road conditions inside the city or affecting local routes, and any other situation that could impact the safety, property, or welfare of citizens.
5. **Connect through social media.** Visit the official City of Concord's [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) page for the latest information about City news and events. Also, [Nextdoor.com](#) users can receive information from the City on your neighborhood Nextdoor site.
6. **Contact Your Neighborhood Liaison.** Neighborhood liaisons are specifically appointed for an indefinite term by the City Manager to be responsible for and accountable to recognized neighborhoods in a specific geographic area of the City. The neighborhood liaisons regularly attend community association meetings and can be contacted by phone or email. They are a valuable source of information and assistance to neighborhoods throughout Concord. Visit concordnc.gov/neighborhoods for more info.
7. **Attend a City Meeting** – The Concord City Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. A work session is held on the preceding Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. The meetings are held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building located at 26 Union Street, South. The 2015 meeting schedule and [meeting agendas](#) are posted on the [City's website](#).
8. **Download the [City Guide](#).** Read this guide to gain useful information about the City of Concord including, information on the city's organizational structure, annual events, program and services, and the contact information for City departments.
9. **Call the Customer Care Center – (704) 920-5555.** City staff members are committed to providing excellent service which is personal, caring, and helpful. Customer Care representatives are happy to assist you with specific questions about city services or any concerns Monday through Friday from 7:30



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a.m. until 5:30 p.m. You may also request information or ask a question on the City’s website homepage by clicking on the [“Contact Us”](#) link.

10. **Attend the Neighborhood Leadership Council (NLC) Meetings.** Neighborhood Leaders meet quarterly to network and share information. Recognized neighborhood organizations are encouraged to designate a primary and an alternate representative to serve as its NLC representative. Email izarc@concordnc.gov for more info.

Congratulations FY 15-16 Neighborhood Matching Grant Recipients

On August 13th Concord City Council awarded Neighborhood Matching Grants funds to 9 recognized neighborhood organizations. Neighborhood organizations must match the funds awarded by the City of Concord with contributions of volunteer time, cash or in-kind donations of goods and services. The neighborhoods that will receive grants are:

1. Zemosa Acres – Entrance Lighting Project
2. Afton Village - Beautification Project
3. Carriage Downs - Decorative Signage Project
4. Mountain Laurel - Lighting Project
5. Glen Grove – Erosion Control Project
6. Kings Crossing – Community Building Project
7. Gable Oaks – Entrance Beautification & Sign Project
8. Highland Creek - Street light Project
9. Roberta Farms - National Night Out Community Gathering Event



The matching grant program gives recognized neighborhood organizations an incentive to raise funds, build partnerships, cultivate volunteer and community support all in an effort to facilitate neighborhood self-improvement. For more information on the City’s Neighborhood Matching Grant Program, visit the program’s website at concordnc.gov/neighborhoodgrants.

Neighborhood Leadership Council Meeting – September 3rd • 6:30 PM

Join us on Thursday September 3rd for the 3rd quarter 2015 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. During the meeting, you will hear about best practices and how to better develop your neighborhood’s Nextdoor.com communication strategy.



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September is National Preparedness Month Don't Wait. Communicate.

DON'T WAIT. COMMUNICATE.
MAKE YOUR EMERGENCY PLAN TODAY.



Nearly half of U.S. adults DO NOT have the resources and plans in place in the event of an emergency. As a neighborhood leader, you can help prepare your neighborhood by encouraging your members to [Plan now](#). Try posting a special message about the importance of making an emergency plan on your community's website, [Facebook](#) or [Nextdoor](#) page. Make emergency preparedness an agenda item during your next meeting or host a neighborhood preparedness meeting. Concord Emergency Management Coordinator or the Police & Fire Department are available to help lead the discussions – schedule a brief workshop via the [City's Speaker's Bureau](#). Make sure there is an evacuation plan for your neighborhood, and communicate it to your neighbors.

For more information about National Preparedness Month, visit <http://www.ready.gov/september>.

Good Neighbor Tip: Help protect our waterways

Good Neighbors knows that water that flows into the storm drain is not treated before it is released into local bodies of water. When it rains, pollutants such as fertilizer, oil, grease and pet waste are picked up from the ground and carried into the nearest storm drain down the street. The storm drains are not connected to a treatment system, so everything that flows down the drain goes directly to the nearest water body. By knowing the facts and being aware, you can help clean up our waterways. Learn more here:

<http://www.concordnc.gov/Departments/Stormwater-Services/Stormwater-Pollution>



Call **704-920-5555** to report spills or illegal dumping into storm drains, along roads, ditches, lakes, or streams. Many liquids and solid wastes have the potential to do environmental harm if they are not properly stored or disposed. Click on the image above to learn about Concord's Storm Drain Marking Program.



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News Headlines

September 11th Patriot Day Event – Remembrance Ceremony

The Concord Fire Department invites the public to a community-wide Patriots' Day remembrance ceremony at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 11. The brief memorial service will be held at Concord Fire Station 8, located at 1485 Old Charlotte Road. *Patriot Day*, also commonly known as 'Nine-Eleven' is remembered as the anniversary of the catastrophic terrorist attacks on the USA of 11th September 2001. Each year on this day, American flags are flown at half-staff to honor and commemorate those lives lost. The US President asks fellow Americans to observe a moment of silence at 8.46am (Eastern Daylight Time), the time of the first plane collision into the North Tower of the World Trade Center.

Cabarrus County Fair - September 11 - 19

Happiness is just a ride away! Fun for everyone at the Cabarrus County Fair. Discounted advance tickets available online through September 4, while supplies last. [Learn more](#): Call 704-786-722.

Voluntary water conservation requested as regional drought continues

Despite recent rainfall and as reported by the [NC Drought Management Advisory Council](#), Cabarrus County remains part of the majority of North Carolina counties urged to implement drought response actions. 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 restrictions, visit concordnc.gov.

Mosaic artwork to be unveiled September 12 at ClearWater Artist Studios

ClearWater Artist Studios recently received a new piece of commissioned artwork in the Gallery floor. Master-level painter and mosaic artist Robert A. Crum, who is one of the artists at ClearWater, has installed a sixteen square-foot byzantine glass design into an open space that once contained a mechanical lift. The work, called "Clearwater Pond," will be unveiled and dedicated at the next ClearWater *Second Saturday* open studios event on Saturday, September 12. Stay tuned for more information, and see images of the installation on the [ClearWater Facebook page](#) and the [entire progression here](#).

4th Annual Safety Palooza, September 19

Safe Kids Cabarrus is planning the fourth annual Safety Palooza on September 19, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at K-Mart (Concord Parkway and Poplar Tent Road). The event will feature food, games and entertainment, local public safety agencies and a variety of activities to help keep kids safe, such as car seat checks, severe weather simulator, fire safety house, and a shredding truck. In addition, runners, walkers, and rollers can participate in the [Candy Corn 5K](#). Drop off expired and unused medications in exchange for a free raffle ticket.



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Neighborhood Meeting Schedule

September 1

Wyndham Place - 434 Wyndham Pl NE, 10AM
 Residents of Historic Concord - TBD, 7PM
 *Roberta Farms, CrossRoads Church Room 120 7PM

September 8

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

September 10

Glen Grove HOA - Fire Station #8, 6PM
 Yates Meadows- Roberta United Methodist Church, 7PM
 City Council Meeting - City Hall, 6PM

September 14

Oakleaf - Club House, 6PM

September 15

Carriage Downs Community Meeting - Clubhouse (1405 Hanson Lane), 7PM

September 16

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

September 17

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

September 21

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

September 28

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.

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.