

# Concord Village Voice ♦ April 2019

**Village of Concord:** 110 Hanover Street-PO Box 306 Concord, MI 49237 / 524-8534 / M-Th: 8am– 6pm

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## Village Meeting Dates and Times

All meetings are held in the Village Commons and are open to the public. Come participate in your local government!

**Village Council:** April 9th & 23rd— 7:00pm

**Parks & Recreation:** April 2nd — 7:00pm

**Planning Commission:** April 16th— 6:30pm

**Fire Board:** April 17th— 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

## Concord United Methodist Church 119 S. Main St., Concord

After School Program. Every Mon. & Wed. 3-5 pm.

- Students grades 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12th
  - A safe place for students to go afterschool
  - Adult supervised, help with homework, play games, interact and have fun!
  - Newly Renovated!!
- WIFI AVAILABLE!**

**ABC Academy** is now offering Preschool and Latch Key services for Concord Community Schools!

Our programs include:

Full and Half Day Preschool for children ages 33 months to 4 years of age

State-funded Free GSRP Preschool for children 4 years of age

Before and After School Latch Key Program

Music & Yoga Enrichment Programs

S.T.E.M. Curriculum and Technology Centers

Security Access Doors

Electronic Parent Communication System

Please contact Cody Blair, Program Director, at [cody@abecademyjackson.com](mailto:cody@abecademyjackson.com)

or by phone at 517-740-0167 if you are interested in enrolling your child in our

high-quality programs. Visit our website for more information

[www.abecademyjackson.com](http://www.abecademyjackson.com)

ABC Academy – a great place for your child to grow, learn, and succeed!

## Concord Heritage House April Event

Potluck/Election of Officers

April 17th @ 6 pm.

Heritage House

**Members and Guests only.**

For more information contact Cathy Coppennoll:

524- 9094 or Gail Snow: 524-6675.

## ABC Academy Summer Camp

Partnering with Jackson Area Career Center to bring you the best educational, adventuresome summer experience!

Reserve your space today!!

517-784-9161

## Concord United Methodist Church will be offering a Community Divorce Care

Program Feb. 19 thru May 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the church,  
119 S. Main St.

This group will be led by Pastor Rob Hughes and meets every Tues.  
until May 14.

Everyone is welcome to attend. Book fee: \$15. Any questions,  
contact the church office., 517-524-6156.

## CBCS (Concord Baseball & Softball Club)

Games will begin soon.

**PLEASE KEEP DOGS OFF THE BALL FIELDS!!**

## Concord Classic Weekend 2019

Will be

June 21– 23. Save the date!

## Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste shall be collected during the first FULL week of each month, weather permitting, according to the following policies: All materials for collection shall be placed at the edge of the street no later than 7:00 am of the Monday morning of the collection week. All eligible materials shall be placed in biodegradable paper bags, bundles or labeled containers with a maximum of 50 lbs. per unit. The maximum limit is 10 units, per residence, per pick up. Leaves may be left loose for collection in the fall. Tree limbs and brush must be cut to lengths not exceeding 5 feet and cannot exceed 6 inches in circumference.

## Concord District Library's Upcoming Events

**Friends Book Sale**—April 13th 10:00 am—2:00 pm.

**Yoga**—Saturday's @ 10:00 am. Bring your yoga mat and bottled water. \$3.00 suggested donation. Adults.

**Little Owls Story Time**—Wednesdays @ 10:30 am. Infant—5.

**Tai Chi**—Wednesdays @ 9:30 am. Adults.

**Friends of the Library**—2nd Wednesday @ 11am.

**Star Wars: The Library Strikes Back**—March 30th—April 7th. During open hours.

**Lonnie & Clyde: An Evening of Poetry and Music**—April 5th @ 6 pm.

**Honey Bunny & Crafts**—April 8th @ 4 pm.

**Bunny "On Board"** - April 17th @ 5:30 pm. Adults.

## Village Voice—Village of Concord Website

Do you have community information you want included in the Village Voice or on Village of Concord Website? Call Village Office. Email: [office@villageofconcord.com](mailto:office@villageofconcord.com). All info. must be submitted a week or more prior to the beginning of the month. The submission deadline for the May issue is April 19th.

## GRANGER GARBAGE/RECYCLE INFO

You may have three additional bags of garbage outside of bin if you have 90 gal trash bin!

Garbage Pick Up: At curb by 6am Tuesday morning.

Recycling Pick Up: April 3rd & 17th.

Granger now accepts recycled glass.

Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by J. Jackson, to accept the minutes from the 2/12/2019 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

S. Lauer attended the meeting to discuss the possible Concord and Pulaski Fire Department merger. If the departments get involved together, Lauer would like to see it as administrative only. As the former Chief during the original split of the departments the biggest problem was dividing up of equipment and he didn't want anyone to have to deal with this problem again. Lauer recommended each department should keep their own equipment, an appointed Chief should run the administration of both Departments and the Chief should have full say in all repairs of equipment with or without ownership.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$37,907.59. Motion approved by all.

J. Bush introduced new DPW employee Norm Kidder to the Council. He was welcomed aboard by all.

J. Blossom brought news from a recent training how the Village is going to be required by the DEQ to do Cross Connection Inspections of every home and business that the Village supplies water to. In 2016 the DEQ started pushing the issue of residential inspections. The Village is looking into hiring a licensed plumber to do the inspections as the inspector needs to know plumbing codes and be licensed to perform the DEQ inspections. If the plumber inspects a residence and they find a violation the resident will have 30 days to fix the violation and a re-inspection will occur. If the resident fails to fix the violation the DEQ requires the Village to turn the water off to the residence. Without running water in a residence the property will be deemed uninhabitable by the Health Dept. J. Blossom is researching the cost of hiring an inspector service or a licensed plumber and will have quotes for the Council in the near future.

J. Blossom informed the Council the Town Clock was delivered last Wednesday and will be put up in the spring. Blossom has also been working with the Garden Club on replacing the planters by the Mill Pond. The company we purchased our hanging planters from dropped off a couple of samples for the Village and the Garden Club to look at and decide which will work best. The Garden Club is also checking with a few greenhouses on the cost of doing all of the baskets for the Village. Village Engineer J. Ripstra was in Tuesday to go over the USDA Water Project and J. Blossom hopes to put the job out for bid by the end of March. J. Blossom also informed the Council there is mold growing on the water tower. Blossom contacted Utility Services, the company the Village has a contract with for the water tower and they said that is one thing that is not covered under our contract so but they recommended the company H2O Towers out of Saline which power washes and coats the tower with a mildew resistant finish. The cost will be \$3,800.00. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to hire H2O Towers to power wash and clean the exterior of the water tower. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed the Harwood Study Data Review compiled thru Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library user's responses. The local leaders and the Concord Library staff will continue to meet, discuss data received, and work on formulating plans to address issues the data showed. J. Bush stated he met again with Pulaski Township Supervisor Bob Jones, Concord Township Supervisor A. Cavin, Concord Fire Chief L. Mosher and Pulaski Fire Chief D. Riley to discuss the possibility of combining the Concord and Pulaski Fire Departments. They compiled a list of the pros and cons of combining the two departments and Bush shared the list with the Council and those in attendance. They intend meeting again after all parties have had the chance to share the list and will resume reunification discussions. J. Bush informed the Council he had been contacted by Village Treasurer C. Gibbs and she would like to move some funds into CD's at American 1 Credit Union with a 3% interest rate for 18 months. The money can be withdrawn if needed with no penalty. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by T. Casey to move \$100,000.00 in CD's to American 1 at 3% interest for 18 months with no penalty for early withdrawal. Roll call vote as follows - J. Bush - aye, T. Casey - aye, T. Norris - aye, J. Jackson - abstain, K. George - aye, M. Lovitt - aye, A. Meeks - abstain. Motion approved.

Council Comments:

T. Norris asked if the Village had received all of the easements regarding the West side of Main Street downtown business district. J. Blossom informed him they had all been signed, returned and recorded with the Register of Deeds Office.

J. Bush informed the Council he had been contacted by the Heritage House about applying for grants and had a workshop with several members. They are now working towards receiving 501c status to become a non-profit. The Heritage House is interested in grants and funding because the house is in need of some substantial repairs including needing a new roof and some walls need repaired/replaced from the leaky roof. Bush asked the Council and public to think about ideas on how the Heritage House could possibly raise funds. The idea of allowing the Heritage House to run and receive the 50/50 Raffle at the Concord Classic Weekend and a possible fundraising event using the Opera House at the Concord Library were mentioned.

Village Council Meeting Minutes- March 12, 2019 Absent: View at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to accept the minutes from the 2/26/2019 meeting, as presented The motion was approved by all.

B. King from Brembo North America of Homer Michigan attended the meeting to request use of the Falling Waters Trail to hold a Brembo sponsored event on May 6<sup>th</sup>. The event will be a Taco Trot 5k for Brembo employees. The event will start at 6:00 am and stagger throughout the day to accommodate all three shifts. Their goal is to get 50 - 60 participants. The Council granted the request and will also allow them to paint mile markers on the ground of the Village owned part of the trail. Parking was discussed and if they have an overflow, they were given instructions on where to park.

Public Comments: None.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$36,411.23. Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom stated he was still getting some things together for the Cross-Connection inspections. He also mentioned DPW employee N. Kidder passed the written portion of the CDL exam and will be completing the driving portion on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Things are moving forward on the USDA Water Project. J. Blossom will be meeting with Village Engineer J. Ripstra on Thursday to go over one more easement which is needed. Once that is done Village Attorney F. Lucas will look everything over and sign an affidavit.

J. Blossom informed the Council that Great Lakes Engineering out of Troy Michigan, hired by MDOT were in last Wednesday to review and audit our bridge files and inspections. The only suggestion they had was to have a separate file for each bridge.

L. Jacobson reviewed his February Blotter and had the following to report: The subject(s) involved in the B&E's of the bus garage and Concord Manufacturing have been identified in cases headed up by Calhoun County and the State Police. More to come as this moves on. He also mentioned Speed watch 2019: Here are 3 cases where writing a citation is easy - on King Rd. near S. Parma Rd. - 87 in a 55, on N. Concord Rd. near Warner Rd. - 83 in a 55, and on S. Main St. @ Harmon St. - 57 in a 25...SLOW DOWN!!!!

L. Jacobson is following up on a noise complaint in the 600 block of Hanover St. He also came across Erie Construction soliciting in the Village, they did not apply for a soliciting permit so he sent them away.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson informed the Council that he will be unable to attend the next Council Meeting.

K. George asked about several large potholes in the Village. J. Blossom informed him the DPW Department plans to address these with cold patch Thursday or Friday depending on the weather.

J. Bush informed the Council there will be a Harwood meeting Wednesday March 13, 2019 at 7pm in the Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library. He also relayed a message he received from Pulaski Township Supervisor B. Jones which stated the Pulaski Township Fire Dept. stated at the Pulaski Township meeting the previous night said they do not want to merge with the Concord Fire Department.