

# Concord Village Voice ♦ September 2017

**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: September 12th & 26th— 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: September 5th — 7:00pm

Planning Commission: September 19th— 6:30pm

Fire Board: September 20th— 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

## GRAND OPENING

JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION  
TO CELEBRATE THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF  
THE TREASURE GALLERY!

Saturday September 9th 5pm~9pm  
101 South Main Street  
Concord, MI. 49237

Live Music, Live Painting, Wine, and Snacks  
This event is FREE

The opening of the gallery is a lifelong dream coming into reality. The Treasure Gallery is a place to create, teach, learn and inspire. I believe GREAT things happening right here in this small village with a BIG heart. I am so excited to kick-off this new adventure with all of you.

Cheers! See you all soon!  
Melissa Morse Artist and Owner

## The Free—Fresh Food Initiative

Second Saturday of Every Month—8:00 AM

A grant funded program distributing fresh produce to families at no cost. Distribution occurs at the Fire House Parking Lot at 8:30 am and runs until the food is gone. Bring your own boxes or bags to carry your free food.

## 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. All info. must be submitted a week prior to the beginning of the month. The submission deadline for the October issue is September 22nd.

## Concord Heritage House August Event

September 20th @ 6:30 pm. Speaker-John Hauger on historical event/person or travels. Always Interesting. For more information contact Cathy Coppennoll: 524- 9094 or Gail Snow: 524-6675.

As always open for the public to attend!

## HOLIDAY DECORATIVE LIGHTS

Council member Tim Casey and his wife Karen would like to pledge dollar for dollar up to \$500.00 for Holiday Decorative Lights for downtown.

Donations can be dropped off at the Village Office.  
Thank you.

## Free Fire Pit Permits

Fire pits for leisure are allowed within the Village. For more information, to pick up a permit and to schedule an inspection please visit the Village Office during business hours to pick up and fill out the required form.

## FREE Homecoming Hot Dog Picnic

Friday, September 22, 5:00 pm in the Concord UMC parking lot, 119 S. Main St. Free hot dogs, chips, carrots, and homemade cookies. Everyone welcome!

## Concord District Library's Upcoming Events

The Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library would like to hold a program on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at the library entitled "Love My Community" from 10 am to 2 pm. If work is being done on the Opera house on this date, the program will be held at the Concord Community Center. The branch manager is asking for representatives from all of the local village businesses, Health Clinic, Vet Clinic, Concord Community Schools, Fire, Police, Village, Township, Parks and Recreation, Mann House, Churches and others to participate by having an activity and information about their services available for families. Reserve a table in the Opera House free of charge. Please contact Branch Manager Tammy Dotson at (517) 905-1379 or email [dotsontr@myjdl.com](mailto:dotsontr@myjdl.com) to reserve a table. She needs to know who is planning to attend and what they may be offering by September 8th.

Yoga with Amy Reamer Wednesdays-10 am Bring your yoga mat and join us for yoga in the Opera House. Suggested \$5 donation.

Community Story Walk September 13th @ 9 am. Concord Elementary to Concord Branch Library.

DIY Fidget Spinners September 11th @ 4:30 pm. Ages 10—17. Registration is required.

Be a Changemaker—Teen Meetup Second and fourth Mondays @ 5pm. Ages 12—17. Registration is required.

Magnetic Memo Board September 20th @ 5:30 pm. Adults. Registration is required.  
JDL Fall 2017 Book Clubs 3rd Monday @ Concord. Call the specific branch for times and titles. Concord Branch 517-905-1379.

Music on Main St. Saturdays 12-2 pm. Teens and Adults. The Opera House will be open to the public to practice and perform music! Please bring your own instrument (a piano is provided).

## Concord Community Schools Bond

Concord Community Schools is attempting to secure a 1.58 mil bond increase to make improvements to the school's aging buildings during the next election on November 11, 2017. For more information you can visit Concord School's Admin. Building or the Village Office to pickup flyers with information on the bond and the scope of improvements it will address. You can also find information on the bond at the website:

<http://www.concordschools.net/bond-2017-information>

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@abcacademyjackson.com](mailto:cody@abcacademyjackson.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.abcacademyjackson.com](http://www.abcacademyjackson.com)

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

## 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: September 7th & 20th.

Granger no longer accepts recycled glass.

**Village Council Meeting Minutes-July 25, 2017 Absent: View at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) or pickup hard copy at Village Office**

**Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 07/11/2017 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.**

**Public Comments:**

H. England asked the Council if the Village had made a decision of whether or not the speed limit sign entering the Village on S. Main St. would be moved so that the 25 miles per hour speed limit would start at the Village limits. J. Bush stated that the sign would be moved by the end of the week.

A. Losey commented that he has been hearing positive comments about the Village of Concord from neighboring communities.

**Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$15,677.62. Motion approved by all.**

J. Blossom discussed the fire hydrant with a broken valve near the Community Center. This hydrant has been a concern for a while and another water line needs to be ran along the new trail from the water tower to Spring Street to rectify the situation. The Village had previously explored running this water including pulling necessary permits some time ago to address the issue. He plans to get bids for the water line replacement closer to winter. He also mentioned that at the corner of Michigan and Monroe there is an orange barrel over a crumbling basin that needs to be replaced at a cost of \$8,300.00. J. Bush motioned that they accept the bid from Concord Excavating to repair the basin at the cost of \$8,300.00, seconded by A. Meeks. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Blossom spoke with Village Attorney F. Lucas regarding the installation of a master meter at Three Oaks Estates, F. Lucas stated that our ordinance is in compliance with installing a master meter. No further action was required as this was approved during the Village Council meeting on February 14, 2017. J. Blossom spoke with one of the owners of lots in the Paddock Subdivision and he has a buyer that would like to combine two lots and build a house. Village Attorney F. Lucas will work on this with J. Blossom. This discussion will be continued as things develop.

L. Jacobson mentioned that while doing foot patrol he found one of the missing orange flags behind Dollar general. He was informed the night the flags and a manhole cover were taken there was a huge party on Eckert Rd. and was told kids from a neighboring community were the flag/manhole culprits. He also stated that a guy gave him the name of the person responsible for deflating the school bus tires last fall, but without a video surveillance there is not much he can do.

J. Bush discussed with the Council in detail the bat bug issue that has been ongoing for weeks with one of the Village tenants and what steps have and will be taken.

**Council Comments:**

A. Meeks mentioned that a resident had approached her about people parking their cars on the grass at the school and if it were a Village issue or a school issue. J. Bush informed her that it was a school issue.

M. Lovitt stated that a resident asked him if the sidewalks on Hanover St. were on the list to be repaired this year. J. Blossom stated they are not and could possibly be next year.

J. Bush discussed the meeting with himself, DPW Director J. Blossom, Village Clerk J. Lefere, Village Treasurer C. Gibbs and Auditor N. Barton to review the audit.

J. Bush mentioned that he, M. Lovitt, and T. Casey have started working on changes to the Medical Marijuana Ordinance as the State continues to change the laws regarding this.

**Village Council Meeting Minutes– August 8, 2017 Absent: View at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) or pickup hard copy at Village Office**

**Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to accept the minutes from the 07/25/2017 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.**

**Public Comments:**

K. Wyatt discussed the upcoming MDEQ meeting concerning the Pig Farm plans in Concord Township. The MDEQ will be holding the meeting in the Village's Concord Community Center.

H. England thanked the Council for changing the speed limit sign coming into the Village on her side of Main St. England asked about changing the speed limit signs on the opposite side of Main Street when coming into the Village to eliminate any confusion. J. Bush stated he had been approached by several other residents asking about the same speed limit sign change and intended to have the DPW change the signs. England also expressed concern on the faded condition of the Village of Concord sign and wondered if the Village had thought about replacing it. J. Bush said he would look into it.

B. Barton asked about some of the Village blight issues in the Downtown Business District. Officer Jacobson addressed the issues of concern, including repair of the Shannon's building windows and possible sale of the building, and also the possible sale of the Buddy's building.

Deputy L. Jacobson reviewed procedure on solicitation permits after Seventh Day Adventist were reported soliciting in the Village. All solicitation permits must be approved by Concord Village Council prior to organizations and companies soliciting in the Village limits. Jacobson also mentioned he has increased patrols in areas where there have been speeding complaints and will be adjusting with school starting soon.

Village President J. Bush reported the Village's lawyer was pleased with the wording on the Site Condominium Ordinance to allow Site Condominiums in the Village and asked the Council to act on enacting the Ordinance.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to adopt the Site Condominium Ordinance as written. Motion carried with a Roll Call Vote of: J. Jackson—Yea; T. Norris—Yea; A. Meeks—Yea; M. Lovitt—Yea; T. Casey—Yea; J. Bush—Yea; J. Mockeridge—Yea.

J. Bush also shared news of email correspondence about the possible donation of a bronze wolverine statue with a limestone bench base honoring Gerald Ford to the community from the North Family of Jackson, MI. There was Council discussion of possible locations, i.e. Gottschalk Park, Community Center, Village Office, Downtown Main Street, etc. Expected maintenance of the statue was also discussed with Councilmembers concerned about lighting and possible placement of security cameras. J. Mockeridge stated that wherever the Gerald Ford statue ends up lighting should be installed to reduce the possibility of vandalism. J. Bush and the Council are open to suggestions from the community for the statues placement.

**Council Comments:**

M. Lovitt wanted to know if the board could make residents take care of the weeds in front of their home between the curb and road with particular mention of property on W. Center St.

J. Bush stated that the tenant in the West Apt. was happy with the board action concerning her apartment. Bush also stated that Mrs. Snay had a change of heart and was happy with what the Village has done with Spring Street Park.

J. Bush stated there was need for the yearly Employee Review of Treasurer Colleen Gibbs. C. Gibbs requested a closed meeting for her review. The Village Council went into closed session at 7:48 p.m.

Open meeting resumed at 8:28 p.m.

Motion made by J. Bush seconded by A. Meeks to give employee Colleen Gibbs a \$1 an hour raise. Motion carried with a Roll Call Vote of:

J. Jackson—Yea; T. Norris—Yea; A. Meeks—Yea; M. Lovitt—Yea; T. Casey—Yea; J. Bush—Yea;

J. Mockeridge—Yea;