

# Concord Village Voice ♦ February 2020

**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: February 11th & 25th — 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: February 4th — 7:00pm

Planning Commission: February 5th @ the Township— 6:30pm

Fire Board: February 19th— 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

## Concord United Methodist Church

The Hangout, After School Program Every Mon. & Wed. 3-5 pm at Concord United Methodist Church, 119 S. Main St., 524-6156. All students grade 6<sup>th</sup> thru 12th welcome, a safe place for students to go afterschool, adult supervised, help with homework, play games, interact and have fun! Newly Renovated!! WIFI AVAILABLE! Bring a friend and join us.

## A MESSAGE FROM GRANGER-

### Winter Weather is Coming

This mild weather has been holding on for a while, but inevitably winter weather will come. Eventually our roads will become a mess with ice and snow. Before this happens, we'd like to point out a few best practices for the winter:

Find a good place to put your bag/bin/cart. Shovel a spot at the curb or place your container in your driveway so our drivers can service it.

Keep your cart out of the street to avoid any plow truck casualties.

Make sure your cart can be closed all the way so snow and rain don't get in. This will keep the contents from freezing.

We do our best to service our customers during winter weather conditions, but we may run a bit behind. As a reminder, customers have a collection day, not a time. If we ultimately cannot service customers on their scheduled day, we will allow extras for no charge on their next service day. We appreciate your patience during the upcoming winter collection season.

## Concord Heritage House February Event

Bakeless Bake Sale

Mail to Cathy Coppernoll

275 First St. Concord, MI 49237

For more information contact Gail Snow:

gailpsnow@yahoo.com

## No Overnight Parking on Village Streets

From 2:00am to 6:00am—November 1st through May 1st.

This is in place so the DPW can plow and salt our streets.

## Winter Sidewalk Ordinance

By law you must clear your sidewalk of snow and ice within 24 hours of a minor snowfall or 48 hours in snow falls greater than 4 inches. Violation of this Ordinance is punishable by a \$50 to \$500 fine and cost to remove snow or ice.

## Concord Girl Scouts

Concord Girl Scouts will be taking orders for their fabulous cookies starting on December 24th! All of your favorites are back again this year - Tagalongs, Thin Mints, Samoas, Trefoils, Do-Si-Dos, S'Mores, our gluten-free Toffee-Tastics and the brand-new Lemon-Ups cookie! Just ask your favorite Girl Scout, to order yours - or call 517-524-7340/ text 517-230-0596 to get connected.

## DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Starting Jan. 29 (through March 25), 6:30 to 8:30 pm

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

To register email [//fpu.com/1110028](mailto://fpu.com/1110028). Questions contact Rich

Cornell, [rcornell@arbor.edu](mailto:rcornell@arbor.edu).

## DIVORCE CARE SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday Evenings starting Tuesday, Feb. 4

@ 6:30 pm at Concord UMC, 119 S. Main St.

This 12 week class meets every Tuesday night and is led by Pastor Rob.

Videos, support group discussion and journaling.

## Concord District Library's Upcoming Events

Let's Share a Story: Open Hours. Children

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

Friends of the Concord Branch: 2nd Wednesday of the month @ 10:00 am.

Crochet Facial Scrubbies: February 3rd @ 5pm. Teens and Adults. Registration Required.

Book Page Canvas: February 11th @ 5 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 March issue is February 21st.

## 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.

Blue Bag Recycling Program Began in December.

Motioned by T. Casey, seconded by M. Lovitt, to accept the minutes from the 11/26/019 meeting as presented Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

A. Losey gave an update on the Jackson County Commissioners meeting he recently attended. For information go to <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/365/Jackson-County-Commissioners> and select the news tab.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$115,285.94 . Motion approved by all.

Expense Approval Water Main Project in the amount of \$16,000.00 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of Expense for Water main Project in the amount of \$16,000.00. Motion approved by all.

Deputy Jacobson discussed his November 2019 Police Blotter. To view a copy, go to the Village website at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) look on the home page – quick links. Deputies were dispatched to a residence on Warner Rd. to investigate a situation in which a feuding family member allegedly fired a rifle – at a distance – towards the callers’ property, striking some farming equipment. CHARGES ARE PENDING IN THIS CASE.

J. Blossom informed the Council the Cadet Tavern once again was plugging into a Village electrical outlet on one of the lampposts to power their holiday lights. Blossom stated this type of extension cord damaged the GFI outlet last year and it had to be replaced. After discussion the Council agreed an official letter needed to be sent to the Cadet ownership to cease and desist plugging into Village’s as there was concern the GFI outlet would be damaged again. J. Blossom also mentioned he had a complaint about the condition of the easement behind the business on the west side of Main Street. The owner wanted to know when the easement would be paved, J. Blossom let her know that it would be paved during the water main replacement project, likely Spring-Summer 2020.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson to approve the 2020 budget as printed. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to approve the 2019 budget amendments with a transfer in to the General Fund in the amount of \$19,528.50. All were in favor. Motion approved.

Council Comments: None

Village Council Meeting Minutes-January 14, 2020 Absent: View at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 12/10/019 meeting as presented Motion approved by all.

J. Bush and the council reviewed the applications for the apartment located above the Village Office. J. Bush recommended that the council approve renting the apartment to the Sykes family. Council was in agreement.

Public Comments:

T. Karr-Jackson informed the council that the Friends of the Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library continue to meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 10 am. She also informed everyone that Librarian T. Dotson is now at the Summit Branch and the Concord Branch will be receiving a new Librarian soon. She asked if the Harwood meetings would continue. J. Bush informed her that they plan to continue the meetings and he will discuss with the new Librarian to see if the meetings will continue to meet at the library or a different location. The location will be announced if and when that happens. She also reminded everyone to take a tour and visit the CSLHC to be more informed of what they offer. They recently received a grant from BCBS of Michigan. They will use the grant money to purchase childhood immunizations. They expect to order the immunizations in the next couple of months. They will also continue to offer sports physicals. The Center is open Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 8-5. You may also call and leave a message during closed hours.

K. Wyatt asked L. Jacobson for an update on the feral cat situation in the Village. He had heard that some people in the Village were taking some feral cats to the vet to have them spay/neutered. L. Jacobson said he didn’t have an update as his department was not involved. He also asked about the ordinance regarding furniture at the curb in the Village. L. Jacobson informed him that he lets them be for a week or so to see if anyone picks them up. After that time, he gives the resident a warning to make arrangements for Granger to pick it up. If it is not picked up in a timely manner, he will issue a citation.

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Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$57,098.30 . Motion approved by all.

Expense Approval Water Main Project in the amount of \$1,353.74 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of Expense for Water main Project in the amount of \$1,353.74. Motion approved by all.

Deputy Jacobson discussed his December 2019 Police Blotter. To view a copy, go to the Village website at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) look on the home page – quick links. He mentioned that if you want to watch...questionable material on your brand new, big screen tv, that faces a village street, maybe close your blinds. He also mentioned an incident where one car bumped another car, both drivers got out to assess damage. There was no damage but one driver asked for the other driver’s information and he refused as there was no damage to either vehicle. She said well, you’ve got to show me something so he mooned her, jumped in his car and left. You can’t make this stuff up.

J. Blossom was unable to attend the meeting as he was on a field trip with the school.

Council Comments:

T. Casey was approached by residents about a dog park. J. Bush said it has been discussed in the past and they have a location at the park where they would to put it. It will be about a \$10,000 to \$15,000 project. He will check into getting funding/donations. T. Karr-Jackson suggested they check with the Concord Veterinary Clinic.

M. Lovitt was asked by a resident when sidewalks will be replaced in the Village. J. Bush said with the Water Project going on this year he doubts there will be any sidewalks replaced. A. Meeks mentioned that the Fire Department has their new rescue vehicle out and running. The old rescue will be placed on a municipal for sale site. She also mentioned that she had a complaint about one of the new Autistic Child Area signs that went up last week on S. Main St. The person complaining felt the sign was too close to their driveway. J. Bush stated that he would check with J. Blossom to see if the sign spacing is regulated or if it can be moved.

J. Bush informed the council that treasurer C. Gibbs left a report with the amount of interest earned from CD investments for 2019 was \$34,497.04 compared to \$19,322.94 in 2018. He also discussed the Harwood meeting and that the Mann House will be getting on board with Light Up Concord. They would like to do a community Christmas Tree lighting. The Village can use the boom truck to help put up lights on the tree at the front of the Methodist Church. L. Jacobson suggested that J. Blossom should be the one to do the decorating. J. Bush was approached by two younger Village residents that work at putting up Christmas lights during the holiday season, they offered to put lights on the trees in the downtown business district as long as the Village provides the lights. J. Bush said he would be willing to donate for lights.