

Concord Village Voice ♦ January 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: January 14th & 28th — 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: January 7th — 7:00pm

Planning Commission: January 21st— 6:30pm

Fire Board: January 15th— 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 6th 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 January 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.

FOR RENT:

Village of Concord has a 2-3-bedroom apartment for rent, above the Village Office. Rent is \$650.00 per month and includes water, sewer, garbage and electricity. Phone, cable, heat & internet is not included. Security deposit of \$650.00 is required. NO PETS AND NO SMOKING ALLOWED. Pick up an application at the Village Office, 110 Hanover Street. Any questions, please call 517-524-8534.

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 Book Sale: January 11th from 10am to 1:30pm. All Ages.

STEM Storytime with Robots: January 13th 11am. Children.

Pull String Art: January 14th 4 pm. Teens.

Chinese New Year Storytime: January 18th 11am. Children.

Book Upcycle Craft: January 27th 5pm. Teens & 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. All info. must be submitted a week or more prior to the beginning of the month. The submission deadline for the January issue is December 18th.

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 J. Jackson, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 11/12/019 meeting as presented Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt introduced his granddaughter Ginger who thought it would be exciting to attend a Village Council meeting. K. Wyatt asked about the status of the Chevrolet truck that is being purchased. J. Blossom informed him that he has been in contact with the salesman and the truck should be delivered before the end of the year.

J. Raut and his wife B. Raut attended the meeting to ask the Council questions and make sure their plans would be approved for a building in the Village they would like to purchase to start a coffee shop. J. Bush stated that he along with the rest of the Council is always looking to do what is needed to welcome new businesses in the Village.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$18,427.43 . Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom stated that leaf pick up is complete. The DPW picked up leaves through 3:00 pm Tuesday, November 26th. They have now put the salt spreader and snow plow on the trucks to prepare for the winter weather. J. Blossom also discussed the parking lot at Gottschalk Park. Concord Excavating will be finishing up the project they have been working on and with weather permitting will begin putting millings on the parking lot at the park and begin work on the water project. He also mentioned the areas in the Village where Semco did some digging will be repaired by Semco, if Semco does not complete the Village will repair and send an invoice to Semco.

J. Bush discussed the 2020 budget and reviewed the 2020 budget summary he put together. If anyone would like a complete copy of the budget or a copy of the budget summary, they may be picked up at the Village Office or can be found on the Village's website. J. Bush would like to wait and have the budget approved at the next meeting as the Council has not made a final decision on a water/sewer rate increase and he has a question for the Village accountant. J. Blossom wanted to add his two cents on the water rate increase. He feels there should not be an increase this year due to the fact that the project has not been started. The big increase happened in order to get the USDA loan and be able to repay the loan. Future small cost of living increases will be needed to maintain funds for Repair, Replacement and Improvements.

Council Comments:

T. Casey asked J. Blossom about the recent water main break on Hanover Street and when the area would be paved. J. Blossom stated that it will not be paved at this time as it will be paved during the water main project. Currently the ground is too spongy to repair, when it is able to be repaired the DPW Dept. will place millings.

J. Jackson commended the DPW Dept. on a job well done with leaf pick up. M. Lovitt agreed.

J. Bush stated he had attended a Harwood meeting and it was announced that the Library would be offering a cell phone app. titled Burbio that will pull and compile event dates and times from area municipalities, schools, and businesses websites. The Burbio app. will serve as a community calendar as all Concord Area event date and time information will be available from app.