

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

Parks & Recreation: May 7th — 7:00pm

Planning Commission: May 21st— 6:30pm

Fire Board: May 15th— 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@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!

## Concord Heritage House May Event

Shopping/Lunch Trip Lansing

Country Stitches, Eastwood Towne Centre+

May 15th @ 9 am.

Meet at Heritage House

For more information contact Cathy Coppernoll:

524- 9094 or Gail Snow: 524-6675.

## Mann House

Has 2 job openings and is accepting applications for summer employment. Applicant must be 18 years of age and drive. Job is minimum wage. Applications can be picked up at the Village Office during regular office hours.

## 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

## CBSC (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!

For more information visit the Facebook page:  
Concord Classic Weekend.

## 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

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 @10am.

Big Block Party:—May 1st @ 4 pm. Children.

Mother's day necklace:—May 3rd @ 4 pm. Children.

Solar System Exploration!—May 6th @ 4 pm. Families.

Mother's Day Essential Oil Bath Salts— May 8th @ 5:30 pm. Children with Mother/Grandmother.

Squishy Circuits—May 20th @ 4 pm. Children & Teens.

## 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 June issue is May 20th.

## 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: May 1st, 15th & 29th.

Granger now accepts recycled glass.

**Village Council Meeting Minutes–March 26, 2019 Absent: View at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) or pickup hard copy at Village Office**

**Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 3/12/2019 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.**

**Public Comments:**

K. Wyatt asked about the Shannon's Building and the back taxes notice which is taped to the door. J. Bush stated that if the taxes were not paid by the deadline the building would go into foreclosure with the County of Jackson.

T. Karr thanked Clerk J. Lefere for putting "Friends of the Library Book Sale" in the Village Voice and asked if she could change the time the Friends meet to 10:00 am. She also asked about picking up trash along the Mill Pond and if there was any type of liability insurance. J. Bush informed her that the bottom of the Mill Pond and the dam are privately owned and the Village does not have anything to do with it. T. Karr inquired about the trees being cleared on the North side of the Mill Pond and if the Village intended to do anything about it. Bush stated no, it is a private property issue and the Village has no laws or policies in place to address the situation. Karr stated the MDEQ had been contacted.

K. Mills also commented on the trees being removed from the North side of the Mill Pond.

T. Brooks attended the meeting to discuss the Village Dumpster situation.

**Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$26,517.82. Motion approved by all.**

J. Blossom stated hydrant flushing is complete for the Spring. He also stated he had met with the Concord Garden Club and a decision was made on flower pots for the Mill Pond, the pots were ordered and when they arrive, they will go to the Hobbit for plants. He also mentioned the DPW had gone through 6 ton of cold patch and expects to go through about another 6 ton. The Town Clock's tentative installation date is on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

L. Jacobson mentioned he will be attending court tomorrow because a person he ticketed on Albion Rd. going 43 in a 25 is challenging the ticket. The individual is challenging the ticket because he said when he is driving up the hill on Albion Rd. from M-60 he can see the 35 mile per hour speed limit sign at the top of the hill.

J. Bush informed the Council he request for a land split at 640 Hanover St. was approved by the Planning Commission at their meeting.

J. Bush informed the Council the variance to build a pole barn by the resident at 500 S. Main St. was approved by the Planning Commission at their meeting.

**Council Comments:**

A. Meeks asked about all the leaves people have raked to the edge of their property and if the yard waste policy could be posted on the Village Voice and online. Clerk J. Lefere stated that the policy is on the website and in the Village Voice. She will also post it on the Village Facebook page.

**Village Council Meeting Minutes– April 9, 2019 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 3/26/2019 meeting, as presented The motion was approved by all.**

**Public Comments::**

B. Smith attended the meeting to voice his concerns once again about the condition of several buildings in the Historic Downtown Business District. When he attended the meeting several months ago, he discussed crumbling bricks on the back of the former Shannon's building. There is now a hole in the back of the building where the bricks have crumbled. He asked if there was something the council could do. J. Bush stated that Deputy L. Jacobson had tried to contact the owner of the building several times with no response. Deputy L. Jacobson has issued a civil infraction ticket to the owner and a ticket will be issued every month until the owner is actively working on the repairs. The council asked that clerk J. Lefere contact Village building inspector, Mike Levy to do an inspection on the building.

S. Lauer attended the meeting to ask the council for additional time to make repairs to the former Flower Basket building. The council agreed to give him extra time to complete the repairs. He also asked what, if anything can be done about all of the feral cats behind his building on N. Main St. He disposes of the dishes that people are feeding the cats out of and they dig them out of the trash and continue to feed them. J. Bush and Deputy L. Jacobson stated that there is nothing that the council can do. The council mentioned that there is a shelter in Albion that will take the cats if someone trapped them and delivered them to the shelter.

**Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$12,579.53. Motion approved by all.**

J. Blossom discussed Superior Sales selling the old mower. It hasn't sold yet but it's still early in the season. He has ordered the new mower. He also talked to K. Williams from Concord Excavating and the steps at the front office entrance should be replaced next week, the bench will also be put in next week, weather permitting. The Town Clock will be installed on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Water project plans were dropped off by Village engineer J. Ripstra. The next step is UDSA approval of the plans and then the project can go to bid.

L. Jacobson discussed his March 2019 Police Blotter. He did have the following comments from people he pulled over for speeding:  
On S. Main St. @ Harmon St. 57 in a 25 – "... I'm afraid of the dark."  
On N. Concord Rd. near King Rd. – 76 in a 55 – "... I was bored."

J. Bush mentioned the following events that will be taking place in May:

Tire clean-up day will be May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Hanover Township office from 8 am – noon. This is for Concord residents as well.

Concord community clean-up day will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> as well at Gottschalk Park from 9 am – 1 pm.

He also mentioned an email he received about a MHSDA Neighborhood Beautification Grant Opportunity. He will be checking into this.

J. Bush and J. Blossom have been invited to a meeting in Pulaski on May 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the Swains Lake South side sewer.

**Council Comments:** None.