

# Concord Village Voice ♦ November 2018

**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:** November 13th & 27th— 7:00pm

**Parks & Recreation:** November 6th — 7:00pm

**Planning Commission:** November 20th— 6:30pm

**Fire Board:** November 21st— 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

## 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.

**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!

## LEAF PICKUP

Leaf pickup will begin the week of October 22nd and continue through November 15th.

## 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!**  
**SNACKS!**

## Concord District Library's Upcoming Events

**Book Jackets Coffee Hour** - 3rd Monday @ 1pm. Adults.

**Tai Chi**—Wednesdays @ 10 am. Adults

**Story Ballet**—Wednesdays @ 11:30am. Ages 3-5.

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

**Escape Room: Run, Turkey, Run**—Nov. 7th @ 4pm. Ages 5-9.

**Holiday Crafts** - Nov. 7th @ 5:30pm. Adults. Registration required.

**Genot "Winter Elk" Picor Presents...**—Nov. 12th @ 1pm. Ages 8+.

## 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 December issue is November 19th.

## Concord Heritage House November Event

John Hauger—Historical Presentation.

November 14th @ 6:00pm.

At the Heritage House

For more information contact Cathy Coppernoll:

524- 9094 or Gail Snow: 524-6675.

As always open for the public to attend!

## 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: November 14th & 28th.

Granger now accepts recycled glass.

Village Council Meeting Minutes-September 25, 2018 Absent: View at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by T. Casey, to accept the minutes from the 9/11/2018 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

B. Brigham asked the Council if they had received the timeline of events letter he dropped off at the office for each of them regarding the letter he received back in August about mowing his lots in the Paddock Subdivision. He also mailed a copy of the timeline to Village Attorney F. Lucas. Brigham feels he should have been given an additional 10 days from the date of the August 14<sup>th</sup> Village Council meeting where there was a motion and a second for the Village to hire someone to mow the lots. However, that still would have put the deadline to mow his lots 4 days before the next Village Council meeting where he intended to state his case. B. Brigham discussed he met with J. Bush and L. Jacobson as outlined in the letter he received from the Village and felt he was given an extension till the next Council Meeting to address his concerns. Brigham feels he was not given adequate notice about the lots needing to be mowed. He also stated that he would be contacting his attorney and plans to take the issue to small claims court to avoid paying the mowing fee of \$845.00.

K. Herendeen stated she has been coming to Village meetings for more than two years and the lot mowing at Paddock has been discussed each summer. L. Jacobson stated the letter was mailed and received giving B. Brigham 10 days to comply with the ordinance and it would never stand up in court.

K. Wyatt asked about a report J. Blossom had given a few meetings ago regarding new state regulations regarding residential water testing by municipalities. Wyatt mentioned an MLive article in which the City of Jackson Council is declining to complete this new expectation because of the cost. J. Blossom and J. Bush explained the information they have on these new expectations at this time, a potential meeting on the matter they will be attending and recommended to stay tuned for the Village's response.

Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$22,479.82. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson discussed running radar on River St. near the Mill Pond and the Falling Water Trail and he has made no stops as of yet but will continue to monitor the area for speeders.

J. Blossom stated the initial legwork for the water project is in full swing. DPW employee K. Thomas and Blossom have been out locating water service lines in preparation of the project. He also stated the front office ADA ramp replacement project will be starting in mid-October. The delay is due to the concrete contractors are busy and can't get here before then. J. Blossom also informed the Council about a post on social media where someone was complaining about the DPW employees placing cold patch in pot holes on Main Street and not setting up a barricade. J. Blossom explained how cold patch works for those who don't know. He also discussed the sale of the generator. The Village received one bid from the Village of Grass Lake in the amount of \$9,785.00. J. Bush motioned that the Village sell the generator to the Village of Grass Lake for \$9,785.00. seconded by M. Lovitt. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed the D. Harrison/J. Hively lot issue. D. Harrison attended the Planning Commission meeting last week to voice her opinion on the lot behind her property that is owned by J. Hively. She is concerned about the overgrowth of the partially fenced in area. L. Jacobson feels it is wooded lot and is not mowable. The Council will table until the next meeting so they have time to look at the lot and decide.

J. Bush discussed his contact with Paula Holtz from MEDC about the Public Spaces Community Places Grant through Patronicity fundraising for the Town Clock. He stated it didn't sound like a Town Clock purchase meet the criteria according to Holtz but Bush will be checking with a contact at the Patronicity site to explore further to see if purchasing a Town Clock meets the criteria for this grant opportunity. Bush also mentioned he would be in contact with the Jackson Community Foundation about their \$500 Mini-Spirit Grant.

Council Comments:

T. Casey asked about a Christmas Light Decorating Contest. J. Bush informed him that this is something that the Township already has in the works through a Mini Spirit Grant they received from the Jackson Community Foundation.

J. Jackson asked B. Brigham to think about what kind of compromise he may be interested in if one could be given regarding the cost of his lots being mowed in the Paddock Subdivision and to keep them mowed in the future. He did not want an answer tonight but wants B. Brigham to think about it and get back with the Council.

M. Lovitt discussed the social media issue that was posted last Friday regarding the cold patch and how a member of the Village Planning Commission made personal attacks against the Village and singled out the DPW Director. This is not the first time this appointed official has done this and he feels that he should be reprimanded. As an appointed official he should be supporting the Village not bashing them.

Village Council Meeting Minutes- October 9, 2018 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 9/25/2018 meeting, as presented The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt mentioned that he had met with T. Karr earlier down at the little library and wanted to inform everyone that they are now on the map.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Bush, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$62,859.06. Motion approved by all.

M. Small attended the meeting to ask the Council to approve of Jax BBQ applying for a Michigan Beer and Wine License. Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by J. Jackson to grant permission to M. Small of Jax BBQ to apply for a beer and wine license. Roll call vote: T. Casey – aye, T. Norris – aye, J. Jackson – aye, M. Lovitt – aye, A. Meeks – aye and J. Bush – aye. Absent – J. Mockeridge. Motion approved.

L. Jacobson discussed his September Police Blotter. He also discussed the campers located in the Village and is monitoring them to make sure no one is living in them.

J. Blossom discussed the Town Clock and stated that the Village received a \$5,000.00 donation toward the clock from a donor that would like to remain anonymous. J. Bush also applied for and received a \$500.00 Mini-Spirit Grant from the Jackson Community Foundation. This brings our Town Clock Fund total to \$16,087.19. The clock has been ordered and installation is planned for the Spring. He also stated that hydrant flushing has been completed.

J. Bush discussed the D. Harrison/J. Hively lot issue. In a previous meeting L. Jacobson stated he felt the lot was a wooded lot and left it to the Council to review his finding. M. Lovitt stated that it appears to be a wooded lot. Council members agreed. J. Bush asked Clerk J. Lefere to send letters to both residents letting them know the outcome of the discussion.

Council Comments:

M. Lovitt mentioned the letter that the council received from B. Brigham regarding his lots being mowed in the Paddock Subdivision and the response from Village Attorney F. Lucas. The council agreed they should take the advice of the attorney and not discount the cost of the mowing of the lots.

J. Bush mentioned that Treasurer C. Gibbs would like to invest in CD's at County National Bank. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by T. Casey to have Treasurer C. Gibbs invest \$125,000.00 from the General Fund and \$50,000.000 from the Water fund in CD's at County National Bank to earn 3% interest.