

Concord Village Voice ♦ February 2016

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DPW Director: Jason Blossom

Village Meetings

All meetings are held in the Village Commons and are open to the public.

Village Council: Feb. 9 & Feb. 23—7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: Feb. 2—6:30pm

Planning Commission: Feb. 16—7:30pm

Fire Board: February 17—6:00pm

Meeting at the Fire House

!Crimes of Convenience!

Sheriff Deputy Larry Jacobsen reports multiple crimes of convenience. Residents are reminded to shut their garage doors when not home and at night. Residents are also reminded to lock their automobiles and don't leave valuables in sight when not around or overnight.

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 without obstructions.

Concord Heritage House February Event

Bakeless Bake Sale-Donate \$\$Spent to Make Baked Good

For More Information Contact: Cathy Coppernoll:

524-9094 or Gail Snow: 524-6675

!As always open for the public to attend!

The Village Voice

Do you have community oriented information you want included in the Village Voice? Drop off a copy of info. at the Village Office. Email: bushjeromy@yahoo.com or concordvillage@wowway.biz All info. must be delivered or sent a week prior to the beginning of the month of the Village Voice you want it included in.

The Concord Parks and Recreation Committee

Invites you to look over the Village of Concord's Five Year Parks and Recreation Plan they have been working on. As part of the process to submit the Plan to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources there will be a month long review session starting after the Parks & Recreation Committee's meeting on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This month log period for review is your last chance to offer recommendations and changes to the Plan. The Parks and Recreation Committee intends to accept the five year plan with a formal resolution at their next meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday March 3, 2016

Winter Sidewalk Ordinance

By law you must clear your sidewalk of snow and ice within 24 hours of a minor winter storm or 48 hours if more than 4 inches of snow falls. Violation of the Winter Sidewalk Ordinance is punishable by a \$50 to \$500 fine depending on number of offences and the cost to remove snow or ice.

The Village of Concord is looking for Planning Committee & Parks & Recreation Committee Members.

One evening meeting a month to discuss issues as well as make decisions which will influence the operations of the Village.

Paid Position. Contact (517) 524-8534 for more info.

Concord District Library Upcoming Events

Yoga with Amy Reamer: Wednesdays 10-11am Bring your yoga mat and join us for yoga in the Opera House. Suggested \$5 donation

Color Me Calm: Feb. 10th at 5:30 pm Unwind with our adult coloring program. Coloring sheets and colored pencils provided. Bring your own special coloring instruments. Enjoy relaxing music, conversation and light refreshments!

Bottle Cap Magnets: Feb. 8th at 4:00 pm Come make bottle cap magnets. Perfect for your fridge, locker, etc. Intended for ages 8-18 years olds. Space Limited Registration Today.

Love Songs with Lee Piper: Feb. 12th at 6:00 pm Pre-Valentine's Day date night. Enjoy a night of love songs and dancing with Lee Piper at the Historic Concord Opera House. Valentine's desserts served. Intended for adults.

Interactive I-Pad Story Time: Feb. 17th at 5:30 pm Join us at the Concord Branch for an interactive storytime using iPads; enjoy activities and more! For families with children ages 10 and younger.

Do you have ideas on what changes we should make to our website? Contact Village Office or bushjeromy@yahoo.com or concordvillagecouncil@gmail.com

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: Feb. 10th, & 24th

!Now picking up Commercial Trash on Tuesdays!

Granger No Longer Recycles Glass

Village Council Meeting Minutes-December 22, 2015 (Absent: None)

Motioned by Meeks, seconded by K. Bush, to accept the 2016 Budget. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by Meeks, seconded by Norris, to accept the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was approved by all.

Motioned by K. Bush, seconded by Meeks, to approve the Council’s personal payment of the cleaning charge on the Community Center, for the packing and distribution of Concord’s Christmas Baskets. Each member will personally pay \$10.72. Motion approved by all.

With no other business to discuss, it was motioned by Meeks, seconded by Moubray, to adjourn at 7:25 pm. Motion approved by all.

Village Council Meeting Minutes-January 12, 2015 (Absent: None)

Motioned by Meeks, seconded by Jackson, to accept the minutes from the previous meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Motioned by Norris, seconded by Moubray, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$7,030.78. Motion approved by all.

Motioned by Jackson, seconded by Meeks, to allow Jason Blossom, DPR Director, to purchase a 14 foot door for the new DPW building, located on North Main. Original quote from Blossom was \$5,505.00 and the Council awarded him the motion with a cap of \$6,000.00. Motion approved by all.

Tenant parking was again discussed and Blossom said he moved the dumpster behind the Office Building for one of the cars and wanted the other car to park in front of the smaller door located on the East side the Office Building. New signs will have to be ordered, designating these two spots as unavailable for public parking. This should take care of the streets during the winter months. The Council was comfortable with the arrangements and agreed to try them.

Motioned by Meeks, seconded by Mockeridge, to allow Aaron Losey to fill out the Medical Marijuana License Application, in the hopes of opening a Private Dispensary, here in Concord. Roll call vote was as follows: Norris, K. Bush, Jackson, J. Bush, Meeks, Moubray and Mockeridge all voted Aye. Nays were zero. Motion approved and application granted.

Deputy Jacobson warned the gathering that there has been a Comcast truck in the area, carrying men in Comcast uniforms going to houses in the area. They are NOT affiliated with Comcast at all. This is a scam and he wanted to warn folks about it.

Judy Clark, Concord Township Clerk, complained that when the Township office lost its heat for over 4 hours last week, she felt that the DPW should have called her to let her know what was going on with fixing it. She did not feel that the DPW Director handled the situation as a professional. The Council, while sympathetic to her concerns, did not feel that the DPW had her wait too long. They said that 4 hours was not very long. The furnace needed to have a part from Jackson and Blossom said they repaired it as soon as they could. Some Council members had to be reminded that the Township rents the building from the Village and it is the Village’s responsibility to fix these things.

Food For Thought—After School Pack—Needs Your Help

Food for Thought is a coalition of Concord area churches, Concord Community Schools, and community members. Our immediate goal is to provide After School Packs for 60-100 elementary children. Additional funding would allow expansion of the program to more children. We are asking businesses, organizations, and individuals to thoughtfully consider sponsoring a student for this much needed program. Please add your support to feed hungry children in your hometown. **For additional information: Sue Pederson (517) 524-6517 \$17.00/mo.—feed one child for an entire month; \$85.00/mo.—feeds five children for an entire month; \$_____/mo.—a pledge that fits comfortably in your budget; \$____—a onetime gift; A onetime gift of \$225.00 will feed a child for an entire year**

Village Council Making Concentrated Effort to Change Our Communities Image

The current Village Council is concerned with our communities image both online and in reality. The Council intends to make changing our image a priority in the coming months. The Village’s website is long overdue for a change to make our online image more appealing to potential residents. We are working on overhauling our Employee Policies and Procedure Handbook to ensure better and more efficient service to our residents. The Council intends to push our blight ordinances to motivate those owners of blighted homes and businesses in our community to at least make small efforts to rectify their blighted properties. We are also partnering with organizations to assist those blighted property owners who can’t afford to make these changes. Keep Watching For More Changes!!!!!!

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