

# Concord Village Voice ♦ April 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

**In accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order all meetings have been canceled until further notice. Please check the Village website for updated information. [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com)**

All meetings are held in the Village Commons and are open to the public. Come participate in your local government!

**Village Council:** TBD — 7:00pm

**Parks & Recreation:** TBD — 7:00pm

**Planning Commission:** TBD @ — 6:30pm

**Fire Board:** TBD— 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

## A MESSAGE FROM GRANGER-

COVID-19 Update and Best Practices

We know that trash collection is an essential service which is vital for the protection of health and safety in the communities we serve.

We are currently servicing our customers as usual, while taking any necessary precautions to protect the health and well-being of our associates.

We don't anticipate any changes to service levels as long as our staffing levels continue to be adequate.

To help us keep our associates safe, please bag all your trash, and if you have a cart, keep all trash contained in your cart as much as possible.

## Concord Heritage House April Event

In accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order there will not be an April event!

For more information contact Gail Snow:  
[gailpsnow@yahoo.com](mailto:gailpsnow@yahoo.com)

## Concord Baseball & Softball Club

In accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order the CBSC is being postponed until at least April 13th. As information becomes available it will be posted on the Village Facebook Page and the Village Website. You may also call the Village Office.

## 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 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.

## 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

**In accordance with Governor Whitmer's Executive Order all branches are currently closed until further notice.**

**Do not return library books. Deadlines are extended through April 30th.**

**Please check the JDL website for updated information. [www.myjdl.com](http://www.myjdl.com)**

## 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 May issue is April 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.**  
**Blue Bag Recycling Program Began in December.**

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 2/11/2020 meeting as presented Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt inquired about the County Commissioner meeting and wondered if the Village has been asked to become a sanctuary village. J. Bush replied no. He also asked if there has been any formal interaction with our County Commissioner recently. J. Bush stated the County Commissioner had only attended one meeting during his two terms and it was well over a year ago. K. Wyatt asked how the MEDC/SBDC meeting went last Thursday. J. Bush gave a recap of the meeting and stated that he was very pleased with the number of people that attended the meeting and potential businesses receiving assistance with possibly coming to Concord.

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 A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$30,686.86. Motion approved by all.

J. Blossom stated the flower pots have been delivered to The Hobbit. The Hobbit will be filling all of the pots this year with flowers. J. Blossom received his first complaint on the water project. A resident called 911 last Friday night at 11:30 pm and stated they felt the contractor had put mud in his water line because their water was brown. Blossom explained residents' water may see some small periods of brown rusty water as water lines are turned off and on as part of the project. If residents notice this colored water they should let their water run for a few minutes and it will clear up. The resident did not call the office or the emergency contact number on the answering machine at the office. J. Blossom gave an update on the project – weather permitting they will be done with the current section on the west side of the Village on Wednesday. They will move on past Brigham St. and up Center St. next.

J. Bush presented to the Council for approval a Charitable Gaming License for The Open-Door Free Store. The license will allow them to have Bingo nights as a fundraiser for The Open-Door Free Store. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George to approve the Charitable gaming License for The Open-Door Free Store. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed Operating a Business from Home Zoning Ordinance and a potential variance in a multi-family zoning area. The council agreed that having the resident apply for a variance would be best.

J. Bush discussed a complaint the Village received from a resident that a Village truck had hit and damaged their mailbox. J. Bush was given pictures by the resident and spoke with them. The resident didn't see the DPW Truck hit the mailbox but claimed they had seen the DPW and Consumers trucks bump into it in the past. Bush also talked with the DPW who denied it occurred and also noted it wasn't the DPW due to the time frame the resident offered. Due to lack of evidence the Council determined the Village was not at fault and would not be replacing the mailbox.

Council Comments:

J. Bush mentioned the daughter of the former resident at 519 Hanover came in the office and talked to C. Gibbs about land behind the house that she thought the Village was interested in purchasing years ago. She was informed to attend a meeting. She did not attend this meeting but may attend the first meeting in March.

J. Bush met the new librarian, Rachel Fenningsdorf. She inquired about who owns the parking lot behind the library as she is interested in possibly having a farmer's market.

Motioned by K. George, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 2/25/2020 meeting as presented Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

K. Wyatt inquired about the house on River Street that was discussed at the last meeting regarding operating a business from home in a multi-family zoning area. Clerk J. Lefere stated that a conditional use application had been mailed to the resident. When it is returned a letter will be sent to residents living within 300 feet of the property inviting them to a planning meeting to discuss concerns.

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 M. Lovitt, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$19,257.80 . Motion approved by all.

Expense Approval Water Main Project in the amount of \$108,955.67 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of Expense for Water main Project in the amount of \$108,955.67. 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. He also mentioned that as the weather gets warmer the scammers come out. The scammers have amazing phone ID hardware. The caller Id will have the name of your bank. They will know the last few transactions on your account. Do not give them any information. Do not call the number on the caller ID. If you have concerns call your bank.

J. Blossom stated that DPW employee has obtained his CDL License which gives warrants a rate increase. J. Blossom showed the council a piece of the old steel water main and how it is pitted on the inside. He also showed them a piece of the new water main which is a hard-formed plastic that will not get pitted or rust. He gave an update on the project and feels things are moving along nicely. J. Blossom informed the council that a Granger garbage truck was backing up this morning and missed the driveway resulting in damage to some new valves that had been put in. Granger called and will cover the cost of the damage.

Council Comments:

K. George asked about a large pot hole on Michigan Street. J. Blossom stated that he had already been informed about it and the DPW department plans to get a load of cold patch and fill potholes throughout the Village.

M. Lovitt has been approached by several people about what will be done to control the dust during the water main project. J. Blossom stated that the streets will be sprayed with calcium chloride as needed.

J. Bush discussed the Harwood meeting that was cancelled. The meeting will be rescheduled at a later date. We will post the new date as it becomes available.