

# Concord Village Voice ♦ October 2021

**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 unless otherwise noted and are open to the public. Come participate in your local government!

**The Village Council will now meet one time per month!!**

**Village Council:** October 26th @ 7:00pm

**Parks & Recreation:** October 5th @ 7:00pm

**Planning Commission:** October 19th @ 6:30pm

**Fire Board:** October 20th @ 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

## ABC ACADEMY

**ABC Academy Concord location is offering Preschool, Latchkey and Summer Camp programs at 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 Latchkey Programs. Summer Camp Programs.

Music and Yoga Enrichment programs.

S.T.E.M. Curriculum and Technology.

Security Access Doors.

Electronic Parent Communication Systems.

Please contact Cyndi Laeder, Program Director at [cynthial@abcacademyjackson.com](mailto:cynthial@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!

## 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 bio-degradable 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.

## LEAF PICKUP

Leaf pickup will begin Mid-October and continue through November 15th.

## 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.

## Concord Board of Education Meeting Schedule 2021

Meetings are held in the High School Library, beginning at 6:30 p.m.  
October 18th, 2021  
November 15, 2021  
December 13, 2021

Attend and invest in your community and your child(ren)!!

## Concord District Library

Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library are back to their regular hours! The library is back open for browsing. Our capacity is 21 patrons at a time, with an hour allowed in branch. Computers remain open for use as well.

The friendly staff is there to welcome and assist you!

Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 10-6

Tuesday and Friday 1-6

Saturday 10-2

**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 November issue is October 22nd.

## GRANGER GARBAGE/RECYCLE INFO

**You may have three additional bags of garbage if you have a 90 gal trash bin!**  
**Please place all bags of garbage and recycling in your bin!**

Garbage Pick Up: At curb by 6am Tuesday morning.

**Village Council Meeting Minutes– August 24, 2021 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 7/27/2021 meeting as presented. Motion approved by all.**

**Public Comments:**

K. Wyatt asked about the question of political yard signs at a previous meeting. J. Bush stated that per a recent Supreme Court ruling political yard signs are a form of freedom of speech and residents are allowed to post signs and fly flags.

Mr. & Mrs. Bradley of Larry's Towing attended the meeting to inquire about the property they rent at 203 N. Main St. J. Bush informed them that the issue is being handled by Village Attorney F. Lucas and an attorney hired by the property owner. They also asked for the council's permission to partner with adjacent businesses to hold a car show, bands, food and bounce house in the alley behind the downtown east side businesses in honor of their first year in business in Concord and as a way to bring business into Concord. The council approved the event and it will take place on 9/25/2021.

**The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$46,761.81 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$46,761.81 . Motion approved by all.**

**USDA RD Water Main Project Pay Approval in the amount of \$98,760.39 was presented. Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of Expense for Water Main Project in the amount of \$98,760.39. Motion approved by all.**

L. Jacobson stated that with the glitches of the new computer he was unable to retrieve information from when he was on his leave. He will have a full report for August at the September meeting. He also asked the council if they would take a look at a couple of houses for blight issues.

J. Blossom stated the Village has used the USDA loan amount in its entirety and are now using the grant money the Village received at the time of the loan. The Village has received the approved permits from the State to replace the water main under the bridge. J. Blossom also stated when the power was restored after the three day outage that a lot of grinder pump alarms were going off because they hadn't been grinding sewage for three days and they needed time to catch up. This usually takes about 15 minutes. Several residents called for assistance stating that their alarm was not shutting off. Two of the DPW employees came in after hours at the overtime rate just to find out when they arrived there was no emergency. J. Blossom suggested in the future when false calls occur the Village should charge a fee to the resident like most other utility companies do. The council agreed to explore and discuss the matter in the future.

J. Bush stated the Village has put together a letter to the Township regarding the Village's stance on the potential rezoning of 535 Homer Rd. for a used automotive parts distribution business. The property is part of the Well Head Protection Area and the Village is concerned if hazardous fluids leak into the soil, it would contaminate the water in the Village. The Village would likely have to drill a new well and build a new water tower or a water treatment facility.

J. Bush gave an update on the Jackson/Calhoun County Trail Connection Meeting he attended on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Council Comments:**

None.