

# Concord Village Voice ♦ August 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: August 13th & 27th— 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: August 6th — 7:00pm

Planning Commission: 20th— 6:30pm

Fire Board: August 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 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!

## Concord Heritage House August Event

Mystery Picnic!

Meet at Heritage House to Carpool with Cares Headed East.

August 21st @ 5:30 pm

For more information contact Cathy Coppernoll:  
524- 9094 or Gail Snow: 524-6675.

## Interested in hosting a foreign exchange student?

Please contact Dan Strouss for more information.  
517-262-7010.

**CONTEMPORARY MUSIC DIRECTOR NEEDED!** Concord United Methodist Church is looking for a Music Director who helps develop and lead the contemporary worship music ministry for the church, in consultation with the pastor and other team members, in a way that is consistent with the mission and vision of the church. If you or anyone you know may be interested in this paid position, please contact the church office, 524-6156.

**DIVORCE CARE Support starting Sept. 10 through Dec. 3 @ 6:00 pm.** This class meets weekly and is led by Pastor Rob at the Concord United Methodist Church, 119 S. Main St., Concord. You'll find three key part to your Divorce Care Experience: Video Seminar, Support Group and Workbooks. For more information call the church office, 517-524-6156.

## Summer Meals Program Info

Locations and Times:

Parma Elementary School- 11:00 to 11:45

Warner Elementary- 12:15 to 1:00

Hanover Park- 11:30 to 12:15

Concord Elementary- 9:00 to 10:00 and 11:30 to 12:30

Contact Info:

Alan Breneman

[alan.breneman@concordschools.net](mailto:alan.breneman@concordschools.net)

(517)990-3603

Facebook Page: Summer Food Service Program

## Concord District Library's Upcoming Events

**Yoga:**—Saturday's @ 10:00 am. Bring your yoga mat and bottled water. \$3.00 suggested donation. Adults. No yoga June 22nd.

**Tai Chi:**—Wednesdays @ 9:30 am. Adults.

**Eat Healthy, Be Active:** Wednesdays from July 17th-Aug. 21st. Adults.

**Kahoot Trivia:** August 2nd @ 6 pm. Teens.

**Mess Free Finger Painting:** August 5th during Open Hours. Children. Registration required.

**Barks & Bites:** August 5th @ 2 pm. All Ages. Registration required.

**Little Coders:** August 7th @ 2 pm. Children. Registration required.

**DIY Upcycled Dog Leash:** August 17th @ 11 am. Teens & Adults. Registration Required.

## 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 August issue is August 19th.

## 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: August 7th, & 21st.

Granger now accepts recycled glass.

## Village Council Meeting Minutes-June 25, 2019 Absent: View at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by K. George, to accept the minutes from the 6/11/2019 meeting as presented. The motion was approved by all.

### Public Comments:

K. Wyatt recalled at a previous meeting someone brought up their frustrations with the intersection of N. Main St. and M-60. He realizes the Village does not have jurisdiction of the intersection because it is a Michigan Highway. J. Bush said he is willing to and will send a letter on behalf of himself and the Council to the State. He also mentioned it has only been a couple of years since the left turn lane was added and he is not sure they will do anything at this time. A few members of the public commented that maybe arrows could be painted to show people where they should get into the left turn lane as people do not know how to use a left turn lane and are getting into the left lane by the laundromat and PS Food Mart to turn left onto Main St.

B. Barton and A. Losey commented on how everyone did a great job on the Concord Classic.

Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$9,251.74. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson asked if anyone had any questions regarding his May 2019 Blotter as he was unable to attend the last meeting. J. Bush commented on the domestic situation in Amberton Village involving an adult mother and her adult daughter throwing dog feces at each other. L. Jacobson mentioned an email that was received about Veteran Village USA. They are a group that solicits roadside donations to house and feed our armed forces heroes. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to allow Veteran Village USA to solicit roadside donations in the Village of Concord. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Blossom was unable to attend the meeting as he coaches baseball on Tuesday nights at the start of summer. He emailed these comments to J. Bush – USDA project has been advertised for 30 days to accept bids. Bid open meeting will be on July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Village Office. RJT Construction will begin work on the sewer project for the easement behind the businesses on the west side of N. Main St. in the Downtown Business District the week of July 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, they figure it will take 1-2 weeks to complete depending on weather. J. Blossom talked with J. Martines about his food truck and J. Martines has agreed to donate a percent of his profits to the Baseball Club and/or the Park when he sets up during Baseball Tournaments in Gottschalk Park.

J. Bush stated the Concord Classic went well. The organizers met the Monday morning after to discuss what worked and what they thought they might want to change. There is talk of moving all the events to the park next year. This will allow for more parking, less congestion. Nothing is set in stone yet. This will be discussed further over the next few months.

J. Bush discussed the Mobile Food Vending Ordinance. J. Bush spoke with B. Jones about the Sunday that J. Martines had his food truck at the baseball tournament, B. Jones said it was a slow and rainy Sunday so he was unable to get good data from sales. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George to allow J. Martines to continue to sell from his food truck at tournaments as the Council needs more time to gather data and make a more informed decision. A. Ropp commented that M. Clark stated having additional food trucks at the park during Concord Classic Sunday had an effect on his annual pulled pork fundraiser for the football program. His sales were down by more than 50%. One of the biggest complaints the Concord Classic organizers have had is there are not enough food trucks and they want more of a variety so they really don't want to turn vendors away. Another suggestion was that the Football Program sell pork BBQ all weekend instead of just on Sunday. J. Bush stated he would take the complaint to the Concord Classic Weekend Meeting in the future and it would be discussed to see if they could find a solution.

E. Cunningham and J. Cunningham attended the meeting to inform the Council and the public about a potential plan to put a medical marijuana greenhouse operation on the farmland they own in the Village. The farmland where the greenhouses would be located is behind the woods behind the PS Food Mart, so the location would be out of sight. The plans are to have sealed greenhouses and carbon filtration to avoid odor nuisances and also to avoid contamination to the plants. He anticipates this operation will add about 25 jobs and they intend to give back to the community. They would have a high-tech security system installed including tall fencing, cameras and possibly a 24-hour security guard or police patrol. J. Bush stated he was approached by the Cunningham's about this potential project and offered them the opportunity to present their plans to Council. J. Bush stated the Cunningham's presentation was the first step in getting the process started as it was necessary to advertise this information/plan in order to give the public a chance to come forward and ask questions and gain more information. J. Bush also stated it would likely be a couple Council Meetings out until the Council voted or made any decisions on this matter to give the public the time necessary to state their peace and no vote would occur until there was a full Council present.

### Council Comments:

T. Norris asked what is going on at the house next door to him on S. Main St. J. Bush stated that the State is removing lead from the home.

J. Bush shared information he gathered from the Harwood meeting he attended last week. The attendees are looking at doing a community art project. They are looking at having an architectural scavenger hunt where participants would walk around town and try to find architectural features on varying homes and buildings within town. There was talk about taking these images and putting together a community calendar. The matted images may also be used for a silent auction and wine mixer as a fundraiser for repairs needed at the Heritage House.

## Village Council Meeting Minutes– July 9, 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 6/25/2019 meeting, as presented The motion was approved by all.

### Public Comments:

K. Wyatt asked about the sale of the former Concord Café. The Council confirmed the Café has been sold. The new owners have a lot of work to do on the building. They plan to keep it a restaurant. No time frame has been given on an opening date. He also asked if any contact has been made with the owner of the former Shannon's building. J. Bush stated there has been no contact from J. Bufalino. J. Bush also mentioned that the MEDC Redevelopment Ready Communities Memorandum Understanding has been submitted.

T. Karr-Jackson commented on how fabulous the Concord Classic was and thanked everyone. She also asked if Village residents were limited to using Granger for garbage service. J. Bush stated yes. She also wanted to know who was responsible for trimming the grass at the intersection of M-60 and Main. J. Blossom stated he would contact someone to have it taken care of.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by K. George, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$20,539.42. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson asked if anyone had any questions regarding his June 2019 Blotter and calls to note: L. Jacobson assisted other county units on the search of a drug house in Parma. A large dog on Hanover St. attacked another dog that was being taken for a walk by its' owners. The owner of the attacking dog was issued citations for having a dangerous animal and will settle the matter in court. L. Jacobson was first on-scene in Spring Arbor Township for a woman on her bike who was struck by a passing motorist. This was on Sears Rd. in the shadowy area east of Cross Rd. The woman suffered injuries and was taken by ambulance to the hospital but she is recovering. A B&E (burglary) at 672 N. Concord Rd. The investigation revealed a suspect and a charge package was sent to the prosecutor's office. There was a heroin overdose on Hanover St. (Subject is okay.) A dog bite on Bath Mills Rd. (Dog owner is being charged.) Another successful Concord Classic Weekend has come and gone. The only call of note was a missing person's case involving an 80 y/o male who didn't return home from Friday night's festivities. Prior to a posse being formed and a helicopter taking flight, a few phone calls revealed he'd merely been given a ride to a friend's house where he slept peacefully overnight. L. Jacobson also mentioned that there is a program through the Jackson County Animal Shelter for feral cats, the shelter has a plan but it must involve a local point person and at this time the village does not have one. He also had a State Trooper in an unmarked vehicle run radar on Main St. for several hours. The average speed driven on Main St. was 31.4 and the highest speed was 37 miles per hour.

J. Blossom discussed the sewer project for the easement behind the businesses on the west side of N. Main St. in the Downtown Business District should be completed by the end of the week. Water project bidding on phase one will be on July 26<sup>th</sup> at the Village Office. There will be a pre-bid meeting on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

E. Cunningham presented a packet to the Council on his family's potential plan for a Medical Marijuana Greenhouse Operation on the farmland they own in the Village. E. Cunningham addressed concerns from the public such as how will they control the odor? They plan to have a carbon filtration system. What kind of security will they have? They plan to have someone present 24 hours and will have a security system installed. Will there be increased traffic? They do not anticipate an increase in traffic since they are only a grow facility. How will it affect the property value of the homes around the facility and in the community? Council member K. George had contacted two realtors, one local and one from the Lansing area about this and was told that in similar situations in other communities that the property values increased. A copy of the plans can be viewed at the Village Office during regular business hours.

J. Bush informed the Council he had been contacted by Treasurer C. Gibbs and asked if she could invest \$50,000.00 from the water fund into a CD with a higher rate of interest. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt that \$50,000.00 from the water fund be placed in a CD to earn more interest. All were in favor. Motion approved.

### Council Comments:

J. Bush informed everyone that the Audit ending 12/31/2018 came back good.