

Concord Village Voice ♦ August 2017

Village of Concord: 110 Hanover Street-PO Box 306 Concord, MI 49237 / 524-8534 / M-Th: 8am– 6pm

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Main Street Business District

As you may have noticed the Eckert's Greenhouse H2O Labor Saver Flower Baskets have been hung on the light poles. The baskets are Michigan made, have a ten year warranty and have 2.5 gallon water reservoir with a wicking water system built in. They have added the extra touch in beautifying our community.

Spring Street Park

The soil and wildflowers are in at the Spring Street Park. Thank you J. Bush for the donation of the wildflower bales. The Kalamazoo River Canoe and Kayak Launch Site has been completed and is getting a lot of use.

Free Fire Pit Permits

Fire pits for leisure are allowed within the Village. For more information, to pick up a permit and to schedule an inspection please visit the Village Office during business hours to pick up and fill out the required form.

The Village of Concord Needs You for Planning Committee and 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.

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 8th & 22nd— 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: August 1st — 7:00pm

Planning Commission: August 15th— 6:30pm

Fire Board: August 16th— 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

Concord District Library's Upcoming Events

JDL Hot Spots Are Available For Checkout June 1.

The Summer Reading Program Ended on July 31st.

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

Summer Reading at the Mann House August 12th @ 11am. Concord Branch to Mann House.

Minecraft After Hours August 4th @ 6—9 pm. Ages 9—18.

Tea and Conversations Series August 11th & 18th @ 1pm.

5th Annual Karen Veramay District Wide LEGO Contest! Week of July 31st - Aug. 5th. Ages 0-17.

JDL LEGO Camp August 4th from 2—3:30 pm. Freewheeler & Power Car. Ages 10—15.

Summer Lawn Cleaning Advice

Brush Pickup: is the first full week of every month.

Small twigs, lawn and garden waste must be bagged or bundled. 50lbs. maximum weight. Place on edge of property not in streets. Limit 10 units per home per pickup.

Mowing Grass: clippings into the streets and sidewalks is against the law and can result in a fine. With spring rains grass clippings end up in the street drains, clogging them up, and can result in flooding of your and neighboring homes.

Brush Dump: Village residents can dump their own brush, lawn waste, etc. at the end of Grove Street at the Village's Brush Dump. No Dumping of Construction Materials!

For more information contact (517) 524-8534.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – *Alice@Wonderland*, the play Concord, MI – July 19, 2017 – Concord Area Players' Summer Youth Choir, in special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Services, is pleased to present *Alice@Wonderland*, the play. This show, written by Jonathan Yukich, is a modern adaptation of the well-loved Lewis Carroll tale. All the well-known characters will be present such as Alice, the Queen of Hearts, Cheshire Cat, the Mad Hatter, Tweedledum and Tweedledee, and many more. Performances are August 3rd, 4th and 5th at 7pm; and Sunday, the 6th at 3pm. Performances will be held in the Opera House at Concord Library located at 108 S. Main Street in Concord. Tickets are \$10 or \$5 for children 10 and under. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the Concord Library during regular business hours: Monday and Friday 1-6pm; Wednesday 10am-7pm; Saturday 10am-2pm Contact concordareaplays@gmail.com or 517-905-1379 for more information. Seating is limited, so purchase your tickets soon!

Free Wood Chips and Mulch For Village Residents

Free wood chips and mulch for gardening and landscaping purposes is available to Village Residents. The wood chips and mulch can be found south of the Village's Yard Waste Dump Site. Village Residents are responsible for loading and hauling of own wood chips and mulch.

The Free—Fresh Food Initiative

The Summer Fresh Food Initiative will take place at Concord High School on the following Mondays:

August 7th, 14th and 21st.

Delivery time is at 9:00 am, distribution time will be 9:30 am. and runs until the food is gone. Bring your own boxes or bags to carry your free food.

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. All info. must be submitted a week prior to the beginning of the month. The submission deadline for the September issue is August 25th.

Concord Heritage House August Event

August 16th @ 5:30 pm. Picnic potluck at Snows, 3955 Albion Road.

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

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 9th & 23rd.

Granger no longer accepts recycled glass.

Village Council Meeting Minutes-June 27, 2017 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to accept the minutes from the 06/13/2017 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

H. England asked the Council if the Village could move the speed limit sign coming into the Village on S. Main St. so that the 25 miles per hour speed limit would start at the Village limits. J. Bush said it could be looked into and he wasn't sure if this was something that needed to be done by the Township or the Village.

K. Wyatt asked about the parking issue at the fire house that was discussed at the last meeting. J. Blossom mentioned that the Fire Department put out some cones and caution tape and it seemed to remedy the problem.

B. Barton commented on how well Concord Classic Weekend went and what a great job everyone did. She also inquired as to why the bills were so high. J. Bush explained that \$50,000.00 of the bills was the final payment to Consumers for the installation of the new Street Lights. B. Barton also commented on how nice the minutes have been since J. Lefere has taken over.

K. Mills let the Council know how pleased she was with Concord Classic Weekend and felt it went very well.

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$70,637.69. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson was unable to attend the meeting, in his absence J. Bush noted that L. Jacobson was in attendance for Concord Classic Weekend and he had a great time and felt everything went very well as he had no real issues to deal with.

J. Blossom mentioned that the previous Friday there was a problem with the electrical receptacle on a few of the new street lights, he called Aladdin and they came right out to take care of what they could and returned Monday morning and fixed the rest of the issue. He also asked Aladdin for a proposal for a larger amp service to be able to run more split electrical receptacles. Blossom also noted the fence guy was out and discussed the cost to repair the fence at the tennis court where a car ran into it and another fence at the park. The cost will be \$410.00 for one and \$325.00 for the other, with the total cost being \$735.00. J. Blossom is also checking into getting longer poles as the ones used for the fence separating the basketball and tennis court are only buried about six inches and have started to lean. He also checked into the cost of fencing if the Village should decide to put a dog park by the Koufax Ball Diamond and the cost would be \$8.75 per foot. This is something that will be discussed at a later date. He also informed the Council of the cost for the benches he was checking into that would be designed and built by a local blacksmith. The cost would be \$2,500.00 per bench, the Council agreed that this amount is too costly for the Village and would look into some other options. He also noted that the hanging baskets are ready to be hung but the banner arms for the light poles will not support the weight of the baskets so he asked the Council for a motion to approve the purchase of stronger arms from the manufacturer. It was motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by J. Jackson to purchase 12 arms for the light poles with the amount not to exceed \$800.00. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed Concord Classic Weekend and how there was a great turnout and felt the weekend went extremely well. He thanked BMAC Properties and Orthopedic Rehab for the spectacular Fire Works Display. He also thanked DPW Director J. Blossom and DPW employee K. Thomas for once again donating their hours worked during the Concord Classic Weekend. J. Bush mentioned that he, J. Blossom, M. Lehman, and L. Mosher would be meeting the following day to discuss what they felt worked/didn't work and to discuss comments/suggestions for next year's Concord Classic Weekend.

Council Comments:

T. Casey commented on how well Concord Classic Weekend went. He also informed the Council that he and his wife K. Casey would like to pledge dollar for dollar up to \$500.00 for Holiday Decorative Lights for downtown. J. Lefere will put this information on the website and in the Village Voice. T. Norris commented on how great the Fireworks show was.

J. Jackson thanked everyone for the great event and for volunteering and the fire fighters for picking up trash and overall everyone pitching in to clean up.

J. Bush presented the Council with the Site Condo Ordinance for their review and will plan on voting at the next meeting to pass it on to the Village's Lawyer for review.

Village Council Meeting Minutes- July 11, 2017 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to accept the minutes from the 06/27/2017 meeting, as presented. The motion was approved by all.

Public Comments:

H. England asked the Council if the Village had made a decision of whether or not the speed limit sign entering the Village on S. Main St. would be moved so that the 25 miles per hour speed limit would start at the Village limits. J. Bush said L. Jacobson is on vacation and they would check into it when he returns.

K. Wyatt asked about the Civil Infraction Ordinance and if it was in effect, J. Bush stated that it is now in effect and L. Jacobson could start issuing Civil Infraction tickets as needed.

B. Barton asked about the blight issues on Main St. J. Bush explained that he and/or L. Jacobson had made contact with the building owners and would follow up when L. Jacobson returns.

Motioned by J. Jackson, seconded by A. Meeks, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$149,426.18. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson was unable to attend the meeting, in his absence J. Bush reviewed the Blotter and mentioned that a man hole cover was stolen from the Dollar General parking lot.

J. Blossom was unable to attend the meeting, in his absence J. Bush explained about the water being off for about five minutes earlier in the day to repair a fire hydrant.

J. Bush asked the Council if they would like any changes/additions to the Site Condo Ordinance they received at the previous meeting. The Council was pleased with the Ordinance as it is written and agreed to forward it on to the Village attorney for review.

Council Comments:

J. Jackson mentioned that the brackets and flower baskets on Main St look nice.