

# Concord Village Voice ♦ May 2022

**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:** May 24th @ 7:00pm

**Parks & Recreation:** May 3rd @ 7:00pm

**Planning Commission:** May 17th @ 6:30pm

**Fire Board:** May 18th @ 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

## JACKSON COUNTY FREE MUSEUM DAY RETURNS FOR 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EVENT

Eleven participating Jackson County, Michigan museums will be open to the public, free of charge on Saturday, May 7, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for Jackson County Free Museum Day. Some locations will host an "open-house style" reception and self-guided tours while others are hosting child-friendly activities, historical demonstrations and providing guided tours.

**2022 Museum Day Participants: Cambridge Junction Historic State Park and Walker Tavern**

**Ella Sharp Museum**

**Conklin Reed Organ Museum & Heritage Park**

**Lost Railway Museum**

**The Mann House**

**Tompkins Historical Stewart Museum**

**Waterloo Farm Museum and Dewey School Museum**

**Ye Old Carriage Shop Auto Museum**

**Michigan's Military Heritage Museum (new location in Jackson)**

**The Coe House Museum & Grass Lake Area Historical Connection**

**First Universalist Church**

For more information about Museum Day, visit

[www.ExperienceJackson.com/MuseumDay](http://www.ExperienceJackson.com/MuseumDay).

## Jackson County Parks

Is looking to fill four seasonal jobs at Swains Lake County Park!

The positions are from May-September. We are in need of a

Campground Manager (\$15/hour) and three

Campground Attendants (\$13/hour). Apply at [jacksoncounty-parks.org](http://jacksoncounty-parks.org).

## 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 June issue is

May 20th.

## NO BURNING LEAVES, BRUSH OR TRASH IN THE VILLAGE

Social and cooking fires are allowed in the village. Please stop in the Village Office for a permit or it can be found on our website: [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) under the permit tab!

## GRAD SUNDAY MAY 15th Concord UMC

If you have a child or grandchild graduating from High School or College, let's celebrate together during worship! We will be celebrating local graduates on Sunday, May 15th at 11am.

Please email Pastor Rachel by May 11th to include your grad... Send us your student's full name, where they are graduating from, and a current picture (digital images appreciated!) to [racheldlabram@gmail.com](mailto:racheldlabram@gmail.com)

We look forward to celebrating with you!

(You don't have to be a member of this congregation to join in on the celebration! All are Welcome!)

## 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!

### Upcoming Events:

Saturday Morning Movies—Concord Library will be showing recently released movies in their auditorium on the 1st Saturday of each month. Showings at 10am and noon. Enjoy a movie with your family along with a cup of coffee or hot chocolate and a snack! Crafts and activities for the kids will be available!

Weekly Take-n-Makes Stop by each week for a new take-home craft!

### Monthly iSpy and Scavenger Hunt activities

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)

## 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!

Bags should be no larger than 30 gallon and weighing no more than 30lbs each

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

**Village Council Meeting Minutes– March 22, 2022 Absent: View at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) or pickup hard copy at Village Office**

Council Members Present: Jeremiah Bush, Jeff Jackson, T. Norris, T. Casey, M. Lovitt and K. George.

Council Members Absent: A. Meeks

Public Present: K. Wyatt, S. Blessington, B. Raut, T. Brooks, Township Supervisor D. Saenz, Jackson County Sheriff G. Schuette, Deputy M. Colburn, Deputy L. Jacobson, DPW Director J. Blossom and Village Clerk J. Lefere.

**Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by K. George to accept the minutes from the 2/22/2022 meeting. Motion approved by all.**

**Public Comments:**

S. Blessington commented that she is concerned about the trees at the end of Pelham St. leaning toward Railroad St. and if they fell, they would knock down the power lines. J. Blossom stated that he has contacted Consumers and they marked the trees to be removed. He will follow up with them to get a time frame of when the work will be completed.

B. Raut inquired about the cats behind the house next to the Post Office and some of them look very sickly. She contacted the JCAS and if they are live trapped and brought in, they will check them out at a cost of \$10 per cat (B. Raut stated she would cover the cost) and will adopt out any that are adoptable.

K. Wyatt stated that he had a conversation with a village resident that did not want to come to the meetings because when he attended the meetings years ago, he did not like the public comment rules. This resident also asked K. Wyatt to obtain budget information for him as well.

T. Brooks attended the meeting to ask the Village if there was anything they could do to help him inquire as to why his licensing application has not been approved yet for the use of his barn behind the Cadet. It was recommended that he contact Representative Julie Alexander.

Jackson County Sheriff G. Schuette attended the meeting to give an update of happenings at the Sheriffs Department. He also discussed the two correctional institutions in the County and the condition of them. The Chanter Road facility was built in 2002 and is in good shape however they would like to add an addition at the cost of approximately \$28 million. The Wesley St. location is over 70 years old and is in really bad shape. The County would like to demolish the building and build a new facility at the cost of approximately \$40 million. The County will be asking for a millage to cover this cost on the November 2022 ballot.

**The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$147,624.52 was presented. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$147,624.52 . Motion approved by all.**

L. Jacobson discussed his January 2022 Blotter. To view a copy of L. Jacobson's November Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) look on the home page – quick links.

J. Blossom stated that the Village will be finishing Water Main Project in the next few months. He also mentioned that Village Attorney F. Lucas is still moving forward on the K. Stuart case. He informed the council that there were been some issues with water meters freezing and busting during the cold weather. The Village provides one meter to each house, if a meter freezes and needs to be replaced the resident is billed for the cost of a new meter which is \$125.00. If your meter is not in a heated basement it needs to be wrapped in heat tape each year.

J. Blossom presented the proposal to the council for the local streets in the Village that will be paved this year. Motioned by M. Lovitt, seconded by T. Casey to repave/replace Pelham St., Concord St., Monroe St. and E. Center St. at a cost of roughly \$182,064.00. All were in favor. Motion approved.

J. Bush received an email from a resident that would like to put a tiny home community in her back yard and rent them out by the day/week. The council stated that they are not interested in allowing tiny homes in the Village.

J. Bush discussed the Resolution to vacate alleys in the Norton Ray Subdivision that was discussed at a public hearing during the planning meeting on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to vacate the alleys in the Norton Ray Subdivision and give the property back to the adjacent property owners.

J. Bush asked if anyone had further ideas on how to use the ARPA funds, J. Blossom is working on getting the repairs done to the Village Office building.

J. Bush stated that he is continually working on the Zoning Plan update.

J. Bush updated the council on what is happening with the blight building at 137 N. Main St. A family member has been contacted and is working with other family members to deed the house to Doug and Candy Gardiner. When this is done, they will be able to start making repairs.

J. Bush informed the council that the Junior class will be having Food Truck Fundraisers at the High School to raise money for Prom. The first Food Truck Day will be April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Council Comments:**

None.