

# Concord Village Voice ♦ November 2023

**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 meets one time per month!!

**Village Council:** November 14th @ 7:00pm

**Parks & Recreation:** November 7th @ 7:00pm

**Planning Commission:** November 21st @ 6:30pm

**Fire Board:** November 22nd 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

## Community Blessing Box

Concord UMC, 119 S. Main St.

The blessing box is located next to the church parking lot. Items such as canned goods, mixes, stews, soups, cereal, peanut butter, personal items, deodorant, toothbrushes, soap, Kleenex, paper towels, toilet paper, etc. are needed.

Donations can be dropped off at the church office  
Mon-Thurs 9-3.

The Blessing Box is a community outreach, and based on take what you need and give what you can!!

Thank you!!

## LEAF PICK-UP

The leaves are falling and our crew is gearing up for our annual leaf pick up:

Please note the following:

Village residents may place their leaves by the roadside for pick up. Do not bag the leaves.

Place leaves next to the roadway. Please do not place sticks or branches in the leaves. We do not pick those up and it only slows down and damages the leaf machine and may result in your leaves not being picked up.

We cannot post a schedule of roads or locations as we have one machine, and cannot predict equipment malfunctions, other urgent tasks that may pull our crew away from leaf pick up, and cannot predict how fast they come down or how many piles we have in any given area. We do our best to hit all areas of town in an even rotation. - We typically run the leaf program through November 17<sup>th</sup>, or until weather no longer permits pick up (snow). We do our best to announce a final pick-up date prior to the conclusion.

Every year we appreciate your patience and understanding as our one leaf machine has to get nearly 100 dump truck loads of leaves over 11 miles of roadways

If you have any questions, please contact the Village Office at 517-524-8534, M-T 8am-2pm.

## Mann House Holiday Open House Dates & Times

Friday, December 1, 6 to 8 pm

Saturday, December 2, 2 to 4 and 6 to 8

Sunday, December 3, 2 to 6

Friday, December 8, 6 to 8 pm

Saturday, December 9, 2 to 4 and 6 to 8

Sunday, December 10, 2 to 6

## Concord District Library

Concord Branch of the Jackson District Library are back to their regular hours!

### Hours:

Monday and Wednesday 10-6

Tuesday and Friday 1-6

Saturday 10-2

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

**Monthly iSpy and Scavenger Hunt activities**

**Please check the JDL website for updated information.**

**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– September 12, 2023 Absent: View at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) or pickup hard copy at Village Office**

The Village Council of Concord met on September 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

Council Members Present: Jeremiah Bush, J. Jackson, T. Norris, T. Thurman, A. Meeks, M. Lovitt and K. George.

Council Members Absent: None.

Public Present: B. Raut, K. Tyler, N. Allison, B. Otto, Treasurer C. Gibbs, Township Supervisor D. Saenz, Deputy L. Jacobson, Clerk J. Lefere and DPW Director J. Blossom.

**Motioned by A. Meeks , seconded by K. George to accept the minutes from the 8/8/2023 meeting. Motion approved by all.**

**Public Comments:**

D. Saenz stated the Township will be paving Allman Rd. from Mann to Van Wert. This was made possible from a grant through Representative S. Lightner.

K. Tyler appreciates everyone's patience as they work on the building located at 101 N. Main St. He hopes to complete the outside before winter and work on the inside during the winter months. He also commented on how lucky the village is to have Deputy Jacobson. All were in agreement.

B. Otto is glad to see businesses coming into the village and hopes everyone is welcoming.

N. Allison wanted to let everyone know that she supports the family that plans to open the bistro.

**The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$49,677.85 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$49,677.85 . Motion approved by all.**

J. Bush discussed customer conduct expectations with village staff. There is a resident that comes into the village office and treats the staff disrespectfully. It has been decided that this resident will need to make an appointment to do business in person. All other correspondence needs to be done via email. The council agreed that village staff needs to be treated equally and professionally.

J. Bush discussed the Outdoor/Sidewalk café addition to the zoning ordinance that was prepared by village attorney F. Lucas. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by M. Lovitt to add the Outdoor/Sidewalk Café addition to the Zoning Ordinance. Roll call vote as follows – J. Bush – aye, J. Jackson – aye, T. Norris – aye, T. Thurman – aye, A. Meeks – aye, M. Lovitt – aye, K. George – aye. Motion approved.

J. Bush discussed Granger cart service replacement. For the safety of their drivers Granger is now requiring everyone to have a cart. Anyone with bag service will have a cart delivered to their address at no additional cost to them for the remainder of the contract with Granger. The contract goes through October 2029. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by A. Meeks to allow Granger to switch every resident to cart service. All were in favor. Motion approved.

L. Jacobson discussed his August 2023 Blotter. To view a copy of L. Jacobson's Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at [www.villageofconcord.com](http://www.villageofconcord.com) look on Police tab.

J. Blossom discussed a letter he put together and had previously sent to the council regarding the replacement of grinder pumps. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George to proceed with mailing the letters to residents that have a grinder pump. All were in favor. Motion approved. J. Blossom also told the council that the speed signs have arrived and he will get them out in the next few weeks.

**Council Comments:**

J. Jackson thanked K. Tyler for what he is doing in our village.