

Concord Village Voice ♦ December 2023

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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: December 12th @ 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: December 5th @ 7:00pm

Planning Commission: December 19th @ 6:30pm

Fire Board: December 20th 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!!

LIGHT UP CONCORD EVENTS

Light display competition dates will be Dec. 1st to the 15th.

Nov. 24th 6pm—Tree Lighting

@ Concord United Methodist Church.

Dec. 1st 6pm—Chili Cook-off

@ Concord High School Cafeteria.

Dec. 8th 6:30pm—Christmas Lights Hayride Tour
Behind Holton's Hardware. \$3/person or \$15/family.

Dec. 15th Annual 5k 6:30pm

Dec. 15th 6:30pm @ Holton's Hardware—Finale—Live Nativity, Cookie Decorating with Santa & Award Ceremony for Light UP Concord.

Entry forms for all activities are available on the Light Up Concord Facebook page or at the Trail Head Coffee Shop.

Universalist Church Christmas Program and Open House At the Paddock Hubbard House

Dec. 3rd at 2pm—Universalist Church Christmas Program.
The Paddock Hubbard House & Riceville School will also be open.

Dec. 6th from 6pm—8pm—Concord Candlelight Tour—Univ. Church, Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church, Mann House, Riceville School, Paddock Hubbard House and Heritage House included. Refreshments will be served at the Paddock Hubbard House.

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

No Overnight Parking on Village Streets

November 1st through May 1st.

This is in place so the DPW can plow and salt our streets.

SAFE SNOW PRACTICES!!

Piling or depositing snow that obstructs vision is a violation of Michigan's Vehicle Code.

It also is important to remember that the Village ordinances require residents and businesses to keep sidewalks clear of snow. This is important for pedestrians.

Village Council Meeting Minutes– October 10, 2023 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

The Village Council of Concord met on October 10, 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 M. Lovitt , seconded by T. Thurman to accept the minutes from the 9/12/2023 meeting. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

E. Poleski gave an update on the County Commissioners meeting. For information on the Jackson County Commissioners meeting go to <https://www.co.jackson.mi.us/365/Jackson-County-Commissioners> and select the news tab.

K. Wyatt stated that he received a letter from the person in Concord, Massachusetts that planned to visit every Concord in the U.S. and had visited our Concord previously. He has visited 60 of 90 Concord's in the US. Concord, Massachusetts is the original Concord and they will be having a 250th anniversary celebration. Ken asked if anyone was interested in representing Concord, Michigan at the celebration please contact K. Wyatt for more information.

D. Saenz stated the Township will be purchasing an electronic portable sign for their office. They will also be purchasing and installing a door buzzing system and may be switching from a door lock to a key pad. The township has put up a new absentee ballot box. J. Bush questioned if the Township was buying the building before they invested in putting an expensive sign on the property. D. Saenz stated the Township was in negotiations to sign a long-term lease and stated the sign had the capability to be moved if the Township was ever to leave the property.

S. Sukovich of the Jackson County Sheriff's Office attended the meeting to discuss Flock Cameras. The council will review the information and make a decision at a future meeting.

D. Evans attended the meeting to thank the DPW Dept. for their hard work and efficiency with a couple of issues he has had. Their response was quick and he is very happy with the work.

The Payment of Bills in the amount of \$127,358 29 was presented. Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by J. Jackson, to approve the payment of bills in the amount of \$127,358 29. Motion approved by all.

L. Jacobson discussed his September 2023 Blotter. To view a copy of L. Jacobson's Concord Area Police Blotter, go to the Village website at www.villageofconcord.com look on the home page – quick links. A copy may also be picked up in the Village Office.

J. Blossom opened the bids for tree cutting in the village. The bids to cut 14 trees are as follows – Burman Tree Service - \$8,000.00, Professional Tree Service - \$16,150.00. Motioned by J. Bush, seconded by K. George to hire Burman Tree Service to cut 14 trees for \$8,000.00. All were in favor. Motion approved. J. Blossom also stated that he has been battling a bacteria issue with well 1 for the past few months. All distribution samples are okay. Peerless put a camera down to make sure there are no cracks in the well. The next sample came back good. Another sample was taken and it came back bad. At this point well 1 is still out of service. J. blossom informed the council that leaf pickup will begin when at least half of the leaves have fallen from the trees and will continue through November 17th, weather permitting.

Council Comments:

T. Thurman informed the council that the PTO Fall Festival will be held at the school on October 28th. The PTO is still looking for trunks for the trunk or treat.