

Concord Village Voice ♦ September 2024

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Shout Out to The Firefighters Club

The club purchased another imaging camera for the Fire Department!

YARD WASTE COLLECTION AND VILLAGE DUMP POLICY

Yard waste shall be collected during the first FULL week of each month, weather permitting! Please visit our website for full Yard Waste Policy!

Blessing Box

Thank you, Concord Community, for your thoughtful and generous donations to the Blessing Box at Concord United Methodist Church. Contributions are always needed and accepted such as

Non-perishable food items such as peanut butter, syrup, canned goods, mixes, soups, chili, stew, hash, cereal, etc. Items can be dropped off in the church office. Take what you need, and leave what you can.

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: September 10th @ 7:00pm

Parks & Recreation: September 3rd @ 7:00pm

Planning Commission: September 17th @ 6:30pm

Fire Board: September 18th 6:00pm - Meeting at Fire House

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

New Drop Box

A new drop box has been installed on the West side of the village office building.

You are now able to drive through the alley and drop off your payment!

Update Your Information

Many times we try to contact a resident by phone or email and do not have current information on file. Please call or email the village office to update your contact information!

517-524-8534

clerk@villageofconcord.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— July 9, 2024 Absent: View at www.villageofconcord.com or pickup hard copy at Village Office

The Village Council of Concord met on July 9, 2024 at 7:00 pm in the Village Commons Meeting Room.

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

Council Members Absent: None

Public Present: B. Beaster, S. Littlejohn, D. Harrison, Clerk C. Niceswander, T. Moler, and E. Poleski, B. Otto, and B. Raut

Motioned by A. Meeks, seconded by T. Thurman to accept the minutes from the 6/11/2024 meeting. Motion approved by all.

J. Bush gave an explanation about why the bills were so high this month, with the main reasons being the large sidewalk replacement project and the completion of the Allman Rd. asphalt replacement which the Village would see some money returned from the TEDF Grant that Clerk J. Lefere, DPW Director J. Blossom and Village President J. Bush was able to procure.

Motion by J. Bush to pay bills in \$243,877.17, seconded by J. Jackson. Motion approved by all.

Public Comments:

B. Otto asked about becoming a city, J. Bush stated that he is working on a presentation about the pros and cons and intended to share it in the future. Bush assured Otto that the Council could not just vote to become a city, it was a lengthy process, and would have to be put up for a vote by Village residents.

E. Poleski spoke about the public safety millage. The millage if passed would add on to existing County Jail on Chanter Rd. and \$1.5 Million for operation of the jail.

B. Raut spoke about the Beautification of Concord Group she belongs to which completed re-doing the flower garden. Landscaping at the entrance of the park and thanked the Village for their help with this project! Make a Difference Day will be in October. B. Walters came into the coffee shop and spoke about the history of Concord. Great things are coming to Concord according to Raut.

S. Littlejohn and B. Beaster spoke about a Blight notice that was received and informed the Council they had scheduled a scrap hauler to remove two vehicles which were at issue. The council agreed to rescind the ticket contingent upon removal of the vehicles. They also spoke about flooding of their basement which they felt was being partially caused by rain water running down the Kent County curb and into their driveway. J. Bush said he would speak with J. Blossom and have him look into the matter. B. Beaster was surprised there were no crosswalks painted at the traffic light at Concord Elementary & Middle School. J. Bush stated that one time the lines were there and wasn't sure if they wore away. J. Bush stated he would have J. Blossom schedule to have them completed.

Council Comments:

J. Bush commented the Concord Area Community Yard Sale was coming up August 1st through the 4th. Worship in the park is on August 18, 2024.