

Concord News Update



The Annual Cemetery Clean up will be March 1, 2010 through March 5, 2010

Residents are asked to please remove any flowers, vases, flags or other items you wish to keep from the gravesites BEFORE Monday March 1.

Clean up will begin Monday, March 1, 2010 and will be completed Friday, March 5, 2010.

Residents are advised that personal items can be returned after Friday, March 5, 2010.

For more information contact Charles Carithers at 704-786-8212.

Loose Leaf Collection officially ended the last week of January 2010

Any loose leaves raked to the curb after your last scheduled loose leaf collection week must be bagged.

Residents are reminded to use clear plastic bags or biodegradable paper bags only.

Those who are unable to bag their loose leaves may want to consider the Second Chance program where for a fee the City will vacuum their leaves. Call 704-920-5361 to make an appointment or for more information.

Advanced payment is required.

Second Chance Program Again Available

The Second Chance Program is for anyone who does not want to bag their leaves once looseleaf

season has ended in your neighborhood. For a fee, the City will schedule a special loose-leaf collection during the weeks of February 1-5 or 8-12, allowing you to forgo the required bagging for this brief period once leaf season ends and avoid penalties that may result if leaves are not bagged.

Call 704-920-5555 to schedule your Second Chance collection

Are you ready for Census 2010?

The next decennial census is in 2010. The Business & Neighborhood Services Department has already been working on the new Census for a couple years now. Making sure the Census Bureau has a complete list of addresses and maps is imperative for Concord to have the most accurate count of population possible. When you receive your Census form in the mail, be sure to fill out and send it back to the Census Bureau quickly. Participating in the Census helps make sure Concord receives its fair share of federal and state funds, as well as representation in Congress. Important things to remember about Census 2010:



Responding to the census is:

Quick - A questionnaire will be mailed to your residence. Simply fill out the questionnaire and mail it back in. With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. If you fail to return the questionnaire, a Census Bureau employee will need to make a personal visit to your place of residence.

Easy - The questionnaire is simple and contains only a few questions that pertain to the number of people living in the residence, their name, gender, age, and race.

Confidential - The information collected by the Census Bureau will only be used for census purposes. The data later released by the Census Bureau is aggregated into large geographic areas. A person's individual information or answers to the questions will not be given to anyone outside the Census Bureau. By Federal law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

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Important - It's important to respond to the census because it helps your district have adequate representation in Congress. It also helps your community receive its fair share of federal and state funds.

You can help the federal government save money by responding to the census in a timely manner. When you receive your questionnaire in March of 2010, simply complete it and drop it in the mail. Questionnaires that are not returned will prompt Census Bureau employees to pay a visit to your house, which costs the Bureau extra money.





2010 Bunny Run 5k and 1 Mile Fun Run
Saturday, April 3rd, 2010
1 Mile Fun Run—8:00 AM 5k Bunny Run—8:30 AM

Les Myers Park 338 Lawndale Avenue Concord, NC 28025 REGISTRATION LOCATION:
 Registrations accepted by mail, online or in person at the Academy Recreation Center located at
 147 Academy Avenue in Concord.

Pre-registration check in and race day registration will be at Les Myers Park in Paul's Kitchen from
 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 am for the 5k.

REGISTRATION FEE:

5K Bunny Run: \$12.00 entry fee until March 26th. \$15.00 registration after March 26th.
 Online registration will close on Thursday March 26th.
 T-Shirts guaranteed to the first 125 registered participants.

USAT&F Certified Course - The race begins and ends in the Les Myers Park
 Lower Parking lot and continues on the McEachern Greenway, turns around in the Downtown Connector
 Greenway back to Les Myers Park.

For more information, please contact
 Ryan Jones at 704-920-5619 or the Concord Parks & Recreation
 Department Office at 704-920-5600
 Email: recreation@ci.concord.nc.us



Mail completed entry form with fee to:
Concord Parks & Recreation
P. O. Box 308
Concord, NC 28026
Make checks payable to: City of Concord

On-line registration is available from
Active.Com through our web site at
www.concordparksandrec.org



Stormwater Pollution - Scoop the Poop

**Pet waste often enters bodies of water when pet owners do not
 clean up after their pets.**

**City of Concord pet owners are strongly encouraged to pick up
 after their pets.**

**An easy way to do so is to carry a baggie or two when you walk
 your dog. Pet waste is properly disposed of in the garbage or even
 flushed (minus the baggies).**

*** Contains harmful bacteria (E. Coli)**

*** Makes bodies of water unsafe for swimming & fishing**

*** Contains nitrogen and phosphorus (like fertilizers), contributes
 to nutrient pollution & causes eutrophication process**



City Officials

- Mayor Scott Padgett*
- Mayor Pro-tem David Phillips*
- Councilmember Ella Mae Small*
- Councilmember Jim Ramseur*
- Councilmember Dr. Hector Henry, II*
- Councilmember Al Brown, Jr.*
- Councilmember Lamar Barrier*
- Councilmember John Sweat, Jr.*

City Manager Brian Hiatt
City Attorney Al Benshoff

City of Concord Upcoming Meetings

Public hearings Held in the Municipal Building, 26 Union Street, S.

February Meetings

- 2/11/2010 at 6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting**
- 2/16/2010 at 6:00 p.m. Planning and Zoning Meeting**
- 2/18/2010 at 7:00 p.m. Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**
- 2/18 & 2/19 Council Planning Session**
- 2/23/2010 at 6:00 p.m. Board of Adjustment Meeting**