



Neighborhood Matching Grant NOW OPEN



Neighborhood Matching Grant [applications](#) are now open for the 2024-2025 fiscal year!

The Neighborhood Matching Grant awards up to \$3,000 in matching grant funds to eligible recognized neighborhood organizations. The goal of the program is to facilitate neighborhood self-improvement. All projects are initiated, planned, and implemented by neighborhood members. Please read the program policy to see if your neighborhood's project is eligible for submission.

The application deadline is Monday, May 27, 2023, at 5 p.m.

Spring Litter Sweep!



It's time for our 2024 Spring Litter Sweep! Three recognized neighborhoods will win cash prizes for their participation! Groups can be as small as 2 people or as large as 25. The top three neighborhoods will be awarded \$100, \$150, or \$250 for their efforts and participation.

The City of Concord will provide trash bags, vests, and gloves. For your neighborhood to be eligible for the cash prize, you must conduct your litter sweep between April 13 and April 27. Please call 704-920-5298 to sign up!

We Need Your Help!



The City of Concord is conducting a study of the Concord Mills Blvd – Bruton Smith Blvd Corridor (i.e. The Boulevards) to establish a community vision and path to achieve that vision. These Boulevards are some of the largest and busiest roads in the city and home to some of the most visited entertainment attractions Concord has to offer.

Take our **quick survey** and let us know your thoughts on the future of the Boulevards! The survey will close on **Friday, April 19 at 11:59 p.m.**

Take the Survey!

Upcoming Events!

Join Us For a Free Fair Housing Event

THE FAIR HOUSING ACT: PROTECTIONS AGAINST HOUSING DISCRIMINATION

Join us for a free workshop on fair housing laws and tenant's rights

SESIÓN EN ESPAÑOL | MARTES, 23 DE ABRIL DE 2024

🕒 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.

📍 EL PUENTE HISPANO - 335 ANN ST. NW, CONCORD

ENGLISH SESSION | TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

🕒 6:00 - 7:00 P.M.

📍 VIRTUAL

REGISTER TODAY!

ENGLISH SESSION: CONCORDNC.GOV/FAIRHOUSING

SESIÓN EN ESPAÑOL: CONCORDNC.GOV/VIVIENDAJUSTA



The City of Concord, Cabarrus County, and the City of Kannapolis are teaming up to offer a free virtual fair housing workshop in both English and Spanish. These workshops are also made possible thanks to our partners at Prosperity Unlimited, El Puente Hispano, and Legal Aid of North Carolina.

Anyone interested in learning more about fair housing laws, their rights, and protections against discrimination is encouraged to attend. **The Spanish session**

will take place in person at El Puente Hispano on April 23 beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the English session will be held virtually on April 25 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Register for the ENGLISH
Session

Register for the
SPANISH Session

Join Us for a Movie in the Park!



Gather your family and friends and join us at W.W. Flowe Park for a complimentary outdoor movie night!

Enjoy a bounce house and bug-themed activities before the movie. **The event kicks off at 6:45 p.m. and the movie starts at 8:15 p.m.** Concession snacks will be available for purchase during the screening.

Please note that a parent or guardian must accompany children throughout the event.

Check out more upcoming family-friendly events and programs by following the Parks & Recreation Department on [Facebook](#).

Design A T-shirt Expressing Inclusivity at ClearWater Arts Center & Studios for a Chance to Win \$1,000!



Artists and aspiring graphic and fashion designers could win \$1,000 through a new T-shirt design contest hosted by ClearWater Arts Center & Studios, in partnership with Studio Print Shop. Four winning artists will have their designs printed on shirts that will be sold at ClearWater Arts Center. Designs must convey a message of creative and cultural inclusion rooted in the artist's or designer's experience.

The T-shirt contest is made possible thanks to a grant from the Grassroots Arts Program of the North Carolina Arts Council, a state agency, and the Cabarrus Arts Council. Through the T-shirt contest, ClearWater Arts Center hopes to provide a platform for aspiring artists and designers to showcase their talent while also conveying their message of community, inclusion, and creativity.

Entry DEADLINE is April 30, 2024 at 11:59 p.m.

[Learn More About the Contest!](#)

**Save The Date for the 4th Annual
Concord International Festival!**

The poster for the Concord International Festival features a vibrant design with a large, colorful sunburst logo at the top center. The logo contains the text "Concord International Festival". Below the logo, the text "PRESENTED BY:" is followed by the logos for "Concord NORTH CAROLINA High Performance Living" and "EL PUENTE HISPANO CONECTATE". The central text reads "Save the Date! October 5, 2024 12 - 6 PM • Downtown Concord". At the bottom, contact information is provided: "INFO: (980) 255-1434 • FESTIVAL@ELPUENTEHISPANONC.ORG" and the website "CONCORDINTERNATIONALFESTIVAL.COM". The poster also includes images of performers in traditional Mexican attire, including a woman in a purple and pink dress, a man in a red and white outfit, and a man in a blue suit playing a trumpet.

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Join us on **Saturday, October 5, 2024, from 12:00 - 6:00 p.m.** for a day of food, music, and family fun.

To join the celebration of culture and community as a sponsor, vendor, or volunteer, apply online or contact El Puente Hispano at 980-255-1434 or by email at festival@elpuentehispanonc.org. applications are due September 1, 2024.

[Click here for festival details!](#)

Tip of the Month

You can help keep our city's streams healthy and litter-free by joining the Adopt-a-Stream program.

Healthy streams are an important part of our city's natural environment. They provide recreational opportunities, living and feeding grounds for fish and wildlife, flood protection, a source of drinking



water, and so much more.

When your neighborhood group enrolls in the Adopt-a-Stream program, you're committing to cleaning up your "adopted" stream segment at least twice per year. The City will provide supplies to help with your stream cleanup.

When you sign up, you also get your group's name added to a sign near your chosen stream segment. Sharing your name on the street sign is just one way we get to recognize our volunteers and all they do to help keep Concord beautiful!

Join Our Adopt-a-Stream Program

Connect with us!



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