

# Happy New Year Concord!

I hope you all enjoyed the Holiday season and festivities! Team Concord staff had a rewarding December wrapping up the year organizing the Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, welcoming new businesses, and dedicating the new Police Memorial in honor of those who have sacrificed their lives in service to our city, and all those who continue to serve.

Although the year is just beginning, the city's Planning & Neighborhood Development Department and Parks & Recreation Department are already hard at work and asking for residents to support their upcoming projects by providing their input. **Below you will find three surveys that you can participate in this month.** 

New year also means new <u>Annual Review</u>! Please don't forget to have someone in your neighborhood leadership fill out the <u>2022 Annual Review</u>. It is essential that you fill out the <u>form</u> in order to remain active in the Neighborhood Program. <u>Neighborhoods that do not complete the Annual Review by</u> <u>the March 31st deadline risk being classified as dormant and will</u> <u>not be eligible for the annual grant among other program benefits.</u>

Finally, January is a great time to reconnect with neighbors, begin goal setting for your community, and touch base with your neighborhood liaison. Each Recognized Neighborhood has their own city staff member that serves as a liaison and can offer support to their assigned neighborhood by answering questions, attending neighborhood meetings, and connecting residents to appropriate city departments when needed. **If you have lost touch with your liaison or need help touching base, let me know via <u>email</u> or by calling me at 704-920-5298 and I can help you reconnect.** 

Wishing you all a happy and healthy start to 2022!

# **COMMUNITY SURVEYS**



Survey closes January 5, 2022.

Your participation in this survey will help identify the greatest needs surrounding affordable housing and homelessness in our area.

The City of Concord is the lead entity for the Cabarrus/Iredell/Rowan HOME Consortium, and received over \$4.7 million of HOME American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP) funding for the consortium area . The city will use the public's feedback to guide decisions on how to target funding to specific programs and services that will increase housing stability and support homeless individuals and families, or those at risk of homelessness.

Submit Your Feedback

The City of Concord Planning and Zoning Commission approved proposed changes to the Concord Development Ordinance (CDO) at their December 21 meeting. The proposed revisions to the CDO specifically address townhome development across the city. **The public is invited to review the proposed CDO townhome revisions and submit comments no later than January 6, 2022 to the Planning and Neighborhood Development Department.** 

The proposed CDO townhome revisions address the safe movement of vehicles and pedestrians, adequate parking, the provision of public utilities and services, the provision of green space and a sustainable permanent shade tree canopy. Citizens may submit comments online or in person during the January 13, 2022 City Council meeting.



Survey closes January 6, 2022

**Submit your Feedback** 

Parks and Rec is developing a master plan for facilities in the Academy-Gibson Village area. This is your





chance to provide feedback that will guide decisions to the future of the park! Based on the public's response, the Parks and Rec department will determine the facilities and amenities to preserve and renovate, as well as new features needed to improve the public's overall enjoyment and experience while visiting the park

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New & Noteworthy

### Applications for the Citizen Public Safety Academy Open





For all the fans or Concord 101 and emergency services- this is for you! Register to join the 17th Citizen Public Safety Academy. This is an eight week program that provides a unique opportunity for citizens to gain a behind-scenes look and deeper understanding of the many roles and responsibilities of the city's public safety professionals first hand. Visit our emergency response facilities, learn how you can prepare your home for disasters, and more! **Applications are due January 31st, 2022.** 

Submit an application

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial March



#### HOLIDAY EVENT SCHEDULE

Saturday - January 15th - MLK Dream Day at the Park 1 Cannon Baller Way, Kannapolis, NC 28081

Monday - January 17 - Memorial March Lineup will begin at 11:00 at Union Street N and Killarney Street in Concord March will proceed at 11:30 to MLK, Jr. Plaza located on Cabarrus Avenue

Monday - January 17 - Wreath Laying Ceremony Ceremony will begin at 12:00 p.m. at the MLK Plaza located on Cabarrus Avenue

For more info: mlkccnc.org



The Dr. MLK, Jr. Celebration Planning Committee has organized a Memorial March on January 16, 2022 beginning at 11AM. The march will begin on North Union Street near the Cannon Memorial Library and end on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza with a Wreath Laying Ceremony. Registration to join the Memorial March is free, learn more and register below.

Register to Walk

## Your 2022 Recycling and Bulky Waste Calendar



The City of Concord has released the 2022 Recycling & Bulky Waste Calendar. Visit concordnc.gov/whatsmyday to view, download, and print the calendar. You can also download the CARTology app from the Apple or Google Play stores to follow your pickup days.

