



96th Annual Christmas Parade



Thank You for Celebrating with Us!

A heartfelt thank you to the members of Gibson Village, Logan, and Haven at Rocky River for joining us on the Paternship for Stronger Neighborhoods float at the 96th Concord Christmas Parade!

Your participation made the event truly special. We can't wait to celebrate with you again next year!

Upcoming Events



Join us for the **2nd Annual Holiday Market at ClearWater Arts Center & Studios** on **Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m!** Browse original hand-crafted treasures from ClearWater Tenant Artists, the Cabarrus Art Guild, the Southern Piedmont Woodturners, and over 35 local artisans.

Enjoy festive food, light refreshments, holiday music, and a vibrant atmosphere while exploring open studios and unique gifts, including pottery, crafts, and art. Don't miss this celebration of creativity—there's something special for everyone!

[Event Details](#)

Annual Contractor Meeting

SAVE THE DATE

CITY OF CONCORD ANNUAL CONTRACTOR MEETING



December 11, 2024



11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



**City of Concord Electric Systems
Operations Center**

505 Alfred Brown Jr. Court SW, Concord, NC



Questions?

Call 704-920-5130

Register:

CONCORDNC.GOV/CONTRACTORMEETING

The City of Concord invites you to our **2024 Annual Contractor Meeting** on **Wednesday, December 11, 2024**, from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

This meeting will provide valuable insights into the City's bidding process, contractor requirements, and the variety of projects open for bidding. Local contractors and organizations are encouraged to attend and learn how to collaborate with the City on upcoming opportunities.

[Register Here!](#)

WINTER LITTLER SWEEP



Save the Date and Make Plans to Join the Winter Litter Sweep!

Recognized Neighborhoods can win up to \$200 for their participation in the City of Concord's litter sweeps!

Groups can be as small as 2 people or as large as 25. The top three neighborhoods who collect the most bags of trash will be awarded \$200, \$150, or \$100 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 January 12 - 19, 2025.

To sign up, Contact Raeshawn Palmer, Community Outreach Coordinator [by email](#) or 704-920-5298

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Avelo Airlines Announces New Base & New Routes!



Avelo Airlines is officially making Concord their home base! Concord-Padgett Regional Airport will now house two Avelo aircrafts full-time, bringing even more convenience and travel options to Concord!

Two New Popular Destinations:

- Daytona Beach, FL (DAB). Begins April 3, 2025, with twice weekly service on Thursdays and Sundays
- Nashville, TN (BNA). Begins April 4, 2025, with twice weekly service on Mondays and Fridays

[Learn More](#)

Exciting Upgrades Coming to Marvin Caldwell Park



We are ready to start bond renovations at Marvin Caldwell Park!

The groundbreaking ceremony was held on Monday, December 2. Mayor Dusch, City Council Members, and the community gathered to celebrate the exciting renovations at Marvin Caldwell Park. Funded by the voter-approved Parks & Rec Bond, these updates include new features like the City's first splash pad, a multi-use field, a modern playground, covered basketball courts, a new Optimist Shelter and amphitheater, and upgraded basketball courts.

In collaboration with Willow's Wish, the park will also feature enhanced accessibility with universal changing tables in restrooms and a sensory play area, ensuring children and adults of all abilities can enjoy the space.

During the ceremony, Council Member Betty Stocks highlighted the park's rich history and paid tribute to its namesake, Marvin Caldwell, Sr. This year, the City proudly marked the 50th anniversary of the renaming of Echo Park to Marvin Caldwell Park.

[Learn More About Bond Projects](#)

Join the Citizen Public Safety Academy

CITIZEN PUBLIC SAFETY ACADEMY

**CLASSES BEGIN IN
FEBRUARY 2025**

SIGN UP TODAY!

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Did you know? The City of Concord is the 10th largest city in North Carolina, the 7th fastest growing in the country, and continues to rank among the safest and best places in America to live and raise a family.

Wondering how we do it? Join our Citizen Public Safety Academy for a behind the scenes look at how our Police, Fire, and 911 Communications teams work together to keep our community safe.

The program is free and open to adults aged 18 and older. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and the program runs February 11 - April 1, 2025.

Space is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis so don't delay - sign up today!

[Register Here!](https://CONCORDNC.GOV/PUBLICSAFETYACADEMY)

PROGRAM BENEFITS

**Maximize the Benefits of Being a Recognized
Neighborhood**



Is Your Neighborhood Enjoying All the Benefits of Being a Recognized Neighborhood?

Did you know one key benefit is free access to community meeting rooms? Recognized Neighborhoods can hold official association meetings at no cost in City of Concord community rooms, conveniently located at Fire Stations 8, 9, and 12.

Reservations are required, so be sure to plan ahead to secure your space!

For more information or to reserve a room, please contact Katie Helms in the Parks & Recreation Department at 704-920-5612.

PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITY

We Need Your Input! Help Shape the Future of Federal Funding in Our Community. Your Voice Matters!



Over the next few years, we will receive federal funds to support housing and services for low-income residents, and we want your help in deciding how best to use them.

The Cabarrus/Iredell/Rowan HOME Consortium receives funding through the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). These funds support vital initiatives, including:

- Street improvements (sidewalks, lighting, etc.)
- Affordable housing programs
- After-school programs
- Homeless services
- And more programs benefiting low-income families and individuals

Take a few minutes to complete our quick survey and let us know which issues matter most to your neighborhood. Your feedback will help us prioritize projects and make a real difference.

[Take Survey here!](#)

Calling All Junior Artists!



**STORMWATER
ART CONTEST**

**OPEN TO ALL ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH
SCHOOL STUDENTS IN THE CITY OF CONCORD**

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Prizes Up for Grabs!

WWW.CONCORDNC.GOV/STORMWATERARTCONTEST

The City of Concord invites students in grades K–12 who live in Concord to showcase their creativity in the **Stormwater Art Contest**. This is your chance to raise awareness about stormwater pollution and help keep our waterways clean!

- Theme: “Only Rain Down the Drain”
- Submission Deadline: February 16, 2025

Why It Matters:

Did you know stormwater is untreated and flows directly into our rivers and streams? Rainwater running off streets can carry pollutants like litter, pet waste, oil, and more, which harm local creeks and streams. Your artwork can inspire others to take action and protect our environment!

What We’re Looking For:

- Original artwork that raises awareness about preventing stormwater pollution
- A clear, creative message aligned with the theme
- Note: Artwork should not focus on drinking water

Awards and Recognition:

- Winners will be chosen from elementary, middle, and high school categories
- One grand prize winner may have their design featured on a storm drain in the City
- All submitted artwork will be displayed at ClearWater Arts Center and Studios

Winners will be announced on World Water Day, March 22, 2025.

[Learn More Here](#)

MONTHLY TIPS



Did you know?

1 Gallon of Household hazardous waste can pollute millions of gallons of water?

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Household Hazardous Waste includes items commonly used at home that are corrosive, explosive, toxic, or flammable. Examples include paint, nail polish, household cleaners, and similar products.

If these substances are improperly disposed of— like being poured into storm drains—they flow directly into nearby creeks, rivers, and streams, bypassing the sewer system. This can lead to water contamination, harming both the environment and our community.

Dispose of Household Hazardous Waste Responsibly

You can safely drop off your household hazardous waste at the Cabarrus County Hazardous Waste Facility during the following times:

- **First Wednesday of each month: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**
- **Third Saturday of each month: 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Facility Location:

Cabarrus County Hazardous Waste Facility
246 General Services Drive SW
Concord, NC 28025

Let's work together to protect our local waterways and environment!

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