

Happy New Year!



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As we welcome 2025, we look forward to another year of growth, connection, and collaboration within our wonderful neighborhood. Let's continue working together to make our communities a place we're proud to call home. Wishing you all a year filled with happiness, health, and success!

2025 Memebership Renewal Form

Neighborhood leaders,

It is time to renew your Recognized Neighborhood membership! Please don't forget to have someone in your neighborhood leadership fill out the **2025 Membership Renewal Form**.

The Membership Renewal Form is required in order for Recognized Neighborhoods to maintain their active status within the Partnership for Stronger Neighborhood Program and remain eligible for program benefits. The annual renewal also helps ensure that we have the correct and most up to date information for your neighborhood's board and leadership.

Neighborhoods that do not complete the Membership Renewal Form by March 1st risk being classified as dormant and will not be eligible for the Neighborhood Matching Grant among other program benefits,

	Name of Neighborhood Organ	nization:		
	Neighborhood website, if availa	ible:		
2.	Meeting information: a. Meeting Dates and Tim	es (example: every fin	t Monday of the mo	onth at 7 p.m.):
	b. Meeting Location_ c. Date of Last Meeting: _ Was this meeting open to all me		No	
3.	Is membership to your organization open to anyone who lives or owns property in the neighborher regardless of race, religion, color, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability? Yes No			
4.	List the name of your City Neighborhood Liaison (if you do not know, write "I don't know"):			
5.	Please list below the names, a Neighborhood Organization, addresses of officers for your? Partnership for Stronger Neigh the Neighborhood Newsletter; You may opt-out of being cont Name:	 Please list belc Neighborhood Organiz sborhoods Program and and by phone, includir 	w the names, addres ation. Officers will I relevant information g through our auton to the Community C	sees, phone numbers and emi- be provided with updates ab on to their neighborhood thro- nated phone messaging syste-
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including their city liaison, access to free community room reservations, eligibility for any financial awards, and more.

Click Here To Complete The Membership Renewal Form

WINTER LITTLER SWEEP



Join Us For 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.

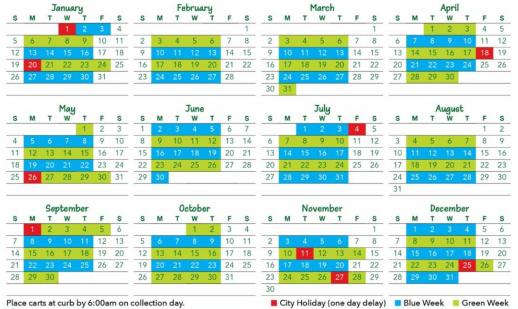
The City of Concord will provide trash bags, vests, and gloves. For your neighborhood to be eligible for the cash prize, you must conduct your litter sweep between January 12 - 19, 2025.

To sign up, Contact Raeshawn Palmer, Community Outreach Coordinator by email or 704-920-5298

NEWS & ANNOUCEMENTS

2025 RECYCLING & BULKY WASTE CALENDAR

Recycling & Bulky Waste is collected every-other-week on your regularly scheduled garbage day.





DOWNLOAD THE APP!



- ✓ Know your Collection Day
- Sign up for Reminders
- Learn how to dispose of items
- ✓ Bulky waste guidelines

Stay up to date on collection changes.



PLEASE DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES!

CART LIDS MUST BE ABLE TO CLOSE COMPLETELY.



Recycling works best when neighbors unite to recycle right.



For more information: concordnc.gov/solidwaste | 704.920.5555

The **2025 Recycling and Bulky Waste Calendar** is ready for download! Click the link below to view, download, and print your copy.

For added convenience, don't forget to download the <u>CARTology app</u>! It's your go-to resource for staying updated on collection days for garbage, recycling, bulky items, and yard waste.

Stay organized and keep our community clean!

Click here to View, Download, and Print 2025 Calendar

Join the Citizen Public Safety Academy



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.

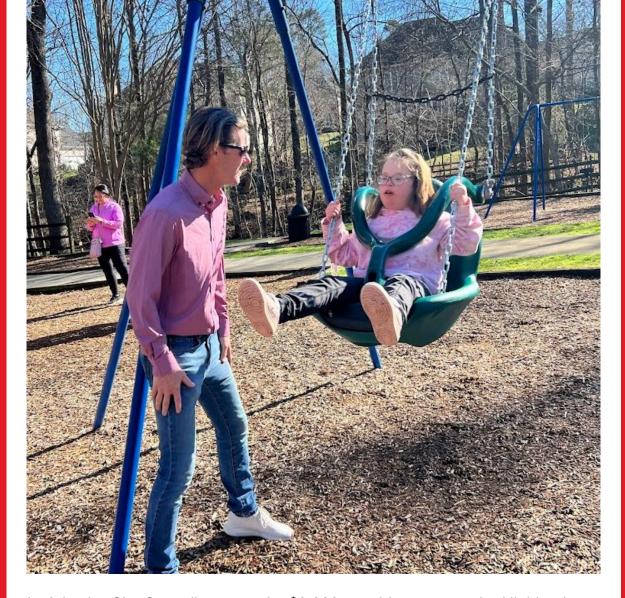
Space is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis so don't delay - sign up today!

Register Here!

FY 23-24 NEIGHBORHOOD MATCHING GRANT PROJECT UPDATES

Highland Creek, Inclusive Swing Project





In July, the City Council approved a \$3,000 matching grant to the Highland Creek community to support installing special needs playground equipment. This project aims to create a more inclusive recreational area for children with disabilities living in the community.

The project has now been completed, and the Highland Creek HOA celebrated its success with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 30, 2024.

Congratulations to the Highland Creek HOA on this wonderful project! The City of Concord is proud to have assisted with this meaningful project.

Woodbridge, Irrigation System Extension-Landscaping





In July, the City Council approved a \$3,000 matching grant to the Woodbridge community to add an irrigation system extension, and decorative plants to the neighborhood's common area entrance.

Congratulations to the Woodbridge HOA on this project! The City of Concord is proud to have assisted with the beautification of your neighborhood.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

Maximize the Benefits of Being a Recognized Neighborhood



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

Did you know one key benefit of the program is the collaboration with the City's Code Enforcement Officers. Each of the City's Code Enforcement Officers are assigned to areas within the city and work directly with neighborhoods to solve problems related to minimum housing code and zoning regulations. Code Enforcement Officers attend neighborhood meetings to give updates on open code cases and to address questions from neighbors.

Contact your neighborhood liaison to invite your assigned Code Enforcement Officer to you next neighborhood meeting.

WE NEED YOUR HELP



We need your help determining the best use for the federal funds we will be recieving over the next few years related to housing for low-income residents.

The Cabarrus/Iredell/Rowan HOME Consortium receives HOME Investment Parnerships Program (HOME) funds and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to address street improvements (sidewalks, lighting, etc.), housing needs, after school programs, homeless services, and many other activities for low-income families or individuals.

By taking this quick survey, you can let us know what issues are important to your neighborhood.

Take The Survey Here!

CALLING ALL JUNIOR ARTISTS!



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.

MONTHLY TIPS



When it comes to recycling, knowing what not to place in your bin is just as important as knowing what to include. Tanglers—items like hoses, cords, holiday lights, and similar materials—can cause major problems at recycling facilities. These items get caught in machinery, leading to costly delays and repairs.

Here's a quick guide to keeping tanglers out of your bin:

□ No Garden Hoses: These belong in the trash or at designated drop-off facilities.
☐ No Electrical Cords: Recycle these through specialized electronic recycling
programs. No Holiday Lights: Check for local holiday light recycling programs or dispose of them properly.

By keeping these items out of your recycling bin, you're helping to keep the recycling process running smoothly and efficiently.

Let's work together to recycle smarter and keep our community clean!

Connect with us!







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