



Fall Litter Sweep!



There is still time to sign up for the Fall Litter Sweep! The dates to host your sweep are September 13 to September 20! Recognized neighborhoods are invited to participate with groups ranging from as few as two people to as many as 25.

Cash prizes are available for the neighborhoods that collect the most bags of litter:

- \$200 for 1st place
- \$150 for 2nd place
- \$100 for 3rd place

To qualify for the prizes, your Litter Sweep must occur during the event dates.

Ready to sign up? Contact Juliann Chavez, Sustainability Coordinator, at 704-920-5379 or by [email](#).

Let's work together to keep our community clean!

NEWS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS



HGTV NAMES CONCORD ONE OF THE MOST CHARMING SMALL DOWNTOWNS IN AMERICA.

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We love our historic downtown and so does HGTV! They've once again named Concord one of the most charming small downtowns in America.

We're honored to be the only downtown in North Carolina to be recognized. With our lush tree-lined streets, historic architecture, unique

experiences, and vibrant local art scene, it's easy to fall in love with our hometown.

[Read More From HGTV](#)



Mark your calendars, Concord's most cherished holiday traditions are back!

28th Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony, Sponsored by Eli Lilly, on Friday, November 21, 6–8:30 p.m. in Downtown Concord.

Enjoy live music, kids' activities, food trucks, Santa & Mrs. Claus photos, and a fireworks finale. Don't miss the illuminated City vehicle display competition, where you get to vote for the most festive creation!

97th Annual Concord Christmas Parade, Saturday, November 22, 2:30 p.m.

Join over 20,000 residents and visitors for North Carolina's longest-running historic downtown parade. Experience marching bands, festive floats, and the arrival of Santa himself along the traditional parade route on Church and Union streets.

If your school, school band, dance group, church or civic organization would like to participate, [parade registration is open online](#).

Special Invitation for Recognized Neighborhoods

Again this year, we have a float reserved for recognized neighborhoods! We would love for our neighborhood leaders to join us in celebrating the season! It's a wonderful way to represent your community and spread holiday cheer.

If you would like to reserve a spot for your neighborhood on the float, please [email Community Outreach Coordinator, Raeshawn Palmer](#), or call 704-920-5298

Only A few Trees Remaining - Get Yours Before They're Gone!



Sign up for
**FREE
TREES!**

REDUCE YOUR ENERGY COSTS. GROW A HEALTHIER FUTURE.

Planting a tree doesn't just lower your energy costs by up to 20%, it cleans the water, clears the air, and makes your neighborhood more enjoyable. The City of Concord, Carolina Power Partners, and All Saints' Episcopal Church, in partnership with the Arbor Day Foundation, are once again offering a limited number of free trees to homeowners through the Energy-Saving Trees Program.

Reserve your free tree online starting on September 8, 2025.

➔ get.arborday.org/concord



Looking to add shade and beauty to your yard while lowering cooling costs? Concord residents can reserve a free tree through the City's Energy Saving Trees giveaway program! A total of 300 trees will be available this year, with eight varieties to choose from, including Red Maple, White Oak, Bald Cypress, and more.

Key dates to know:

- Reservation required
- Tree pickup: **Saturday, October 18 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Concord (pickup times assigned upon reservation).**

Be sure to mark your calendars and help grow a greener Concord!

Reserve Your Free Tree



Interested in learning more about a career with Team Concord?



JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Navigating the City's Hiring Process



Sept. 25 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm



City Hall - Council Chambers
35 Cabarrus Ave W

Interested in joining Team Concord but not sure where to start?

Join us for a community workshop designed to help you navigate our hiring process and learn how to apply with confidence.

Workshop Details:

- **Thursday, September 25**
- **5:00 – 6:00 p.m.**
- **City Hall – Council Chambers (35 Cabarrus Avenue W)**

[Learn More About Our Workshops](#)

[Click Here To Register](#)

Concord Historic Preservation Commission Advances Logan Community's Bid for National Historic Recognition



Thank you to everyone who attended the August 13, 2025, Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) public input meeting regarding the Logan

Neighborhood's nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.

On Wednesday, September 10, the City of Concord Historic Preservation Commission unanimously voted to advance the Logan Community's application for listing in the National Register. The commission determined that the Logan Community meets the criteria for inclusion on the Register. This important milestone is a celebration of preserving the history and heritage of the Logan Community for generations to come.

The next step is review by the National Register Advisory Committee at its October meeting. If approved, the state historic preservation officer will sign the nomination before forwarding it to the National Park Service for final consideration.

[Learn More](#)

Friday Night Flicks McGee Park



Grab your family & friends and head to the parks for free outdoor movies! Don't forget the blankets and chairs to stay comfy while you enjoy the show. A parent or guardian is required to stay with children under the age of 18 during the duration of the movie. If parking fills at McGee Park, participants can park at Les Myers Park and take our free shuttle to McGee Park to enjoy the movie.

Friday Night Flicks: Elemental
Friday, September 26
Beginning at 7:00 p.m.
McGee Park - 219 Corban Avenue SE

Concord International Festival

Saturday, September 27, 2025

A vibrant blue poster for the Concord International Festival. At the top, the logos for 'EL PUENTE HISPANO CONECTATE' and 'Concord NORTH CAROLINA' are displayed. Below them is the main title 'Concord International Festival' in a large, stylized font, with 'MUSIC • FOOD • ART • FUN' underneath. The date and time 'September 27, 2025 12 PM - 6 PM • Downtown Concord' are prominently featured. The central graphic is a collage of travel-related items: an orange suitcase, a red passport with a globe icon, a white airplane, a gold compass, and several Polaroid photos showing people in traditional and modern attire. In the background, there are faint silhouettes of the Statue of Liberty, the Eiffel Tower, and a hot air balloon. The entire poster is framed by a red border.

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September 27, 2025
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The Concord International Festival is returning for its fifth year on Saturday, September 27, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Downtown Concord.

This vibrant event will once again bring the community together to celebrate the diverse cultures that enrich our city. Attendees can look forward to a day filled with international shopping, live music, dance performances, and a variety of culinary delights from around the world. It's an opportunity to experience the global flavors, sounds, and traditions that make Concord a unique place to live.

The Concord International Festival is presented by the City of Concord

and El Puente Hispano.

[Learn More](#)

MONTHLY TIPS



Learn more: Concordnc.gov/FOG



Have you ever wondered what fats, oils, and grease (FOGs) look like when they're poured down the drain?

When warm FOGs and wax are poured down the sink or flushed down the toilet, they harden and form large, nasty clogs and stick to the walls of your pipes. This can eventually lead to sewer back-ups in your home and costly repairs.

Keep the grease goblin away and never pour FOGs down the drain!

[Learn More About Stormwater Pollution FOGs](#)

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