



Conover Neighbor

SUMMER 2012

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Conover Police Department was recently recognized by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) for its "Outstanding Participation" in National Night Out 2011. There were over 15,110 communities from all 50 states with over 37.0 million people participating in "Giving Crime a Going Away Party". This award marks the 12th time that the Conover Police Department has been the recipient of this National Award. National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Thanks to our community's support, the 2011 event proved to be a huge success. The Conover Police Department recognizes that the continued success of National Night Out would not be possible without the assistance from the citizens of Conover, business owners, area public safety services, city leaders and city employees. Last year's entertainment was provided by The Kingsmen Quartet and Brothers Redeemed Quartet. The local Target store and distribution center sponsored drawings for school supplies, gift cards, bikes and safety helmets. The Conover Police Department is committed to building and maintaining partnerships with our communities to drive out crime.

This year's event will be held on **Tuesday, August 7th, 2012** at **Concordia Lutheran Church**. The featured entertainment will be the SONGFELLOWS Quartet from Hendersonville, TN and the Brothers Redeemed Quartet from Conover, NC.



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Plan on it..... SIGN, SIGN, EVERYWHERE A SIGN.....

Has anyone noticed the proliferation of signs that appear on power poles and along the side of the road? Has anyone noticed that they don't stay there very long?

North Carolina General Statutes and City of Conover ordinances do not allow signs to be placed on power poles or along the side of the road. City staff spends an average of three to four hours a week driving around the city and removing these illegal signs. Illegal signs can cause dangerous distractions to motorists and are a form of visual pollution.

If anyone wishes to place a sign on property within the City of Conover, a zoning permit must be completed and approved by the Planning Department. The zoning permit is free of charge and can be issued in a matter of minutes. The permit ensures that the sign is placed in a location that is not a hazard to motorists or pedestrians and also establishes the period of time that the sign or banner can be displayed.

Real estate signs can only be placed on the property that is for sale and do not require a permit. Yard Sale signs are allowed for a limited time before the sale, generally 1 to 2 days, and must be removed immediately after the event. All other off-site signs, for example real estate pointer signs or other advertising signs, are strictly prohibited.

The City asks that everyone do their part to help keep Conover beautiful and clean. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Planning Department at 464-1191.



FROM THE FIRE LINE



In June 2012, Conover Fire Department placed into service a 1999 Spartan Gladiator Rescue unit. The apparatus was purchased from Mechanicsville Volunteer Fire Department located in Mechanicsville, Maryland; which is replacing the apparatus with a larger unit to serve their community. The rescue apparatus has allowed the department to combine the majority of our rescue and extrication equipment into one apparatus for many of the rescue services that are provided by the fire department. Additionally, the apparatus also carries Hazardous Material Incident supplies, 400 gallons of water along with a 350 gallon per minute PTO pump, a 40 gallon foam tank and a 6 bottle cascade system for use on fire scenes. The rescue apparatus replaces a 1990 Chevrolet Step Van and a 1983 Pierce Chevrolet Tanker, allowing our department to downsize our fleet. The addition of this apparatus allows the fire department to better serve the citizens of Conover by combining equipment and our resources while maintaining and enhancing our core mission services.



GRILLING SAFETY

Although grilling is thoroughly enjoyable, it's important to keep it safe. After all, you are dealing with live fire!

For more information concerning summer grilling safety or to participate in our smoke detector program, contact Fire Station #1 at 464-1295, or stop by the Fire Station at 1225 Conover Boulevard East.



Summer Grilling Safety Tips

- Minimize the risk of unwanted flames; don't wear loose fitting clothes, and tie your hair back if it is long. If possible, wear closed toe shoes and long sleeves.
- Know where a fire extinguisher is at all times.
- Find a safe, level ground several feet away from the house to grill on. Don't set your grill up in an enclosed space, like a garage. Hot grills give off carbon monoxide.
- If it's windy consider using a gas grill instead of charcoal.
- Never leave a hot grill unattended.
- Keep children and pets away from hot grills.
- The only flammable liquid to use on a charcoal grill is lighter fluid. Never use paint thinner or gasoline. Don't add lighter fluid to coals that are already burning.
- When lighting a gas grill always have the lid open.
- Keep flammable containers and lighters away from hot grills.



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The City of Conover does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in employment or the provision of service.

Public Meeting Dates

City Council

(First Monday of Each Month at 7:00 pm)
August 6, September 4, October 1

Planning Board

(Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 pm)
August 21, September 18, October 16

CITY HALL CONTACT INFORMATION

City Manager.....Donald E. Duncan, Jr.
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PRESERVING CONOVER'S HISTORY

Historical photos are on display throughout Conover City Hall and are in the process of being displayed at Conover Station. Please stop by for a stroll through the past! Also, please feel free to bring by any historical photos that you would like to donate for display at the Station or City Hall. Originals can be scanned and returned.

City Hall hours are Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

