

# CONOVER neighbor

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## “CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK”

On December 1st, 2009, at 6:30 p.m., the City of Conover will hold its twentieth annual “Christmas in the Park” in the Downtown Park Gazebo. This year’s community event will feature the Shuford Elementary and Lyle Creek Elementary Choruses.

The Conover Fire Department will provide hot chocolate, coffee, cider, and cookies. As always, we expect Santa to stop by sometime around 7:00 or 7:30!



Come join us in the Downtown Park located behind the Post Office on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE for this annual Conover tradition.

CONOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT

**SANTA COPS**



**TOY DROP OFF POINT**

*Helping kids have a Memorable Christmas*

*This Christmas the Conover Police Department will be accepting donations of new toys and clothing for boys and girls up to age 14. The collection points will be Conover Police Department, Conover City Hall, and Wal-Mart in Conover. Donations will be accepted through December 15, 2009.*

*If you have any questions call the Conover Police Department at 828-464-4698*



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# Snow Removal Schedule

When roads become impassable due to fallen snow or ice, the Street Department has several objectives.

These objectives include providing clear passage for emergency vehicles, reducing hazards for motorist and pedestrians, and minimizing the economic loss to the community caused by the workers' inability to travel to their respective jobs.

When roads reach impassable conditions, arterial roads (major roads and streets that carry large volumes of traffic) are given first priority. These roads are scraped as bare as possible following two or more inches of snow accumulation, then once every four hours, unless extreme conditions require that more frequent scraping be done. Parking lanes and shoulders will be cleaned as soon as the travel lanes are open. Further, collector streets (general access and residential streets) are scraped following three or more inches of snow accumulation and plowed every four to five hours as conditions dictate. Each quadrant of the City will be dealt with equally. When extreme cold conditions exist, sand will be spread. The City does scrape some state roads, excluding Interstate 40, in residential and downtown areas.

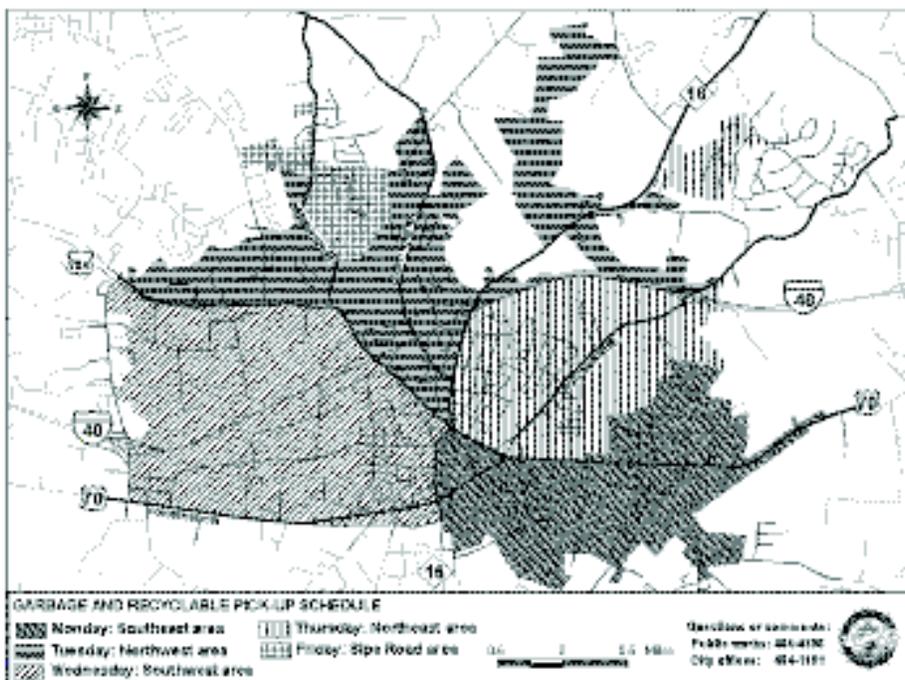
For more information on road conditions during snow or ice periods, call the Public Works Department at 464-4808, or the Catawba County Communications Center at 464-3112.



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## ATTENTION CITY OF CONOVER RESIDENTS 2009 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE



All solid waste collection in 2009 will be picked up as scheduled on all holidays except for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. The Thanksgiving Holiday pick up will be the next day, The Christmas Holiday pick up will be on the Thursday before Christmas. Your cooperation during the holidays will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please call Jody Self, Sanitation/Recycling Supervisor at 464-4808.



## *From the Fire Line...*

During the Christmas and New Year's Holiday period, a higher number of fires and fire-related injuries tend to occur.

Cooler weather increases the use of home heating systems. Your home heating system should be inspected by a qualified service person. Make sure adequate space is provided for woodstoves and portable heaters away from other objects which might catch fire. Use only the recommended fuels, and do not store kerosene inside your home. Use special care to keep holiday candles and decorations away from other combustible materials. If a real tree is used, keep the room cool and refill the water container every day.

The Conover Fire Department hopes that these tips will help you enjoy a warm and safe Holiday season!

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*City Hall will be closed on:*

*Thursday, November 26th  
Friday, November 27th  
Thanksgiving Holiday*

*Thursday, December 24th  
Friday, December 25th  
Monday, December 28th  
Christmas Holiday*

*Friday, January 1st, 2010  
New Year's Holiday*



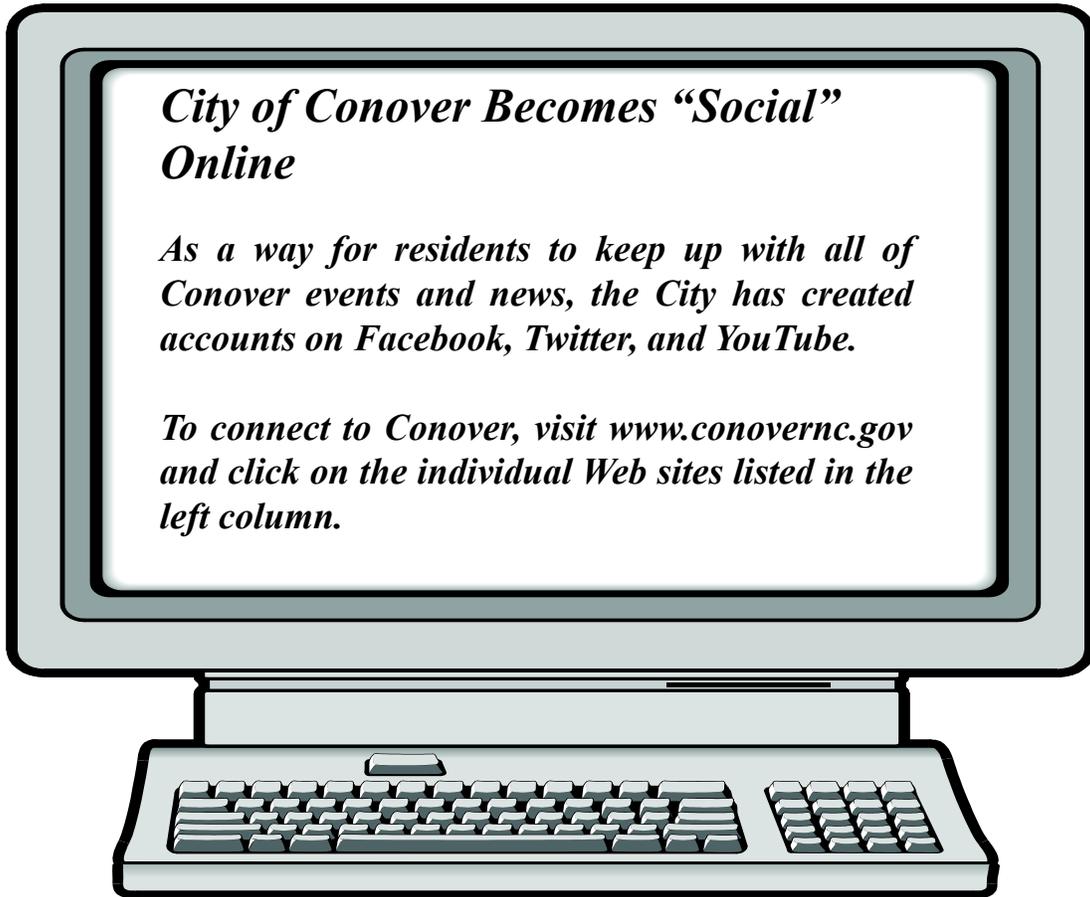
## **City of Conover Dedicates New Fire Engine**

On October 30, 2009; City of Conover Officials dedicated their newest piece of firefighting apparatus, a 2009 Pierce Contender Fire Engine. The Engine will be stationed at Fire Station 1 and replaces a 1990 Pierce Engine that has been moved to reserve status. Engine 1 is equipped with a 1500gpm fire pump, carries 750 gallons of water, Husky Foam System, 6000W Wilbur Nightscan Light Tower, 10Kw Hydraulic Generator, Six Person Enclosed Cab and Full Height / Full Depth Compartments. Along with firefighting equipment, Engine 1 is also equipped with Hydraulic Vehicle Extrication Tools and equipment, Rapid Intervention Team equipment, and Life Safety Ropes and is equipped with an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and Basic Life Support medical equipment.



*Pictured with Fire Engine 1 are Councilman Lee E. Moritz, Jr., City Manager Donald Duncan, Fire Chief Mark Hinson, Mayor Bruce R. Eckard, Mayor Pro Tem Johnny L. Brown and Assistant Fire Chief Ronald Kaylor.*





## **LEAF COLLECTION**

**NOVEMBER 1, 2009**

**THROUGH**

**JANUARY 1, 2010**

**During leaf season, all leaves must be placed at curbside for pickup by the Conover Public Works Department. The department encourages residents to take advantage of the City’s vacuum service.**

**Small amounts of leaves may be bagged for collection, removing all limbs and twigs. Please place leaves at curbside. Only CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS are to be used when bagging. They are available from City Hall at a cost of \$2.00 per roll of ten.**

**Leaf piles, and other debris should not be placed in the curb, ditch line, or street. This is a danger to pedestrians and vehicle traffic.**

**Loose (vacuum) leaves are available to residents for use in gardens and planting beds. Delivery of loose leaves can be requested by calling the Public Works Department at 464-4808.**



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# Plan on it...

## AUTUMN AND STORMWATER

Ever jump in a big pile of fall leaves as a kid? Leaves look pretty, feel good to jump in, and in the mountains we've got an entire tourist industry devoted to looking at them. But after the party's over, somebody has to clean up. For most of us, that means raking or blowing them into a big pile – and then what?

Here in Conover, most of us put leaves into the street for the free pickup. What's bad about that? After one good rain, leaves in the street get washed into storm drains. In large quantities, they block drains and contribute to localized flooding. In small quantities, the storm drain takes them to streams and creeks where they can cause havoc with the ecosystem.

But, haven't leaves been falling into streams and creeks forever? Yes, but if each creek or stream only had to handle what fell into it naturally, they'd be just fine. But by the time you and your neighbors rake your yards, that's more leaves than one little creek can handle.



Excess leaves in streams and creeks shade aquatic life that needs sun to live. Decomposing leaves release nutrients that stimulate algae growth and algae blooms can lead to fish kills.

Think about putting those leaves to work on your own lawn. Compost is easy to make, replenishes your soil and saves you landscaping money, to boot. When raking or blowing your leaves this season, please keep the piles behind the curb and out of the street.

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**The Newton-Conover Education Foundation Annual Christmas Home Tour** will be held Thursday, December 3, 2009. Hours for the tour are 5:00 pm until 8:30 pm. This year all of the homes in the tour are located at Rock Barn Golf and Spa. Refreshments and restroom facilities will be available at the Rock Barn Club House and the Realty Office during the tour. Tickets are available by calling Shawn Sigmon (310-4010). Tickets can also be purchased at the Newton-Conover City Schools Office.

The NCEF is a non-profit organization that provides scholarships for students and grants for teachers in the Newton-Conover School System.





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**Public Meeting Dates**  
  
**City Council**  
*(First Monday of Each Month at 7:00 pm)*  
Dec. 7th, Jan. 4th, Feb. 1st  
  
**Planning Board**  
*(Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 pm)*  
Dec. 15th, Jan. 19th, Feb. 16th