



Conover Neighbor

SUMMER 2010

Thirteenth Annual National Night Out

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On Tuesday August 3, 2010 the Conover Police Department will host their 13th annual National Night Out event. The program is designed to draw community support for law enforcement throughout the nation. For the past twelve years the Conover Police Department has continued to grow this event in efforts to reach additional citizens in and around the City of Conover.

We are expecting to have over fifty participants, a dozen law enforcement agencies, and over 800 attendees. The featured entertainment for this year's event will be, Driven Quartet, Indian Trail, NC and Brothers Redeemed, Conover, NC. The North Carolina Highway Patrol will be

demonstrating the dangers of texting while driving by allowing citizens to drive a golf cart while texting in an obstacle course. In addition,



National Night Out 2009

the NC Wildlife will be sending the "Safety Shooting Range" to demonstrate the importance of gun safety. We will also have Servpro on hand to take pictures of the kids in the police cars. We are all concerned about the crime problem in our

nation, state, and community. Displays will be setup at the event to inform the attendees about crime prevention techniques and about ways to protect themselves from becoming a victim of a crime.

The event this year will also include the City of Conover's annual community workshop. The workshop will provide the citizens with information from each department in the city. City staff will be on hand to explain or answer questions.

The Conover Fire Department will be cooking hamburgers and hotdogs for the attendees.

Santa Cops Needs You!

The Conover Police Department will soon be starting our 3rd annual Santa Cops program. This program was designed to help families in need be able to give their children a memorable Christmas. These children would not have much for Christmas without the help of the Santa Cops program. We want to reach out to our communities and let them know about our program. If you know of a family that could use our help or who may benefit from this program please let us know so we can try to help them. We were able to provide presents to 74 children last year in the Conover area. It was a great experience for the Officers and the children. If you are able to donate any toys this year it would be greatly appreciated. We will have boxes set up at Conover Police Department, Conover City Hall and other local stores in town. If you would like a list of area stores participating in the program please call the Conover Police Department at 828-464-4698.



Plan on it...

During the summer months the air quality levels can become unhealthy. Very hot days can increase the ozone levels making it difficult and unhealthy for children and those who suffer from respiratory diseases such as asthma. Now the Division of Air Quality of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources has implemented AIR QUALITY FORECASTS for our area.

These forecasts can be found on Charter Local Edition News and the local network broadcasts from Charlotte.

Green and Yellow days (Good and Moderate) are considered to have "No" or "Limited" health notices. However, Orange, Red or Purple days (Unhealthy and Very Unhealthy) are considered to be "High Ozone Days" and can be very unhealthy for active

people. For more



information, Conover has the air Quality Color Guides free for everyone. These guides explain the air quality levels, clean air tips and an information on "What You Should Know About Ozone."

Pick up your free Air Quality Guides from the Planning Department in City Hall or at National Night Out on August 3rd.

Pedestrian Safety



Downtown traffic can be very congested at times, and most drivers are in a hurry to get to their destinations. The law requires motorists to stop at crosswalks and yield to pedestrians. North Carolina General Statutes, Section 20-173 states that where traffic control signals are not in place or are out of operation, the driver of a vehicle shall yield the right of way to a pedestrian crossing the roadway within any marked crosswalk. These include the crosswalks downtown, at the Post Office, City Hall, and all school crosswalks. Please be aware of pedestrian crosswalks and yield when necessary.

Simple Measures To Consider...



Did you know that washing your car, boat or RV in your driveway could be causing damage to the environment and polluting our rivers and streams? Most residential wastewater has pollutants removed by the Wastewater Treatment Plant before being released back into the environment. However, the runoff from residential vehicle washing is not treated, and therefore carries pollutants directly into

the environment. Soaps, oils, grease, tar, road salt and other pollutants associated with vehicles are collected in the wash water, travel down your driveway, onto the street, into the storm drain system and flow directly into a river or stream. To help reduce the amount of harmful pollutants entering into our environment, Conover encourages you to use biodegradable soaps and to wash your vehicles in your yard or on a

graveled surface, instead of on a paved driveway. This simple measure allows the water to soak into the ground and naturally remove harmful pollutants. Also, consider using a commercial car wash facility, as the wash water from these facilities is treated by the Wastewater Treatment Plant before being released back into the environment.

**Did
you
Know?**

From the Fire Line...

Conover Fire Department is now a Certified Medium Rescue Provider from the North Carolina Association of Rescue and Emergency Medical Services. The Department has a full complement of medium rescue equipment that is carried on the Engines, Ladder Truck and Service Truck Company. This certification was awarded to the department following an inspection on May 20, 2010 of specific equipment required and by having a specific number of personnel certified as North Carolina Vehicle and Machinery Rescue Technicians. Mayor Lee Moritz Jr. commented "All Conover citizens should feel safe knowing the Conover Fire Department has the latest equipment, excellent training and professional volunteers and full time staff to accomplish the mission."

This is a professional standard that has been adopted in North Carolina from NFPA 1006, NFPA

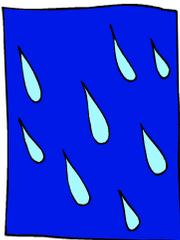
1670 and N.C.G.S. 58-87-5. The standards are monitored by North Carolina Association of Rescue and Emergency Medical Services. By meeting this standard, it identifies the fire department as having met the required equipment cache and most importantly it identifies the department has met the requirement of the personnel training criteria. The standards for training require that at least eight (8) members be trained as a state certified Vehicle and Machinery Rescue Technician and (8) members trained as Medical Technicians as required by the Authority Having Jurisdiction. Currently the department has 18 members that are state certified as North Carolina Vehicle and Machinery Rescue Technicians and 28 members certified as North Carolina Emergency Medical Technicians.

Meeting the required training standard alone is a high achievement for the

department in providing services to the citizens of Conover and our community. Mark Pettit, Fire/Rescue Manager Catawba County Emergency Services said "On behalf of the Catawba County Fire/Rescue Division, I would like to congratulate Conover Fire Department on this achievement. It is a great example of their desire to constantly improve their already outstanding services to the citizens of Conover and the community". Conover Fire Department is the only fire department in Catawba County to have met the certification of Medium Rescue Provider. This speaks for the level of training, professionalism and leadership that is part of our fire department in providing quality service to the citizens of Conover.

For more information about the City of Conover contact the City Manager's office at (828) 464-1191.

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Catawba County Emergency Services Director



Drainage Tips

With seasonal storms occurring at this time of the year, proper drainage is important for protecting property and roadway safety.

Do not place debris in ditches for collection by city crews.

Placement of materials outside the ditch area will assist in keeping culverts and catch basins open for the diversion of water.

Installation of the properly sized culvert at driveways is also important. Each property owner must request a drive way permit

before construction to avoid problems that could occur from improperly sized culverts.

Please call the Public Works Department if you have any questions or to report a drainage problem.



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Public Meeting Dates

City Council
(First Monday of Each Month at 7:00 pm)
Aug. 2nd, Sept. 7th, Oct. 4th

Planning Board
(Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 pm)
Aug. 17th, Sept. 21st, Oct. 19th

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Message from our Mayor

The City of Conover is off to a great start in 2010. Your City Council and staff completed a very productive winter retreat where we developed a vision and mission statement for Conover with quantifiable objectives to accomplish. These objectives will guide your council and staff and can be a measure of progress. As most cities have experienced, the current economic climate has been a challenge. Conover's main focus is to do more with fewer resources. Our goal is to maintain the high level of services that you, as a Conover citizen, have come to expect.

Developing a strategic plan for our city has already yielded positive results for Conover. Such notable objectives are as follows: our City Council adopted a balanced budget for 2011, completed and implemented the master plan for the

Conover Station Project, wrapped up the Northeast Conover Outfall Sewer Replacement Project by using \$1.8 million in stimulus funds, and completed two community revitalization projects on Nosey Street and 6th Ave SW using \$847,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds. The Conover Station Project is well under way, and we expect construction to be completed by summer of 2011. Along with Conover Station, the historic Warlong building renovation project, majorly funded by \$2.1 million dollars in grant money, is also aimed to be completed during that time. I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our staff who have worked hard to make all of these projects possible by securing the largest amount of grant money awarded in Conover's history!

I am optimistic for Conover's

future. We are making the proper investments now that will pay dividends in the future. This Council has established working relationships with surrounding communities to leverage resources and to develop new industrial development opportunities. We will continue to work closely with our existing employers by providing them with assistance through these challenging economic times. Please feel free to contact me anytime if you have questions or concerns. Council and Staff would like to invite you to take an opportunity to stop by City Hall and visit with our professional staff to learn more about your community. An involved community is a growing community.

Sincerely,
Mayor Moritz