

# CONOVER NEIGHBOR



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## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Catawba County will hold their “Residential Household Hazardous Waste Collection” event on Saturday, November 7, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at Winkler Park, home of the LP Frans Stadium, (2500 Clement Boulevard NW) in Hickory. All types of general household hazardous waste, including electronics and paint, will be accepted. A plastic bag recycling drop will be provided by Keep Catawba County Beautiful. This event is for the citizens of Catawba County and is free of charge. No business waste will be accepted. Types of household hazardous waste accepted: pesticides, fertilizers, household cleaners, chemicals, batteries, fluorescent tubes, electronics, paint products, automotive products, kerosene, pool chemicals, mercury thermometers, computer monitors, televisions, VCRs, stereos, cell phones, pagers, calculators, fax machines, microwaves, etc. For further information please contact Amanda Kain, Waste Reduction Coordinator at 828-465-8217 or e-mail [amandak@catawbacountync.gov](mailto:amandak@catawbacountync.gov).



## Santa Cops



The Conover Police Department sponsors Santa Cops each Christmas holiday season. This program provides children with an unforgettable Christmas and helps provide presents to over 150 children per year. Consider donating a new, unwrapped toy to this great program. More information can be found on the City's website at: [www.conovernc.gov](http://www.conovernc.gov) or [www.facebook.com/SantaCops](http://www.facebook.com/SantaCops).

## 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas for Children Charity Golf Tournament

A charity golf tournament will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2015 at Rock Barn Golf and Spa. This event is sponsored by Don, Lori and Jessica Teague to help bring Christmas to needy children throughout Catawba County. Proceeds will be donated to the Conover Police Department Santa Cops, the Catawba County Backpack Program, and the Newton-Conover City Schools Kids in Need (K.I.N.) Fund. For information on participating in the event please contact [dteegolf@gmail.com](mailto:dteegolf@gmail.com), 828-781-3434 or [cindybaker60@yahoo.com](mailto:cindybaker60@yahoo.com), 828-244-3433.



### Planning Ahead:

<b>City Council:</b>	Meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Conover City Hall
<b>Planning Board:</b>	Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Conover City Hall

“This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.”

## **North Carolina Chapter of American Water Works Association** **Water Environment Federation Award**

The City of Conover is the recipient of the “Wastewater Collection System of the Year” Award and “Water Distribution System of the Year” Award in the small systems class.



The North Carolina Chapter of the American Water Works Association “AWWA” recognizes municipal systems annually that protect the public health and the natural beauty of the environment through pro-active practices of management, operations and maintenance beyond what is required of its NC DENR operation permits.

Being the recipient of the “Wastewater Collection System” Award, Conover demonstrated that it performs quality system maintenance procedures through the efficient use of labor, materials, equipment and innovative methods to keep its collections system in good working conditions to minimize health hazards and property damage that occurs due to sewer over flows.

The water “Distribution System” Award acknowledges that Conover performs quality water system maintenance procedures through the efficient use of labor, materials, equipment and innovative methods to keep the distribution system in good working condition to minimize health hazards and provide quality drinking water.

The awards honor system personnel that serve their community with a high level of professionalism and diligent work in the operation and maintenance of their systems.

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## **The City of Conover Welcomes its Newest Corporate Partner, Axjo America**

Axjo America plans to invest \$11.1 million and create 14 new jobs at a new manufacturing facility in Conover. The company expects to consolidate two current facilities into the new location. Axjo America plans to purchase an existing 143,268 square foot facility in Conover and add new machinery and equipment that will allow the company to grow in size and increase product offerings to the cable industry. Axjo America is a subsidiary of Axjo AB, a Swedish company in business since 1945 and a leading supplier of plastic spools in Europe.

Axjo America located in Hickory in 2011 but has since outgrown their facility. After exhausting a search for suitable buildings in Hickory and other locations and states, Axjo selected the Conover facility as the best location for the expansion. Axjo uses primarily recycled environmentally friendly materials and the latest injection molding technology to produce fiber-optic reels for spooling equipment. The spools are low weight, UV-resistant and waterproof. Over the next five years Axjo plans on expanding into the large spool sizes adding new injection molding machines each year.

“We are pleased to welcome Axjo America as a corporate partner,” said Mayor Moritz. “Axjo is another example of our city's continued economic development strategy whereby our existing industries continue to grow. The industrial base is diversifying, and empty facilities are being filled. In 2010, Conover had more than 2 million square feet of empty industrial buildings and thanks to the council and staff’s efforts focusing on economic development, we now have every facility occupied.”