

# CONOVER NEIGHBOR



May 2015

## Conover City Park

The Conover City Park is open to the public every day. The Park is located at 361 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE within the Conover Station development and next door to the Conover Branch Library. Bring the family out and enjoy the ½ mile of asphalt walking trails that wind throughout the park, over bridges and around an engineered stormwater wetland. The wetland provides habitat for a variety of wildlife and educates our citizens about the importance of water quality. Two nature themed playgrounds provide play opportunities for children of all ages and abilities. The splash pad located next to the shelter provides an exciting play experience and a refreshing break from the summer heat. The splash pad will be open from Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup> through Labor Day, September 7<sup>th</sup> from 11am until 8pm. The park has a picnic shelter with six tables and public restroom. The shelter can be reserved for birthday parties and other events by contacting City Hall at 828-464-1191.



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## YMCA Summer Camp

Summer Happens Here! YMCA summer camp offers so many ways for children to have a good time, learn skills, and make new friends. The YMCA is very passionate about quality and safety. That means parents can have confidence that their child is participating in meaningful activities under the guidance and direction of knowledgeable, energetic, trained counselors and leadership staff. The Adrian L. Shuford Jr. YMCA will be offering drop off and pick up for summer camp. Drop off your camper and they will be taken to the Hickory Foundation YMCA for the day and then returned to the Shuford YMCA for pick up. Please drop off daily between 6:30am and 8:00am and pick up between 4:00pm and 6:00pm. Some activities they will enjoy include swimming, weekly swim lessons, sports, character development, summer reading, and arts & crafts. Breakfast, lunch, and an afternoon snack are included for each camper. This camp is for ages 5 – 12. Some camp themes include camp spirit, red white and blue, superheroes, and YMCA Olympics. The camp runs week to week so only sign up for the weeks you need. The cost is \$125 per week for YMCA members and \$150 for non-members. As with all YMCA programs and services you may apply for financial assistance in order to help with the cost. If you have any questions regarding summer camp at the YMCA please call Nancy Mitchell, Camp Director, at 828-324-2858 or email her at [nancym@ymcav.org](mailto:nancym@ymcav.org).



## **Conover Fire Department**



### **Tornado Safety**

During the spring and fall weather conditions are suitable for tornadic activity to occur.

When stormy weather moves in, tune in to your local radio or television station for the latest weather updates. Plan ahead with your family so that everyone knows what to do in case of a tornado or other severe weather. Designate a “contact person” in another part of town that can be called by everyone in case family members become separated.

### **What should I do to prepare for a tornado?**

- During any storm listen to local news or a NOAA Weather Radio to stay informed about watches and warnings.
- Pick a safe room in your home where household members and pets may gather during a tornado. This should be a basement, storm cellar or an interior room on the lowest floor with no windows.
- Practice periodic tornado drills so that everyone knows what to do if a tornado is approaching.

### **Terminology**

- A tornado “watch” means that a tornado is possible.
- A tornado “warning” means that a tornado has been spotted or is strongly indicated on radar. You should immediately seek shelter when a tornado “warning” is issued for your area.

### **Conditions to watch for:**

- A dark or green-colored sky.
- A large, dark, low-lying cloud.
- Large hail.
- A strange quiet that occurs within or shortly after the thunderstorm.
- Clouds moving by very fast, especially in a rotating pattern or converging toward one area of the sky.
- A sound a little like a waterfall or rushing air at first, but turning into a roar as it comes closer. The sound of a tornado has been compared to that of railroad trains or jets.
- Debris dropping from the sky.
- An obvious "funnel-shaped" cloud that is rotating, or debris such as branches or leaves being pulled upwards, even if no funnel cloud is visible.

**For additional information go to the** Conover Fire Department Page at [www.conovernc.gov](http://www.conovernc.gov)

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### **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

City Hall Closed Monday, May 25, 2015 for Memorial Day.

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