

# CONOVER NEIGHBOR



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## Sidewalk Construction Underway

You may have noticed some construction around Highway 16 N and Conover Boulevard E. The City, with help of \$250,000 from NCDOT funding, is constructing new sidewalks in these areas.

Through public surveys and meetings these two sections were identified by citizens to be the most needed. The total of almost a mile of new sidewalks will fill some big gaps and make it easier for pedestrians to get around town. Work is expected to be completed by early October.



## Downtown is Open for Business

Over the next few months you may notice some nice changes to some downtown buildings. The City now has a downtown revitalization grant program where owners of downtown buildings can apply for funding to improve their buildings. You will likely see some new awnings and fresh coats of paint going up around town. The City hopes these partnerships with local businesses will make the downtown more inviting and attractive. Drop in and visit our downtown merchants and shop local.



## Planning Ahead:

**City Council:** Meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Conover City Hall  
**National Night Out Against Crime:** Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m. at Concordia Square  
**Planning Board:** Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Conover City Hall

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## **From the I. T. Department**

Unless you've been living under a rock for the last month, you have probably heard about the new Pokémon app. It's going viral and sends people on the street to catch these little virtual creatures. There are even PokeGyms and PokeStops located here in downtown Conover. It's a fun game that encourages getting outside and exercising, but please keep in mind there may be some risks if you have the "gotta catch 'em all" fever.



**First**, please stick to the vetted app stores, do not download the app from anywhere else. Why? Bad guys have taken the app and infected it with malware, and try to trick you into downloading it from untrustworthy websites.

**Second**, anyone using the app, and especially kids should be VERY aware that they are not lured into a real-world trap which could lead to mugging or abduction. Other players can track you in the real world using this app so be careful.

**Third**, there are possible privacy issues if you use your Google account to log into the app. Create a throw-away account and use that to log into Pokémon, not your private or business account .

As always, Think Before You Click!

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## **Junk Vehicles in Conover**

Junk vehicles in many cases are easy to spot. They sit in a yard or driveway with flat tires, fading paint and are surrounded by tall grass or yard debris. The impact that a junk vehicle makes in your neighborhood is a negative one. Its presence brings a feeling of abandonment and a lack of caring for the community that affects the neighborhood, visitors and anyone that may happen to see the vehicle. The neighborhood takes a blow to property values by appearing as though the area can continue to get worse which prevents positive neighborhood growth. Visitors seeing a junk vehicle may form an opinion on a neighborhood or Conover as a whole that we just don't care for our community. Conover does care!

Sections of the Conover City Ordinance were developed to help maintain property values and instill pride in our community.

In the City of Conover if a vehicle does not display a current license plate and it matches one of these three item descriptions it is viewed as a junk vehicle:

1. Partially dismantled or wrecked; or
2. Cannot be self-propelled or moved in the manner in which it originally was intended to move; or
3. Is more than 5 years old and appears to be worth less than \$500.



It is not against the code to possess a junk vehicle just to have one on display for all to see.

You may possess a vehicle, as long as it stored per city ordinance, inside a 4 walled enclosure. We do not permit junk vehicles to be stored on a carport or in the back yard with a car cover or tarp.

If you have a junk vehicle on your property please make all efforts to remove the vehicle or have it placed in a proper storage building. If you suspect a junk vehicle is in your neighborhood, please contact Code Enforcement so that we may investigate the suspected junk vehicle and take actions to have it removed if it matches one of the three items above. This code also applies to boats, motorcycles, jet skis, trailers and any other vehicle.

Please call the Code Enforcement Officer at 828-464-4698 or email [codeofficer@conoverncc.gov](mailto:codeofficer@conoverncc.gov) to report a suspected junk vehicle.