



Conover Neighbor

FALL 2011

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22nd ANNUAL "CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK"

On December 6th, 2011, at 6:30 p.m., the City of Conover will hold its twenty-second annual "Christmas in the Park" in the Downtown Park Gazebo. This year's community event will feature the Shuford Elementary and Tri-City 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 2nd Avenue NE for this annual Conover tradition.



City Hall will be closed on:

Thanksgiving:
Thursday, November 24th
Friday, November 25th

Christmas:
Friday, December 23rd
Monday, December 26th
Tuesday, December 27th

New Year's:
Monday, January 2nd, 2012



SANTA COPS



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 at Conover Police Department, Conover City Hall, and Wal-Mart in Conover. Donations will be accepted through December 17, 2011. If you have any questions call the Conover Police Department at 828-464-4698.



LEAF COLLECTION

NOVEMBER 1, 2011 THROUGH JANUARY 1, 2012

During leaf season all leaves and grass clippings will need to be placed at edge of property for pickup by Conover Public Works Department. The department highly encourages residents to take advantage of the City's vacuum service.

Loose grass clippings may also be placed at edge of property for collection. Citizens are reminded that bagged yard debris is not recommend during leaf season. Please separate leaves and yard debris for collection.

We remind citizens that yard debris should not be placed in curbs, gutters, ditch line, sidewalks or streets. This will pose a serious danger to pedestrians, traffic and the environment.

Loose (vacuum) leaves can be requested by City of Conover residents for use in gardens and planting beds. Information about leaves should be directed to Public Works Department at 464-4808.

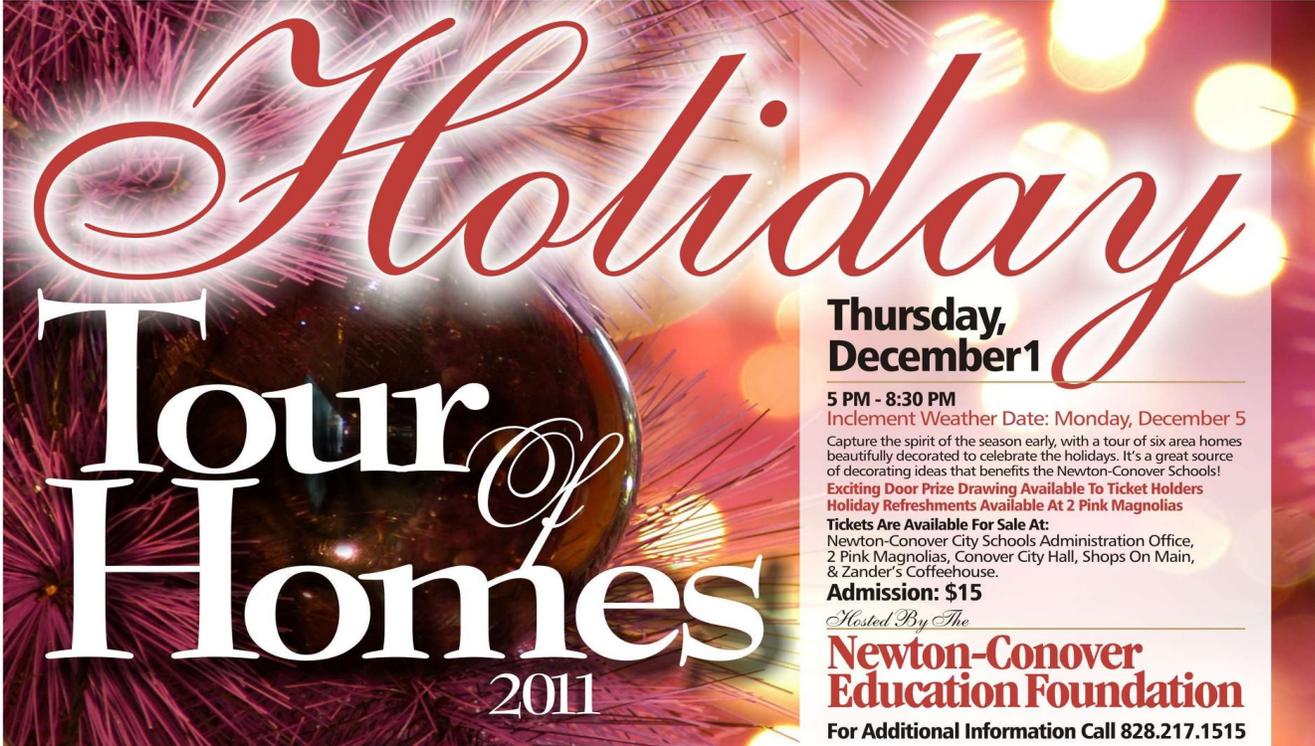
Snow Removal Schedule



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.



Holiday
Tour of Homes
2011

Thursday, December 1

5 PM - 8:30 PM
Inclement Weather Date: Monday, December 5

Capture the spirit of the season early, with a tour of six area homes beautifully decorated to celebrate the holidays. It's a great source of decorating ideas that benefits the Newton-Conover Schools!

Exciting Door Prize Drawing Available To Ticket Holders
Holiday Refreshments Available At 2 Pink Magnolias

Tickets Are Available For Sale At:
Newton-Conover City Schools Administration Office,
2 Pink Magnolias, Conover City Hall, Shops On Main,
& Zander's Coffeehouse.

Admission: \$15

Hosted By The
Newton-Conover Education Foundation

For Additional Information Call 828.217.1515

CONOVER FARMERS MARKET

The Conover Farmers Market will hold their third annual Holiday Fest on Saturday, November 19th. A group of 40 vendors will offer fresh produce, meat, cheese, breads, cakes, holiday treats, wines, ciders, jam, jellies, chocolates, fudge, Christmas trees, garland, wreaths, crafts, live music, and

much much more. The event will take place at the Conover Post Office Parking Lot from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Come join us for this local holiday event. For more information please call Market Manager Julie Lehmann at 828-234-7075.



FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



Do you have a smartphone? Would you like to participate in our Mobile project? Give it a test drive and let us know what you think!

Please shoot the QRCode below with your smartphone or type www.bit.ly/coc-mbl into your phone's browser. Be sure to bookmark it once you're there!

We are always looking for new ways to keep our citizens engaged with the City and we appreciate your participation in this project.



2011 Solid Waste Collection Holiday Schedule



The City of Conover's Solid Waste department will be collecting *garbage and recycle only* during the observed holidays for the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's. No yard debris or bulk items will be collected over observed holidays.

Thanksgiving Holiday observed by the City: Thursday November 24th, 2011 and Friday November 25th, 2011. Collection for both Thursday and Friday will be picked up Thursday.

Christmas Holiday observed by the City: Friday December 23rd, 2011 through Tuesday December 27th, 2011. Solid Waste crews will collect *garbage and recycle only* on normal collection days. There will be no change to citizen collection days.

New Year's Holiday observed by the City: Monday January 2nd, 2012. Solid Waste crews will collect *garbage and recycle only* on normal collection day.

Citizens are reminded to place *garbage and recycle* to curb by 5:00 A.M. to ensure collection.



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Public Works
Department
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Office Hours:
8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Monday - Friday

The City of Conover does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in employment or the provision of service.

Public Meeting Dates

City Council

(First Monday of Each Month at 7:00 pm)
November 7, December 5, January 9

Planning Board

(Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 pm)
November 15, December 20, January 17

CITY HALL CONTACT INFORMATION

City Manager.....Donald E. Duncan, Jr.
City Clerk.....Cara C. (Chris) Reed
Public Works DirectorJimmy A. Clark
Fire ChiefJ. Mark Hinson
Police ChiefSteven W. Brewer
Finance Director Vickie K. Schlichting
IT Director.....Christopher M. Niver
Planning Director Q. Lance Hight

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.