

CONOVER *neighbor*

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Warm weather is just around the corner and what is summer without fresh vegetables from the garden? Conover is pleased to announce that we will have our first Downtown Farmers Market offering the best fresh locally grown vegetables, fruit, meats and cheeses.

The Market's opening day was Saturday, April 25th, and will be open every Saturday morning through October. Hours of operation will be 8:00am -12:30 pm. The Conover Market is located in the Public Parking Lot on Hwy. 16B/First Ave. South alongside the railroad tracks in the former Broyhill Factory parking lot.

The market will not only provide fresh locally grown produce, but foster community pride and fellowship by providing a fun and festive atmosphere for the whole family. So please spread the word and come out to support the Market. There will be music, food and games throughout the season. If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the Market Director Julie Lehmann at 234-5075.



For further information regarding the
Conover Farmers Market, please visit:

www.conoverfarmersmarket.org



Water Conservation

Effective April 9th, 2009 the City of Conover and other water providers in the Region modified Water Conservation requirements to Stage I measures.



The modifications are a result of recommendations made by the Drought Management Advisory Group (DMAG) following steady improvement of groundwater and stream flow conditions that have lessened the severity of the drought.

Mandatory restrictions are discontinued and customers are asked to continue to conserve on a voluntary basis.

The City's goal is to maintain a 3-5% water use reduction by following these measures:

- Turn off water while brushing teeth
- Repair all broken or leaking piping or leaking faucets/toilets
- Perform conservative outside watering by limiting activity to (2) two days per week (Tuesday and Saturday) with the intent of applying (1) one inch of water per week.
- Limit residential car washing as much as possible

Conover appreciates the cooperation of all our water customers during these drought conditions.

Garbage/Roll Out Limitations

Each resident will be issued one (1) 96-gallon rollout container for use in the removal of household garbage. Garbage must be placed in the rollout provided by the City for collection. Users generating more than the one 96-gallon container per week on a consistent basis must purchase an additional container at current cost. Reducing the amount of garbage you throw away will help the City keep landfill fees low. Residents generating more than two (2) containers per week must obtain service from a private hauler.



Standards and regulations for storage prior to collection:

1. Place containers at curbside by 5:00 am on your scheduled collection day.
2. Place container with handles facing street.
3. Place household garbage only in the container, yard debris and recyclables must be separate.
4. Food waste must be drained of liquid prior to disposal.
5. Container lid must remain closed at all times.
6. Container shall be stored on users property promptly following collection and not left on the public right of way.
7. Hose container with water as necessary.

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Contracted debris will not be collected by the City.



Conover Public Works Facility Renovations Completed

The construction/renovation to the City's existing Public Works Facility was completed in November 2007.

The project was designed by WK Dickson Engineering and constructed by Matthews Construction Company at a cost of \$671,868.00. Funding for the facility was made available by a low interest loan provided by USDA – Rural Development Program. Improvements included the construction of a new - updated 5740 sf fleet maintenance area and 1152 sf of additional office and training area. Approximately 1344 sf of existing work space was also renovated to provide a more appropriate work space for division supervisors. The construction/renovation was completed in November 2007.

Improvements also include equipment for waste oil heating of the fleet maintenance area and meeting space to accommodate an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) when needed at the facility. Such improvements help our ability to service and repair large vehicles and equipment, reduce operating cost and better facilitate activities during emergency conditions.

The City appreciates the support of our citizens that make such improvements possible and will utilize the betterments to maintain and improve service to all our customers and residents.



**Public Works
939 4th Street SW**



Did You Know?

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 our local streams and the Catawba River.



To help reduce the amount of harmful pollutants entering into our environment, the City 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.

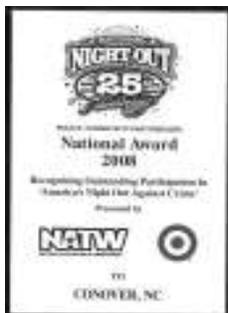
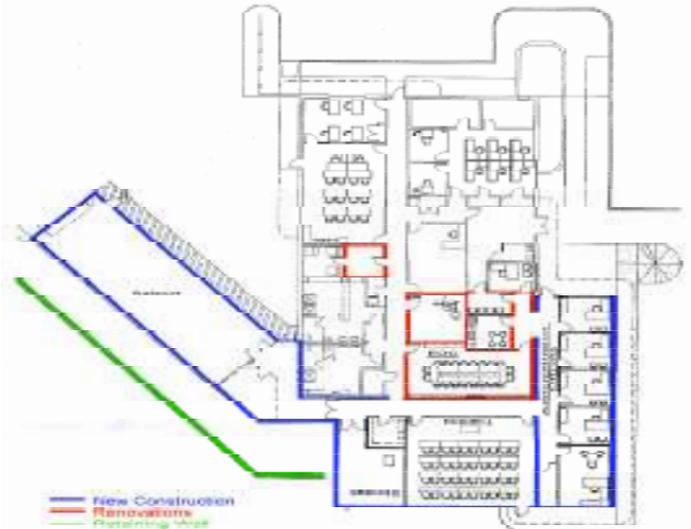
The Santa Cops program was started in 2008 by Officer Michael Harrison. It was a community project that he designed for the Conover Police Department to help local families in need. His goal was to help children who may not have had any gifts have a memorable Christmas. These families were identified through the Department of Social Services, Probation and Parole, and area schools. Donation boxes were placed throughout the City and contributions were accepted from local merchants and others wanting to contribute to the program. The Santa Cops program assisted fourteen families with thirty-four children receiving clothing, toys, and food valued in excess of \$2,000. The officers who helped with the project donated their time to come out on Christmas Eve and deliver the gifts. Those officers got to meet citizens and experience a warmth of joy and happiness that could have been lost if the program had not been started. The success of this project has expanded into a department-wide event. We will be starting this program again in October 2009. If you would like to donate again this year, please look for our boxes and contact the Police Department if you have any questions.



Police Beat

Conover PD Building Renovations: The original building shell served as the Public Works Department from 1962 to 1994. In August 1994 the building was renovated to house the Police Department. The new police facility consisted of 6,666 square feet which was divided into areas for Administration, Crime Prevention, Records, Patrol and Investigations. The building was designed to serve the needs of the agency for many years.

The new renovations added a training room, emergency operations center, saliport, administrative offices and much needed storage space. The renovations included 4,574 square feet of new space and 1210 square feet of renovations to the existing structure. The existing structure now contains 11,240 square feet.



National Night Out 2008: National Night Out 2008 was held on August 5, 2008. The event was held on the Concordia Lutheran Church Square and attracted approximately 800 people. The City of Conover's annual Community Workshop was also held during the event. A scavenger hunt, "Conover Trivia Challenge," was held where the citizens had to answer eight trivia questions to enter a drawing for a chance to win one of eight \$50 gas cards. Each of the city departments submitted one question for the trivia contest. The answer to the question that each department submitted could be found on a display set up at their booths.

This was the 11th annual National Night Out (NNO) event hosted by the Conover Police Department and the department has won annual awards for its participation in every event. This year was no exception, as the police department was awarded the "National Award" by the National Association of Town Watches.

The NNO program is designed to draw community support for law enforcement and improve crime prevention efforts throughout the nation. The Conover Police Department and the City of Conover would like to thank the area businesses, merchants, and local and state law enforcement agencies for their continued support of the event.

National Night Out 2009 will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2009





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Public Meeting Dates

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(First Monday of Each Month at 7:00 pm)
May 4th, June 1st, July 7

Planning Board

(Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 pm)
May 19th, June 16th, July 21st