



Conover Neighbor

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Construction Begins at Conover Station

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Spring is upon us and a long cold winter is finally behind us; time for new projects and new activities. The former Broyhill Factory site, now referred to as "Conover Station" in Downtown Conover is taking major steps toward its new life this spring as a mixed-use redevelopment project. About a year ago demolition of the majority of the buildings on site took place. This cleared the way for activities now underway including new water and sewer lines, as well as a new public street through the site. This new street will provide access to the entire site, creating lots available for sale and also providing access to the

new "Multimodal Transportation Center" in one of the former factory buildings. The



"Conover Station"

oldest mill building on the site was saved and will be rehabilitated to be the home of Catawba County's stop for the proposed future passenger rail service from Salisbury to Asheville. In addition, the building will also be the future home of the

Catawba County Conover Branch Public Library that is currently located in City Hall. The lower level of the building will also provide a future 270 seat community room. These improvements and others on the site have been made possible by the City's acquisition of over 3 million dollars of state and federal grant funding. Construction will be taking place over the next two years. If you have any questions about the project give us a call or stop by City Hall.

Yard Debris Bags Available

Spring is here and it's time to clean up all the debris left from winter. Bagged yard debris must be placed in clear plastic bags for pick up at roadside. Yard debris bags are available to Conover residents at City Hall. The cost is \$2.00 per roll of ten with a limit of two rolls per day. Please remember to separate yard debris from trash when putting bags out for collection.



Plan on it...

If you are planning to have a yard sale this calendar year, please keep in mind that no more than two yard sales are permitted per residence each year.

The yard sale ordinance was adopted in part as a tool to help minimize traffic problems within residential neighborhoods as well as along areas where residential properties front major roads. Upon completion

of the sale, all materials associated with the sale such as tables, signs, and shelves must be removed.

Persons interested in holding yard sales in commercial areas such as parking lots or vacant lots must apply for a peddler's license at City Hall. Proof of permission from the property owner to use a vacant or commercial lot must be provided before a license can be issued.

If you have any questions concerning the yard sale ordinance, call the Planning Department at 464-1191.



Drainage Tips

With seasonal storms occurring at this time of the year, proper drainage is important for protecting property and roadway safety.

Do not place debris in ditches for collection by city crews. Placement of materials outside the ditch area will assist in keeping culverts and catch basins open for the diversion of water.

Installation of a properly sized culvert at driveways is also important. Each property owner must request a driveway permit before construction to avoid problems that could occur from improperly sized culverts.

Please call the Public Works Department at 464-4808, if you have any questions or to report a drainage problem.

Conover City Cemetery

We would like to inform all owners of sites in the new section of the Conover City Cemetery that all statues, plants, lights, trees or benches, etc. that are not authorized by the city policy must be removed from plots as soon as possible. Our policy states that no monuments, memorials, statues, etc. shall be set above the surface of the

earth in any portion of Conover City Cemetery (New Section). You will have until May 1st to remove these items. If these items are not removed, the city will remove them at that time. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause you. If you have any questions

concerning this matter, please call (828) 464-1191.



Bench located in the New Section of the Conover Cemetery

The Census is Coming

The U.S. Constitution says the government must count everyone living in the United States every 10 years. Most homes will get a Census form in the mail in March 2010. **The form has only 10 questions.**

Census forms are confidential and cannot be shared with anyone, including welfare and immigration agencies. No court of law, or even the FBI, President or ICE, can see what you say. Census workers are subject to a

\$250,000 fine and up to five years in prison for disclosing information on someone's form.

The number of people counted by the Census determines how much government money goes to a community for programs like schools, health care, housing, roads, transit, social services, and job training. **Our community gets about \$1,500 for each person counted in the Census.** Having 100 more people

fill out the Census form adds \$150,000 a year for your area, and 1,000 more adds \$1,500,000!

Business and government planners use the Census to make decisions about your community's future. **The Census helps decide where to locate new grocery stores, hospitals, schools, recreation centers, and other facilities.**

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FILL OUT YOUR FORM
And help our community

Community Workshop/National Night Out

Each year, following the annual Council/Staff retreat, the Community Workshop is held to exchange ideas with citizens on the present and future plans for the city. This year, like last year, the Community Workshop will

be held in conjunction with National Night Out on August 3, at Concordia Square. City Council and all departments will be available to answer questions on the many charts, graphs,

pictures, and plans that will be on display.



**Community Workshop/
National Night Out
2009**

From the Fire Line...

During summer months, the Conover Fire Department would like to remind you that open burning is not allowed within the city limits. This would include any burning of debris such as tree limbs and leaves, garden spots or open fields, any yard clippings, and household trash. Help keep your city

safe from fire; don't BURN. For more information call 464-1295.





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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)
Apr. 5th, May 3rd, June 7th

Planning Board
(Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 pm)
Apr. 20th, May 18th, June 15th

CITY HALL CONTACT INFORMATION

City Manager.....Donald E. Duncan, Jr.
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From the Department of Information Technology



The City of Conover has gone social! You can now follow activities of the City on Twitter and Facebook. You can find a link to these sites on our homepage at www.conovernc.gov in the left hand column. Please be sure to get involved and become a 'Fan' of ConoverNC on Facebook, and follow our twitter feeds @ConoverNC.

That said, security and privacy related to social networking sites are fundamentally behavioral issues, not technology issues. The more information a person posts, the more information becomes available for a potential compromise by those with

malicious intentions. Here are some quick tips for maintaining your privacy and security on social media sites: Ensure that any computer you use to connect to a social media site has proper security measures in place. Use and maintain anti-virus software and keep your application and operating system patches up-to-date. Use caution when clicking a link to another page or running an online application, even if it is from someone you know. Many applications embedded within social networking sites require you to share your information when you use them. Attackers use these sites to distribute their

malware. Use strong and unique passwords. Using the same password on all accounts increases the vulnerability of these accounts if one becomes compromised. If screen names are allowed, do not choose one that gives away too much personal information. Configure privacy settings to allow only those people you trust to have access to the information you post. Also, restrict the ability for others to post information to your page. The default settings for some sites may allow anyone to see your information or post information to your page; these settings should be changed.