



# Conover Neighbor

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## Progress at Conover Station

Work is well under way at Conover Station. Only a few years ago the entire site was still the former Broyhill Furniture plant. Since then, all but two buildings have been demolished, and nearly all of the asphalt and concrete is recycled into a base for the new public roads. Sidewalks are in place alongside these roads, along with water/sewer lines. The old Warlong Glove Factory is under renovation and will soon start its new life. The old brick is touched up, energy efficient windows are

being installed and a standing seam metal roof will replace the old one.



"Conover Station"

The building should be completely renovated by this summer and the citizens of Conover will have a sustainable new location for the Conover Branch Library, a new larger Community Room with an outdoor patio, and a future multimodal

center for busses and trains. This has been made possible largely through 3.5 million dollars in grant funding, and is a truly exciting project for Conover. If you have any questions, please give us a call or stop by the Planning Department at City Hall.

You can also visit [www.conoverstation.com](http://www.conoverstation.com) for more information. We are always happy to talk about Conover Station!

## From the Fire Line...

**D**uring summer months, the Conover Fire Department would like to remind you that open burning is not allowed within the city limits. This includes 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.

## Plan on it..... Think Green When Washing Your Car

The average car wash at home can use over 100 gallons of water. This water mixed with the powerful chemicals in the soaps wreak havoc on the environment as it flows into streams and rivers. Car wash water also picks up oils, grease, tar, road salt, and other contaminants as it flows over paved surfaces toward the storm drain. Most people don't realize that water flowing into storm drains along the street is never treated or cleaned

before it goes into local waterways. You can help by going to a local car wash facility where the car wash water flows through the sewer toward the water treatment plant and is treated before it is discharged into the environment. If you must wash your car at home, consider washing it over gravel or in the grass. Use a nozzle on the hose to conserve water and use one of the many environmentally friendly

and biodegradable car wash soaps available in stores. Making a home car wash cleaner and more environmentally friendly is easy to do and something you can feel good about doing!



## 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.

## 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 at no cost. There is a

limit of two rolls per day. Please remember to separate yard debris from trash when putting bags out for collection.





# CONOVER POLICE DEPARTMENT NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

The Conover Police Department was recently recognized by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) for its “Outstanding Participation” in National Night Out 2010. There were over 15,110 communities from all 50 states with over 37.0 million people participating in “Giving Crime a Going Away Party”. This award marks the 12th time that the Conover Police Department has been the recipient of this National Award.

Thanks to our community’s support, the

2010 event proved to be a huge success. The Conover Police Department recognizes that the continued success of National Night Out would not be possible without the assistance from the citizens of Conover, business owners, area public safety services, city leaders and city employees. Last years entertainment was provided by The Driven Quartet and Brothers Redeemed Quartet. The local Target store and distribution center sponsored drawings for school supplies, gift cards, bikes and safety helmets. The Conover Police

Department is committed to building and maintaining partnerships with our communities to drive out crime.

This year’s event will be held on **Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011** at **Concordia Lutheran Church**. The featured entertainment will be the award winning Kingsmen Quartet from Asheville, NC and the Brothers Redeemed Quartet from Conover NC.



## CONOVER FARMERS MARKET

The Conover Farmers Market has joined the membership of the NC’s 21<sup>st</sup> Century Farmers Markets promoting sustainable foods and qualifying it to offer SNAP (Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program). This program, awarded by Leaflight, Inc., is in coordination with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, providing NC Food and Nutrition Services recipients with SNAP/EBT access to farmers’ markets and other similar venues. SNAP will be added to the market’s offerings of WIC (Women, Infants, Children) and Senior WIC to assist area shoppers increased access to fresh locally

grown foods. Partnering with the Catawba County Health Partners and the Farm Bureau of Catawba County, the Conover Farmers Market additionally plans to continue its educational series on market day as well as at area schools, re-introducing youngsters to local farmers and their fresh nutritional foods. Obesity, diabetes and heart disease affects a higher percentage of children and at younger ages in our County than in the entire state of N.C. There is an urgency to find unconventional ways to reconnect the younger generations to the soil and the source of their foods to try and reverse this trend.

The Conover Farmers Market continues to seek ways to benefit the community and with dwindling financing now asks the assistance of all County citizens and businesses to join us as Friends of the Market. Visit us at [www.conoverfarmersmarket.org](http://www.conoverfarmersmarket.org) to become part of the solution.

2011 opening day Saturday April 23rd.  
Hours 7:30AM to 12 noon.  
Rain or Shine.  
501 1st Avenue South Conover

Market Manager  
Julie Lehmann 828-234-7075

## IN SEARCH OF PAST MAYORS.....

Photos of former mayors are on display in the Council Chambers at City Hall. We are still searching for photos of several former mayors of Conover for this display. If you have photos of any of the former mayors listed below please contact the City Clerk at 464-1191.

Mayor:	Term of Office:
Julius Patrick Cline	1878-1879
George A. Brady	1879-1881 & 1886-1889
Charles L. Coon	1894-1895
Eugene M. Yount	1899
Junius S. Koiner	1905-1906
Franklin A. Smyre	1907-1908
George A. Romoser	1910



We appreciate everyone that has contributed to this project.

## PRESERVING CONOVER'S HISTORY

Historical photos are on display throughout City Hall. Please stop by for a stroll through the past! Also, please feel free to bring by any historical photos that you would like to donate for display. Originals can be scanned and returned.

City Hall hours are Monday—Friday, 8:00 a. m.—4:30 p.m.

You can also find more history about the Conover area by accessing a “Conover History” website that was created and is maintained by Derick Hartshorn.

<http://www.ncgenweb.us/conover/index.htm>



## ANNUAL BUDGET WORKSHOP

Conover Council and Staff will hold the Annual Budget Workshop on Monday and Tuesday, April 18-19, 2011 in the Training Room at the Conover Police Department from 5:00—9:00 p.m.



## City of Conover

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

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## Public Meeting Dates

### City Council

(First Monday of Each Month at 7:00 pm)

Apr. 4th, May 2nd, June 6th

### Planning Board

(Third Tuesday of Each Month at 7:00 pm)

Apr. 19th, May 17th, June 21st

## CITY HALL CONTACT INFORMATION

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



## From the Department of Information Technology



### Online Safety Tips for Kids

Today's kids are growing up in a world where the Web is part of their everyday lives. But the more your kids explore online, the more they are at risk from predators and the more they put your PC and privacy at risk.

To help ensure kids' internet safety, parents need to know how to educate their children about staying safe online and manage their kids' internet experiences. And although the task may sound challenging, there are some websites that offer some simple solutions or tips that every family can use to help make their kids' online experiences safe ones. Share the Web with your kids—and use this time to talk about appropriate online behavior and be aware of websites they visit. Keep your computer in an open area.

1. Teach your kids to trust their instincts—and tell you if they feel nervous about anything online.
2. If your kids use instant messaging, visit chat rooms or play online video games that require a login name, help them choose a

name that doesn't reveal any personal information.

3. Explain to your kids that part of staying safe online includes keeping their "real world" information private—so they should never give out their address, phone number, or personal details, including where they go to school or like to play.

4. Tell your kids that they should never meet online friends in person—people aren't always who they say they are.

5. Explain that making illegal copies of other people's work, such as music, video games, etc., is just like stealing it from a store.

6. Teach your kids that not everything they read or see online is true. Encourage them to ask you if they're not sure.

Consider implementing parental controls - You may be able to set some parental controls within your browser. For example,

Internet Explorer allows you to restrict or allow certain web sites to be viewed on your computer, and you can protect these settings with a password. To find those options, click **Tools** on your menu bar, select **Internet Options...**, choose the **Content** tab, and click the **Enable...** button under **Content Advisor**.

For more in-depth information, please visit:

<http://kids.getnetwise.org/> ,  
[www.netsmatz.org/TipSheets](http://www.netsmatz.org/TipSheets) ,  
<http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips/>

Information in this article provided by: <http://www.socialtimes.com/2011/02/seven-ways-to-keep-your-kids-safe-online/> and <http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips/ST05-002.html>