

Fire Prevention Week

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Don't Wait – Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years," represents the final year of our three year effort to educate the public about basic but essential elements of smoke alarm safety.



Why focus on smoke alarms three years in a row? Because survey data shows that the public has many misconceptions about smoke alarms, which may put them at increased risk in the event of a home fire. For example, only a small percentage of people know how old their smoke alarms are or how often they need to be replaced.

As a result of those and related findings, we're addressing smoke alarm replacement this year with a focus on these key messages:

- Smoke alarms should be replaced every 10 years.
- Make sure you know how old all the smoke alarms are in your home.
- To find out how old a smoke alarm is, look at the date of manufacture on the back of the alarm. The alarm should be replaced 10 years from that date.

Please follow these important safety tips and if you have any questions or concerns, please call the Conover Fire Department at 828-464-1295.

Planning Ahead:

City Council:	Meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Conover City Hall
Planning Board:	Meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at Conover City Hall

RunTimeRaces - Grist Mill 5K and Catawba Country Club Fore.2 Mile Run



The Grist Mill 5K will be held on November 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. The Grist Mill 5K at the Historic Murray's Mill is an off-road course utilized by local high school cross country teams for local meets. This course consists of mostly non-technical trails, with a few footbridges that cross the surrounding waterways and leads you by the placid pond as it slips over a mill dam, while the 28' waterwheel of this National Register Historic Site makes its slow way around. This event is being hosted by the Historical Association of Catawba County and this venue is also home to the **Harvest Folk Festival**.

The Catawba Country Club Fore.2 Mile Run (4.2 miles) will be held on November 12, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. and is an evening event that takes place on the golf cart path. This unique course consists of some hills, winding turns, and spectacular views of CCC along the way. This event is being hosted by **Catawba Country Club** as a community event and invites members and non-members alike to participate. Hors d'oeuvres will be served after the race while you enjoy the DJ and prize giveaways.



As **RunTimeRaces** produced events, be assured that these races will be well organized and leave you with an Awesome Race Experience.

For more information or to register visit runtimeraces.com

Other upcoming races:

12/03/16 – Secret Santa Shuffle 4 Mile Run
01/2017 – Hot Chocolate for Charity Run
02/04/17 – SweetHeart Run 5K
03/25/17 – FootChase 5K



Fall Leaves and Storm Drains

Ever jump in a big pile of fall leaves as a kid? Leaves look pretty, are fun to jump in, and in the mountains there is 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?



Most of us put leaves at curbside for pickup by the City's Public Works department. That's great, unless they are placed in the street! Rain carries leaves placed in the street straight to the nearest storm drain. In large quantities, they can block the drains and contribute to localized flooding. In smaller quantities, the storm drain takes them to streams and creeks where they cause havoc with the ecosystem. But haven't leaves been falling into streams and creeks forever? Sure, and 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 a creek or stream can handle. A great alternative to placing leaves at the curb is to compost and add them back to the lawn or your garden and flower beds.

If you do blow or rake your leaves to the front yard for pick up, please remember it is a violation of the City of Conover Code of Ordinances and a misdemeanor to place them on the street side of the curb or on the street itself!