

CONOVER NEIGHBOR



March 2014



NC Troopers FootChase 5k & Fun Run

In Support of



2nd Annual Trooper FootChase 5K & Fun Run

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol will hold their 2nd Annual Charity 5K & Fun Run on Saturday, March 29, 2014. The Fun Run starts at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K starts at 9:00 a.m. This event will be held at Conover City Park, 361 5th Ave SE, Conover, NC and is an effort to partner and give back to our local community. All net proceeds will go to Catawba Regional Hospice, whose mission is to provide world-class, compassionate care by engaging all individuals and their families to enhance living.

Catawba Regional Hospice is a community based health care organization dedicated to helping individuals and their families face the challenges of advanced illness. CRH provides hospice medical care, patient and family support, and spiritual comfort throughout the multi-county Catawba region with the utmost compassion and commitment. While most of their care takes place directly in patients' homes, they also serve community facilities throughout a 10 county service area, as well as hospice houses in Newton and Sherrills Ford.

CRH employs a team approach in providing the best care possible for patients while also supporting their families. This care features a variety of caregivers, including doctors, nurses, nursing assistants, chaplains, social workers, counselors, and volunteers. Their top priority is to ensure an appropriate level of comfort based on a plan of expert, individualized health care.

The CRH Foundation serves the mission of Hospice by granting financial support for programs and patient care not covered by other means. Their abiding pledge is to offer the benefits of hospice to anyone who needs it regardless of financial status.

Associated links:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/NC-Troopers-Footchase-5K/149954535157142>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/Trooper5K>

For information on signing up to walk or run, visit the following link:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NC/Conover/NCTroopersFootChase5k>

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

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Conover Code Enforcement



Nuisance storage is in almost every neighborhood in Conover. It is a common code violation that we are attempting to correct for the benefit of the community. Nuisance storage is a collection of all types of items that are either left stored outside for future use or just because there is no other place that we have to put the item. When this habit begins to compound a few small items can turn into an eyesore that diminishes property values and promotes a pest environment.

This is a list of items that should not be stored outside.

- Any item that collects water that mosquitoes may breed in.
- Any interior furniture not meant to be stored outside including mattresses and box springs.
- Outside furniture that is in disrepair.
- Wood products and paper that may include used or new lumber, cardboard boxes and other paper type items.
- Any automotive parts including car batteries, tires, engine parts, auto body parts and automotive tools.
- Appliances like stoves, washers, dryers and other appliances used in and for the home.
- Storage containers that are either empty or used for storing other items.
- Clothing, rags, blankets and sheeting.
- Garbage, brush or trash in general.

It should be noted that storage of these items on a covered porch or in a carport or open building is not allowed because items can still be seen and easily accessed by pests like mice and rats that may inhabit all the hidden spaces within nuisance storage. Additionally, allowing mice and rats promotes an unsanitary condition and increases your chances of snakes visiting and living on your property.

By battling the unsightliness and potentially unhealthy effects of nuisance outside storage, Conover can keep an attractive appearance to non-residents while preserving pride within our residents for a cleaner city.

As the spring season approaches and the weather becomes more favorable, take a look around outside your home, maybe there are a few things you can purge that have been sitting outside a bit too long or maybe you see nuisance storage on your street and you wish to report it to Code Enforcement so it can be removed. In either case, you are helping the community, your neighbors and yourself.

Report any code violations to the Code Enforcement Officer by phone at 828-464-4698 or by email at codeofficer@conovernc.gov

CODE RED Community Alert System

The City of Conover, in coordination with Catawba County Emergency Services, provides an alert system to allow the public to be contacted by phone, text, and e-mail in case of a large-scale emergency. The system may also be used to let you know of important and urgent situations such as utility service interruptions, public water contamination, bridge collapse, etc. If you have a home phone line, you are most likely already in the ALERT database. However, if you are unsure, or would like to include a cell phone number or email address to be contacted, please visit <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/alert/> and click the "REGISTER HERE" link on the right side of the page to sign up.

Catawba County has contracted with Emergency Communications Network, Inc. to use the CodeRED® system. The Community Alert System is a tool to inform the public of public safety issues and emergencies. However, you may elect to be included on a "Do Not Call List". To do so, you must sign a waiver releasing the county and city from the responsibility of informing you about urgent or emergency situations. To obtain this form please call the Catawba County Emergency Services office at 828-465-8230.

For more details about the Community Alert System, please visit: <http://www.catawbacountync.gov/alert/>