

# CONOVER NEIGHBOR



June 2017

## Shriner's Parade

The Oasis Shriners present their Spring Ceremonial and Grand Parade. The parade rolls off Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm in downtown Conover. Lineup begins at 1:00 pm on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave SE on Concordia Square. The parade route starts on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, proceeds through Conover Station, through the downtown on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave S and back to the beginning on 5<sup>th</sup> Ave.



Three giant “Fezzy” Shrine bears will be given away by way of a children’s drawing held on the day of the event. Free tickets for the drawings will be handed out along the parade route to all children watching the parade by the Oasis Clowns as they walk the parade route thru downtown Conover. The drawing for the giant Shrine bears will be held in Conover City Park and an ice cream social for the community, just after the parade ends. The parade units will be on display for viewing by the public. Please help us pack the streets and show our support for the Shriners.



## **THE VIETNAM TRAVELING MEMORIAL WALL ®**

The City of Conover is hosting the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall on September 8-11, 2017 at Conover Station. The Traveling Wall stands six feet tall at the center and almost 300 feet from end to end. All 58,272 names of those who fell are listed, just as it is in Washington, D.C. Arrival and setup is September 7<sup>th</sup>. The City will need help from adults (18 & older). We also need veterans willing to share their stories of service with school children and to teach history lessons about the Vietnam War. Other items needed are; landscaping, shelter & tents, hotel rooms, PTSD counselors and chaplains. If you would like to volunteer time or resources please contact Lt. Robert Clark at the Conover Police Department. 828-464-4698. For more information visit [www.conovernc.gov/vetwall](http://www.conovernc.gov/vetwall) .

## Conover Alive!

The Greater Hickory Jaycees are excited to present Conover Alive!

Conover Alive averages over 1,500 participants and is growing.

- June 2 - Baby Black, June 9 - Red Dirt Revelators, June 16 – Night Move Band, June 23 - Big Fam Family, June 30 - 20/20 Band,
- July 7 – Chad Triplett and Two Lane Blacktop, July 14- TNT Band, July 21 – Bad Romeo, July 28 – Tony Bailey Band

This free summer concert series will take place every Friday night in June and July from 7pm – 11pm at the Conover City Park. The concert series is free to the public and there will be food and beverages available for sale. Splash pad hours will be extended until 9:00 p.m. during these events! For more information follow “Conover Alive” on Facebook @ [www.facebook.com/conoveralive](http://www.facebook.com/conoveralive).



## **Planning Board Members Needed**

Have you ever been interested in serving on a citizen advisory board? The City of Conover currently has vacancies on our Planning Board. The board consists of 8 total members, and meets monthly, hearing and making recommendations on items related to zoning and land use. Conover is seeking 3 interested citizens from neighborhoods across the city to serve on the board. If you are interested, a Planning Board Member application can be completed and submitted to the Planning Department. The application is available at [www.conovernc.gov/PlanningBoard](http://www.conovernc.gov/PlanningBoard) as well as in the Planning Department at City Hall.

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## **Code Enforcement: Minimum Housing**

There are different standards of what is considered minimum housing for personal comfort. You may require a spotless house with not a single item out of place while your neighbor or family member is perfectly fine with items in the home being scattered about in complete disarray. On the inside of a home Code Enforcement cannot help anyone be tidier, do the dishes or clean their bathroom. The level of cleanliness and organization is purely up to the individual who lives in the home, whether it is rented or owned. The only time Code Enforcement can make an impact on a living condition in a home is when the minimum housing code is in violation.

The minimum housing code exists to ensure that the residents of Conover are living in a dwelling that is safe, promotes a healthy morale in the community and preserves surrounding property values. A safe home is a home that does not put the person living in the home in situations that could cause injury or sickness. The home must also provide a minimum level of comfort in cold and hot weather and not have uncontrollable utility issues that cost the occupant extra money.

An owner that resides in a home with these issues may choose to permit the issues to go unaddressed for any length of time, however, if a home is being rented it should be addressed within a reasonable amount of time to prevent safety issues or further damage.

Common minimum housing violations that must be addressed are; leaking roof, soft spots or holes in the floors, non-operational bedroom windows, holes in exterior walls, unsecure exterior doors, broken steps or railings, unsanitary floor, wall or ceiling surfaces, pest infestation (roaches, mice, etc.), lack of heating equipment, lack of screens (without an air conditioner), broken plumbing fixtures, leaking plumbing (supply and drain lines), exposed wiring and malfunctioning electrical items.

In many cases, should some violations be found where you or someone you know is living, simply informing the property owner or caretaker of the issue is enough to have the issue resolved. It is recommended that requests for these types of repairs are made in writing and a copy is kept for your records. If a problem with a home causes a safety or health issue and it is not being addressed in a reasonable amount of time, contact Conover Code Enforcement to discuss an inspection of the home.

It is the occupant's responsibility to notify the owner of problems within a home that may present problems for the occupant or cause future damage to the home and it is the owner's responsibility to ensure that those problems are adequately addressed.

Report any minimum housing violations to the Conover Code Enforcement:

Email: [codeofficer@conovernc.gov](mailto:codeofficer@conovernc.gov) Phone: 828-464-4698

Website Form: Visit [www.conovernc.gov](http://www.conovernc.gov) and choose "Report an Issue" in the Quick Link section.

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