

# CONOVER NEIGHBOR



August 2014

## National Night Out

On Tuesday, August 5, 2014, the Conover Police Department will host their 17<sup>th</sup> annual National Night Out event at Concordia Lutheran Church located in Conover. The program is designed to draw community support for law enforcement throughout the nation. For the past 15 years the Conover Police Department has won national awards for participating in “America’s Night Out Against Crime.” The 2013 event received the National Excellence Award by Target Corporation.

The featured entertainment for this year’s event will be Woodlawn Baptist Church (Contemporary Music) and Brothers Redeemed. Both groups are from Conover, North Carolina.

We are all concerned about the crime problem in our nation, state, and community. This event allows the participants to inform attendees about crime prevention techniques and about ways to protect themselves from becoming a victim of a crime. Public outreach like Community Watch programs and National Night Out have helped Conover become one of the 50 safest cities in North Carolina.

With your support this year’s event can be bigger and better than ever.



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## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Prime of Life Senior Expo

## ATTENTION SENIORS!

Visit the 3rd Annual Prime of Life Senior Expo on August 26th from 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. at the Hickory Metro Convention Center! More than 100 vendors will be available to share information with you about healthcare, housing, professional services, and more. Enjoy complimentary food samples, giveaways, health screenings and bingo. This event is free and open to the public. This is a great opportunity to connect with the available resources for seniors and caregivers all in one place. For more information call the Catawba County Chamber of Commerce at 828-328-6111 or visit their website at [www.catawbachamber.org](http://www.catawbachamber.org).

### Planning Ahead:

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

## **Innovation Alliance Award**

The Alliance for Innovation has selected Conover Station to receive an Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation Award.

Upon purchasing the former Broyhill property in 2005 the City began analyzing the opportunities for the site. The City enlisted experts in the fields of architecture, civil engineering, structural engineering, environmental remediation and historic analysis. Architects and engineers determined that the factory, which was actually one building with over twenty additions ranging from 1920 until 1994, was structurally deficient in areas and cost prohibitive to redevelop.

Throughout the redevelopment process, a number of risks or liabilities were encountered. At each turn, the City maintained an open-minded approach, never discounting any idea or proposal. Navigating through this complex project provided staff a number of challenges. Though often daunting and seemingly insurmountable at times, many obstacles became the building blocks for positive outcomes. Many perceived liabilities and risks, ultimately were assets that added to the quality of the project.

Conover believes this project can serve as an example of how a small community can make a positive change. By gaining citizen and political support along with establishing a community vision a city can transform liabilities into assets and help underutilized properties prosper. The City has gone beyond its customary role of providing basic service and ventured into uncharted territory. Our economy has withstood a devastating blow of job loss over the past decade and waiting to be rescued or simply hoping things will turn around is not an option. By taking the proactive approach, we endeavor to change our future economy by encouraging new businesses and manufacturing.

Innovation Awards were chosen from 90 applications received by a multi-member Selection Committee consisting of City and County Managers from across the US and Alliance staff. The Selection Committee looks for those local governments that have shown their dedication to stretching and improving the boundaries of day-to-day government operations and practices, implementing creative business processes, and improving the civic health of the community.



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## **Water Consumer Confidence Report**

This Water Consumer Confidence Report is designed to assist in informing citizens about the quality of drinking water and the services provided by our staff. We are committed to providing quality water and services to our customers. This report will better inform you of the treatment and distribution process that gets water to your tap. Additional reports will be provided annually to all of our customers. Water provided by the City of Conover during this report period meets or exceeds established water quality standards.

Please go to [www.conovernc.gov/waterreport](http://www.conovernc.gov/waterreport) for the full report.

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