

Commission Meeting

- October 5
- October 19
- November 2
- November 16
- December 7
- December 21

Library Board

- October 4
- November 1
- December 6

Housing Authority

- October 11
- November 8
- December 13

City Hall Closed

- November 24, 25
- December 23, 26

*Fall Fest
September 24*

Fire Department Receives Grant

The Fire Department received the Local Community Contribution/Hunger Outreach Grant Program from Walmart for \$500. In the grant acceptance letter Walmart stated "We believe that your organization is doing important work to the communities you serve, and

we are proud that we are able to support you in your efforts." This grant was used for John Christensen to complete a rope rescue class. He saw the need to have a Qualified Rope Rescue Technician on staff at the Fire Department for such accidents as the wind farm towers, grain

silos, and bridge rescue. Republic County has entered into a mutual aid agreement with the Fire Department to be able to help them. Thanks to Fire Fighter, Rope Technician John Christensen for making a positive difference in the Fire Department and the surrounding communities.

Park Design

As part of the South Concordia Flood Control Project, the City is developing a park to be incorporated into the area surrounding the body of water created by the new dam. This project is located in the current open space west of US 81 Highway and north of College Drive. A survey was provided in June for suggestions of what people would like to be included in the park. The park design was created by Bowman Bowman Novick, Inc. of Manhattan.

On July 13, 2011 a meeting took place to discuss two possible park plan designs. Input was given by many of the stakeholders as well as the surrounding business owners. An updated design will be given by the architects with the new recommendations in the coming months. Main points of the design will be an approximately 20 foot trail going the complete distance around the flood control pond area (a portion of this would be paved for walking/biking and a portion would be grass for cross country meets), an amphitheater hoping to seat 200+ people and a fountain for aeration in the larger pond.



SOUTH CONCORDIA PARK PLAN: SCHEMATIC OPTION 1

FOG: The Culprit of Sewer Backups



Ever thought about what happens to the fat, oil and grease that you put down your kitchen drain and run through the garbage disposal? Not many of us do. But, this little thing we do almost every day can have a big impact on the city's sewer system and local water quality. In fact, it is the number one cause of pub-

lic and private sewage spills. FOG (fat, oil and grease) in liquid form may not seem harmful, but don't let that fool you. As FOG cools, it hardens, making it a toxic substance for the sewage system. It sticks to the inner lining of drainage pipes and restricts the wastewater flow, eventually causing a blockage. A blockage

can cause serious damage to the sewer system, including raw sewage overflowing into homes (clean up is expensive and unpleasant and often must be paid for by homeowners), exposure to disease causing organisms, and an increase in operation and maintenance costs which could bring about higher sewer bills.

DO

- Pour FOG into a covered can to be used until it is full, at which time you can throw it in the trash.
- Scrape greasy leftovers into a plastic trash bag with other garbage.
- Skim, scrape or wipe off excess grease from dishes, pans, fryers and griddles before putting in dishwasher.

DON'T

- Pour FOG into your sink or toilet
- Put food scraps down the drain
- Rinse dishes off to wash oil/grease down the drain

Want something added to the newsletter? Email klarson@concordiaaks.org

The new driveway and sidewalk in front of the Fire Department and City Hall is now complete. Thank you for your patience during the construction work.



New Gazebo at City Park

Thanks to the Boy Scouts for donating the new gazebo in the City Park! It's a beautiful addition to the park! To reserve the gazebo for an event please call City Hall.



Happy Birthday

Kelsey Larson - October 18
Trask Breault - October 29
Brad Swihart - November 1
Forrest Daniels - November 3
John Christensen - November 4
Jeff Roberts - November 22
Devin Anderson - November 25

Michael Copple - December 2
Jim Metro - December 9
Clint Novak - December 16
Heather Acheson - December 16
Justin Davis - December 28
William White - December 31



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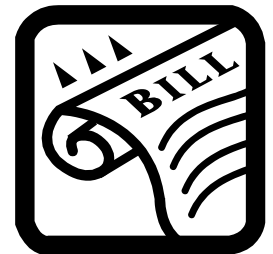
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Left to Right: Rob Hiler, Meter Service Worker; Aubrey Thoman, Communications/Records Specialist; Peggy Lervold, Communications/Records Specialist; Not pictured: Chris Jackson, Equipment Operator



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Commissioner

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Mayor

Tim Parker,
Commissioner

Gary Fraser,
Commissioner



Thanksgiving Facts

- President Abraham Lincoln declared the final Thursday in November as a national day of thanksgiving. Congress finally made Thanksgiving Day an official national holiday in 1941.
- President George Washington issued the first national Thanksgiving Day Proclamation in the year 1789 and again in 1795.
- The state of New York officially made Thanksgiving Day an annual custom in 1817.
- Benjamin Franklin wanted the turkey to be the national bird of the United States. But it was Thomas Jefferson who opposed him. It is believed that Franklin then named the male turkey as "tom" to spite Jefferson.
- In the US, about 280 million turkeys are sold for the Thanksgiving celebrations.



Tips to Prevent Overeating on Thanksgiving

- Before having your main meal drink two to three glasses of water which will occupy some space in your stomach and will help you to eat less.
- Salad is an amazing source of minerals, fibers and other nutrition. At the same time, it controls your appetite to consume heavy Thanksgiving meals.
- If you starve yourself the whole day before going for a Thanksgiving dinner then you are going to have more food that means more calories intake. Have light breakfast and lunch so that you are not very hungry and will not overeat.
- Turkey is a good source for a lot of minerals including zinc and potassium. Enjoy the turkey breast which has limited calories and is tasty. Deep fried turkey is full of calories so go for healthy roasted or baked turkeys.
- Cranberry sauce has always been a part of Thanksgiving meals but the canned sauce has a lot of sugar which means more calories. So, instead of going for canned sauce choose fresh cranberry sauce.
- Exercise will burn the extra calories being put on as well as it will help you to digest the heavy meals since it activates the metabolic system.