



Summer 2011

City of Concordia

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Calendar

Commission Meeting

July 6

July 20

August 3

August 17

September 7

September 21

Library Board

July 5

August 2

September 6

Housing Authority

July 12

August 9

September 13

**City Hall Closed
July 4**

Adopt-a-Pet Fundraiser

The O'Connor Animal Shelter are inviting the public out for an Adopt-a-Pet Fundraiser June 25 from 10 am to 2 pm. The event will be set up at the City Park, East Shelter. Staff and volunteers will be serving walking tacos, hotdogs, chips, pop and water. A bake sale and door prizes also will be featured.

The staff will bring the animals from the Shelter so everyone can meet them and, if the situation is right, adopt them into a loving forever home.

All proceeds go to assist with medical care for the animals, shelter maintenance and new equipment. Animal Control Officer Heather Acheson is working to promote the importance of animal care and to eliminate euthanasia when it is not necessary.

Jim Elwood of Fairbury, Nebraska, will be joining us at 10

am to 12 pm for demonstrations to help keep you and your pet on the same page. Jim Elwood has 20 plus years of experience working with people and their canine friends. In 1984, Jim graduated with the highest honor from Midwest K-9 Security as a Dog Training Instructor. His emphasis is



Jim Elwood, demonstrating at last years Adopt-a-Pet Fundraiser.

building a strong relationship between you and your pet. He does this by teaching you life changing skills which allow you to better understand your companion. His end goal is that you and your dog are on the same page speaking the same language.

Story Hour with Holly Andrews and Nestle at 12 pm to 1 pm. Have the kids sit and listen to Miss Holly tell stories about pet care and having a companion.

Curious about the CARES program? Join us at 1 pm to 2 pm with Sarah Holbert, CEO of CARES, as she speaks about the program assisting individuals with disabilities. Sarah Holbert founded CARES in the spring of 1994 to provide assistance dogs for the community. Her focus on empowering people to live independently led to training dogs for various disabilities and needs.

Park Survey

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. The City has retained the services of Bowman Bowman Novick, Inc. of Manhattan, Kansas to assist with the development of recommendations for the design of this resulting park land. A survey is available on the Website and at City Hall until July 1, 2011. The survey is designed to identify the most desired uses our citizens would like to have considered for inclusion in the park design.

Broadway Sewer Project

Work has begun on the Broadway sewer project between 4th & 5th Streets. The City received a CDBG grant to do this project. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Service should improve greatly by replacing this 100+ year old sewer line.



Sworn In

Congratulations to our newest City Commissioners, Lyle Pounds and Tim Parker. They were sworn in and began serving at the April 20, 2011 commission meeting. We thank Greg Hattan and Darrel Hosie for their many years of service to our community!



Greg Hattan with Larry Uri



Darrel Hosie with Larry Uri

Want to include something in the newsletter: Email information to ksorell@concordiaaks.org

Happy Birthday

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| Bruno Rehbein - July 11 | Richard Knudsen - August 15 |
| Clinton Fraser - July 21 | Christopher Edin - August 19 |
| Larry Uri - July 22 | Tyson Albracht - August 30 |
| Kevin Havener - July 27 | Larry Eubanks - September 4 |
| Aaron Hake - July 31 | Charles Nondorf - September 8 |
| Ronald Copple - August 6 | Andrew Allen - September 10 |
| Sandra Sterling - August 7 | Charloette Justyna - September 23 |
| Ric Fredrickson - August 13 | Jared LeDuc - September 26 |
| | David Gilkeson - September 30 |



Take a Guess!

1. What TV show and year was the first toilet tank shown on TV?
2. How many gallons of water are in one square foot?
3. How much "water" is in normal Wastewater?

Answers on page 4

Congratulations

Clint Fraser and his wife Carrie are proud to announce the arrival of their son Trigg Willis, who was born May 25 at 1:02 am. Trigg weighed 7 lbs 13 oz and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth.



Newest Employees



Trask Breault, started April 4, 2011, as a Municipal Service Worker.



John Miner, started at the police department as a Communication/Records Specialist.



Kelsey Larson, started March 28, 2011. She is assisting with customer service, and code enforcement.

Not pictured are the new Reserves for the Fire Department: Brenda Wilson, Brandi Peterson, Roger Garrett, Paul Moon, and Teresa Ward

How to get a good night's sleep

Lack of sleep can make you sick. "People who sleep less than six hours a night visit the doctor much more frequently than people who sleep well," says Harry Kerasidis, M.D.

More serious health problems can result, too. According to a study published in 2005, lack of sleep can cause hormone changes that might lead to obesity.

rowed or blocked, more than doubles the risk of stroke in men.

A January 2009 study shows that people who sleep at least eight hours a night are far less likely to catch a cold than those who sleep less than seven hours a night.

Some sleep disorders can increase the risk for serious disease. For instance, obstructive sleep apnea, a common disorder in which the upper airway is intermittently nar-



Rules to Snooze by

Follow these guidelines. They'll not only help you fall asleep fast, they'll promote quality sleep - deep, restful slumber that leaves you feeling alert and refreshed for the next day.

the late afternoon.

going to bed and rising - even on the weekend.

- ◇ Don't nap after 3 p.m.
- ◇ Avoid caffeinated drinks. Caffeine makes it tough to doze off - even 12 hours later for some people. Cut out coffee, tea and energy drinks after

- ◇ A nightcap isn't the answer. Alcohol may make you sleepy initially, but it also makes you wake up more often during the night. Nicotine plays havoc with sleep, too.
- ◇ Keep a schedule. We all love that Saturday morning sleep-in, but if you're struggling with insomnia during the week, it's critical to maintain a routine for

- ◇ Make time for exercise. People who exercise regularly - even if it's just a brisk stroll at lunch - tend to sleep better at night. But evening exercise can make it harder to fall asleep; schedule your workout for morning or afternoon.

"I'm not asleep...But that doesn't mean I'm awake"

~ Author Unknown

CITY COMMISSIONERS



Lyle Pounds,
Commissioner

Charles Johnson,
Commissioner

Marsha Wentz,
Mayor

Tim Parker,
Commissioner

Gary Fraser,
Commissioner

Management Team

Larry Uri, City Manager

Stacey Crum, City Clerk

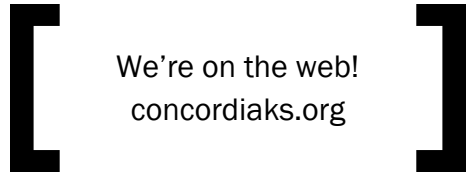
Amber Farha, Finance Director

Chris Edin, Police Chief

Larry Eubanks, Fire Chief

Chad Buckley, Utilities Director

Bruno Rehbein, Building Inspector



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Answers: 1. Leave it to Beaver, 1957 2. 7.48 gallons 3. 99.5%

4th of July & Declaration of Independence Fun Facts

- 30 - Number of places nationwide with "liberty" in their name. The most populous one is Liberty, Missouri. Iowa has more of these places than any other state: four (Libertyville, New Liberty, North Liberty and West Liberty).
- Two very important but little known 4th of July facts 1) full support of the Declaration of Independence was not supported by all members of the Continental Congress and 2) a representative of Congress rode horseback 80 miles to reach Philadelphia and break a tie in support of independence.
- Originally, there were two versions of the Liberty Bell. At the time of their manufacturing, one was found to be defective and had to be melted and recast. The second bell was subsequently also found to be defective. It too had to be melted down and recast, therefore requiring a third version. Without any defective places, the third version of the Liberty Bell rang every Fourth of July from 1778 to 1835. According to history and tradition, as it rang, it cracked as it was being tolled for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall, the longest serving Chief Justice in Supreme Court.
- The youngest signer was 26 year old Edward Rutledge and the oldest was 70 year old Benjamin Franklin.
- The original Declaration of Independence was rolled up and not taken care of very well.
- Wrote on the back of the Declaration of Independence was "Original Declaration of Independence, dated 4th July 1776" at the bottom of the document, upside down.
- Once the Declaration of Independence had been written and signed, printer John Dunlap was asked to make about 200 copies to be distributed throughout the colonies. Today, the "Dunlap Broad sides" are extremely rare and valuable. In 1989, someone discovered a previously unknown Dunlap Broad side. It was sold for over \$8 million in 2000. There are only 26 known surviving Dunlap Broad sides today.
- Richard Stockton was the only one that ever recanted his oath (after he was captured by the British)
- Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both died on July 4, 1826, the 50th anniversary of the vote to approve the Declaration of Independence.

