

City of Concordia

Newsletter



Events

- Chautauqua Isle of Lights the month of December in Beloit
6 pm – 10 pm.
- City Hall Closed:
 - December 23rd – 24th, 31st
 - January 17th
 - February 21st

Calendar

January 4 – Chaplain Meeting, 4 pm

January 4 – Library Board Meeting, 5 pm

January 5 – Commission Meeting, 5:30 pm

January 11 – Housing Authority, 5:30 pm

January 19 – Commission Meeting, 5:30 pm

February 1 – Library Board Meeting, 5 pm

February 2 – Commission Meeting, 5:30 pm

February 8 – Housing Authority, 5:30 pm

February 16 – Commission Meeting, 5:30 pm

March 1 – Library Board Meeting, 5 pm

March 2 – Commission Meeting, 5:30 pm

March 8 – Housing Authority, 5:30 pm

March 16 – Commission Meeting, 5:30 pm

Santa's 9th reindeer was first named Rollo, then Reginald, then of course, Rudolph.

Emergency Snow Routes

Remember to watch where you park on snowy days. Per Section 23-63 (a) of the Concordia Code, the director shall put into effect a parking prohibition on parts of all snow emergency routes commencing December 1 and terminating March 1; (b) While the prohibition is in effect, no person shall park or allow to remain parked, any vehicle on any portion of any snow emergency route to which it applies; however, nothing in this section shall be construed to permit parking at any time or place where it is forbidden by any other provision of law. Citizens should remove parked vehicles when the weather forecast or conditions contain sleet, snow or ice to keep these streets clear.

The following streets or portions of streets within the city are hereby-designated snow emergency routes:

Second Street from Cedar to Valley
Valley from Second to Sixth Street
Cedar from Second to Eighteenth Street
Archer from Sixth to Eighteenth Street
Eleventh Street from east city limits to west city limits
Eighteenth Street from Cedar to Lincoln Street
State Street from Eighteenth to Campus Drive
Campus Drive from State to Republican
Sixth Street from Second Avenue to Doster

Per Section 23-67 of the Code, a vehicle parked in an emergency snow route will be towed at the owner's expense and/or ticketed.

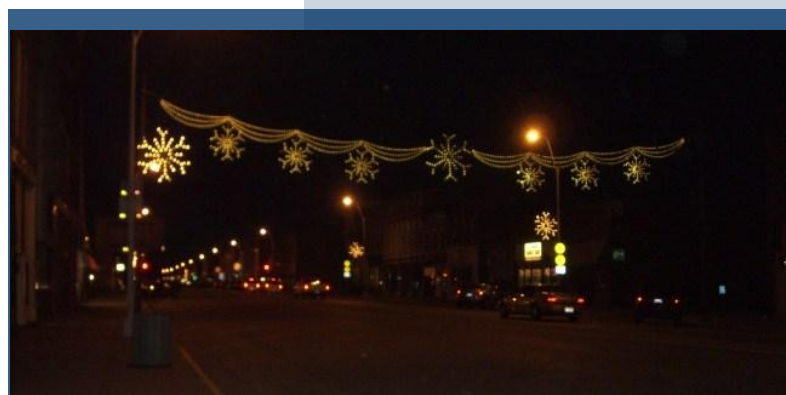
Please feel free to contact Ron Copple Director of Public Works if you have any questions.

Community Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed a survey.

Basketball Leagues Forming

Basketball leagues are forming and will start January 9, 2011. If you are interested in a team please contact Tom Gennette.





Police Department News

The Police Department has started a Chaplain program. This program will allow ministers to assist the police department with sensitive calls. More information will be provided in the next newsletter. The first meeting was held on December 16, 2010, at 4 p.m. The next meeting will be January 4, 2011, at 4 p.m. Testing for reserve police officers began December 14, 2010. A new dispatcher will join the staff in early January.

Holiday Turkey Tips: Provide a healthy family feast by following these food preparation tips

Do:

Expiration: Make sure that the sell-by-date has not expired.

Defrosting: Keep turkey in its original wrapping, refrigerated until ready to cook. Defrost a frozen turkey in a refrigerator or cold water bath. In the fridge, allow one day for every 5 pounds of turkey. In a cold water bath, change the water every 30 minutes. A 20-pound turkey will take approximately 12 hours to defrost in cold water.

Cooking: Using a meat thermometer, cook the turkey until its internal temperature is 180 degrees. To test "doneness", pierce turkey in the thickest area of the thigh, making sure the juices run clear, not pink. Remove the stuffing immediately after the turkey is cooked and place in a separate dish.

Storage: Store the turkey and stuffing separately in the refrigerator. Use leftover turkey within 3-4 days of cooking. Use leftover stuffing (and gravy) within 1-2 days.



Why is Christmas abbreviated "Xmas"?

Because the Greek letter "x" is the first letter of the Greek word for Christ, Xristos. "Xmas" therefore means "Christ's Mass." The abbreviation has been around since at least the sixteenth century.

Happy Birthday



- Kent Otott – October 6
- Bradley Swihart – November 1
- Forrest Daniels – November 3
- John Christensen – November 4
- Stephen Dailey – November 7
- Jeffrey Roberts – November 22
- Devin Anderson – November 25
- Michael Copple – December 2
- Sara Hicks – December 5
- Jeffrey Novak – December 8
- James Metro – December 9
- Donna Garst – December 14
- Heather Acheson – December 16
- Clinton Novak – December 16
- Nick Gerard – December 23
- Deanna Brown – December 23
- Justin Davis – December 28
- William White – December 31

Newsletter Name Contest

Any ideas for a name for our newsletter? Write down any suggestions with your name and phone number and drop by City Hall or email to ksorell@concordiaks.org. Entries must be received by March 1, 2011. The winner will receive a prize!



WELCOME NEW FIREFIGHTER – John Christensen





Tips to Prevent Christmas Fires

A Christmas tree can go from beautiful to deadly in four seconds.

That's how long it takes for a dry or carelessly decorated tree to catch fire and become engulfed in flames.

Christmas trees are blamed for about 300 home fires in the nation each year, causing an average of 21 deaths, 43 injuries and \$16 million in property damage. More than four of every 10 fires are caused by an electrical problem or malfunction. One in four home fires is the result of a heat source placed too close to the tree.

Fire Chief, Larry Eubanks, offers the following tree safety tips to help prevent holiday tragedies:

- When decorating Christmas trees, use safe tree lights. Some lights are designed only for indoor or outdoor use but not both. Larger tree lights also should have some type of reflector rather than a bare bulb. All lights should be listed by a testing laboratory. Never use electric lights on a metal tree.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions on how to use tree lights. Any string of lights with worn, frayed or broken cords or loose bulb connections should not be used.
- Check your strands of lights to determine the number of strands that might be connected. Connect no more than three strands of push-in bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Unplug lights before leaving home or going to bed.
- Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and to extend their life.
- Never use lit candle to decorate a tree, and place them well away from tree branches.
- Keep live trees as moist as possible by giving them plenty of water daily. Do not buy a tree that is dry or dropping needles.
- Choose a sturdy tree stand designed not to tip over.
- When purchasing an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled as fire retardant.
- Store matches and lighters up high, out of reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, such as fireplaces and radiators.

Safely dispose of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are highly flammable and should not be left in a house or garage, or placed against a house. Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or woodburning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly.



Christmas Tree Facts

- Christmas trees have been sold commercially in the United States since about 1850.
- In the United States, there are more than 21,000 Christmas tree growers.
- An acre of Christmas trees provides for the daily oxygen requirements of 18 people.
- A Christmas tree decoration was banned by the government. Tinsel contained lead at one time, now it's made of plastic.

Municipal Court Clerk Changes

Sara Hicks, Municipal Court Clerk, last day will be December 22, 2010. We wish her well in her endeavors. Megan Murdock has been sworn in as the new Municipal Court Clerk.

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Next Newsletter

The newsletter will be printed quarterly and attached to Facebook and our website. If you would like to get the newsletter emailed to you please contact Katrina at 243-2670 or ksorell@concordiaks.org. It will not be shared with anyone else and will only be used for the newsletter. If you wish to have something in the next newsletter please write down or email your comments, news, or upcoming events. They must be given to Katrina (ksorell@concordiaks.org) by **March 18, 2011**.

Appreciation Corner

Thanks to the Street Department for their hard work for putting up the snowflakes. It is greatly appreciated.

*Who is never hungry at
Christmas?*

The turkey – he's always stuffed!



New Concordia Web Site to go live

Concordiaks.org, an interactive website for Concordia, will go online in February 2011. It will be continually updated with news and information important to Concordia residents.

For a preview of what the site will be like, visit one of concordiaks.org's sister sites: www.cityofbastrop.org or www.cityofmelissa.com.

Become a City Commissioner

January 25, 2011, at noon is the filing deadline for two (2) City Commission seats to be contested in the April 5, 2011, City General Election. To file for the City Commission, the signatures of at least six (6) qualified electors are required on a petition or the candidate may pay a filing fee of \$10.00. The filing will be for the positions now held by Darrel Hosie and Gregory Hattan. If more than four (4) candidates file for the position, there will be a primary election held on March 1, 2011.

City Adopts New Logo

The City of Concordia recently adopted a new logo. The logo, as seen by the inset to the right, will begin to replace the more traditional logo that you are accustomed to. The logo will be displayed on the City website, materials, and non-emergency vehicles for example.



Don't forget to get your 2011 dog tags

All dogs five months of age and older must be licensed. Dog owners must show a certificate of Rabies Vaccination. License fees are five (\$5.00) for each male dog and spayed female dog, and eight dollars (\$8.00) for each unsprayed female dog. All persons, firms or corporations owning or harboring a dog or dogs within the city limits must provide a license for their dog before the 1st day of April or a fifty percent (50%) fee will be added to regular tags herein specified.

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR