



Zemosa Acres Homeowners Association

Membership Newsletter - Spring 2019

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Note from the President

By Joe Antinucci

Dear Neighbors ...

Thank you for taking the time to read the community newsletter. As you can tell, the newsletter has a new look! Thanks to our new editor, Mandy C. Ashley, we now have a streamlined newsletter creation, editing and delivery process! This first edition of the newsletter is a work-in-progress, so future editions will get better and better! Of course, this is not to take away from the many years of first-rate editorial and publishing services of Charlie White! While I don't know exactly how long Charlie had overseen the newsletters, I do know he was great at it and his time and talents will be missed. THANK YOU, Charlie, for your years of support and dedication!

Since the last newsletter, there have been several things occurring that affect our community. Most notably would be the three new communities being developed around us. The Woodbridge community is well underway and appears to be developing as anticipated. The Hunton Forest community is in phase one development. However, before construction even started, apparently the developers filed and got approved a variance to remove the "proposed" 50-foot natural area separating the new homes from the backyards of some residents on Channing Circle. This has caused a lot of frustration not only with probable depreciation of property values, but storm water run-off as well. A concerned neighbor has begun the process of attempting to get this rectified. I have been engaged as well to push this to some sort of a satisfactory resolution. The third development (name unknown as of this newsletter) is being built adjacent to the back of some properties at the end of Chelwood Drive. While there isn't much that can be done in this matter, it is something that we are monitoring.

As you all have probably noticed, the culvert projects appear to be complete. Personally, I have noticed during this latest storm season, that the end results were very effective. However, now that construction appears to be done, there remains the issue of road repair and repaving. During the construction phase, some concerned residents approached city council members about protocol for correcting our concerns. At that time, they committed to monitor any major concerns, correct them as construction was being done, and then perform a final review after projects were done. Their goal, as we were told, was to save most repairs to be completed when the neighborhood was to be reviewed for the periodic entire neighborhood repaving cycle. It is our impression that the review for repaving will be done sometime in 2019. The repaving opportunity is something that I am monitoring closely as well.

Regarding the ZAHA Community meetings, they used to be held three times a year. Starting this year, we voted at the last meeting to condense the meetings to twice a year (Spring and Fall). The first meeting was held April 2, 2019. The fall meeting will be scheduled sometime in the September-October timeframe.

Thanks for reading! As always, any questions or concerns can be directed to me at my email address (jdantinucci@outlook.com) or my mobile phone number (704) 517-6529.



Current Events

Cabarrus County School Districting Realignment

In 2018, Cabarrus County Schools began a student realignment study based on several of its upcoming construction projects, including the new West Cabarrus High School, which is currently under construction on Weddington Road. Zemosa residents have been actively following the public information meetings, as there were several possible realignment options presented for Zemosa residents enrolled in Cabarrus County Schools. At the Cabarrus County Board of Education's April 8, 2019 business meeting, the Realignment Committee's recommendations for new boundaries were approved. This final recommendation keeps Zemosa Acres in the same school zone for elementary, middle, and high school. Therefore, Zemosa Acres will continue to be zoned for Boger Elementary School, Northwest Cabarrus Middle School and Northwest Cabarrus High School. For more information, visit the district website at www.cabarrus.k12.nc.us. Select the 'Student Realignment Study Information' icon located on the right side of the screen. Current school boundary maps and the finalized new boundaries may be reviewed on this website, as well as statistics on each area school.

Highway 73 Widening Project

The NC Department of Transportation has approved a project to widen Highway 73 from NC 115 (Old Statesville Rd) in Mecklenburg County to US 29 in Cabarrus County. Highway 73 will be widened to four lanes to alleviate congestion and improve safety. The proposed roadway will have bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. There are four proposed designs being considered.

Zemosa residents are encouraged to view the project information online at www.ncdot.gov/projects/nc-73-mecklenburg-cabarrus. Construction is planned to begin in 2022 and will likely be a 3-year project. The proposed plans introduce several types of innovative intersection concepts at major intersections. One such concept is the Superstreet Intersection, which will likely be in front of our Zemosa Acres entrances. This will likely result in only "right turns" out of Zemosa. "Left turns" would turn right initially, but then make a U-turn near Connect Christian Church to head back west on Hwy 73. The NCDOT encourages public involvement on transportation projects. To discuss these projects or offer suggestions/concerns, please contact:

Theresa Ellerby, NCDOT Project Management Unit

Phone: (919)707-6020

Email: tellerby@ncdot.gov

City Liaison Report

By Jan Daubener, City of Concord Liaison

From Public Safety Meeting

Philip Graham from the Transportation Department reviewed current and proposed highway projects:

- Derita Rd. from Poplar Tent to Concord Mills completion date 12/20.
- Concord Mills flyover to be completed by 12/20.
- Hwy 73 from Hwy 29 to Hwy 115 in Huntersville to be completed by 2022.

Misc. Stats:

- Concord population nearing 100,000.
- Crime stats for Concord show decreases in robbery, car break-ins, and shoplifting.
- Violent crimes January till June 2018 in line with same time frame in 2017.
- Property crimes January till June 2018 down from same time frame 2017.

Officer Charles Beeker is Zemosa Acres contact in Charlie District.

Email is beekercm@concordnc.gov.

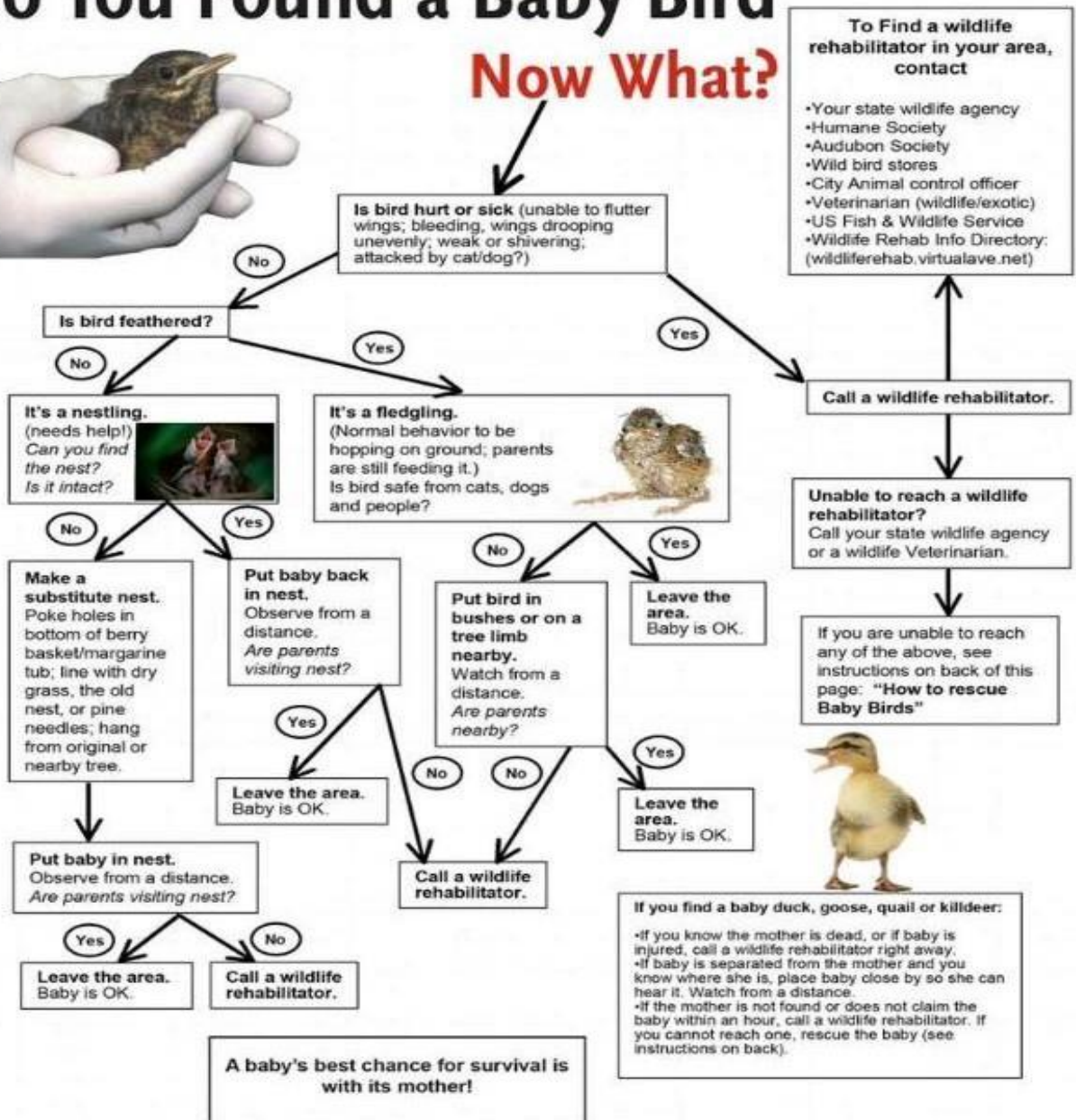
Captain Alan Lee is over Charlie District.

Email is leej@concordnc.gov.

So You Found a Baby Bird



Now What?



Newcomer Report

By Judy and Mitchell Hagler

Since our last newsletter, several families have moved into our neighborhood.

Please help us welcome the following families to Zemosa!

~ Calvin and Ronda Bruce, 668 Chadbourne

~Jackemia and Demarcus Royal and children, 1212 Hanover

~Yudelis and Anthony Wright, 1014 Litchfield

~Gary and Judy Yandle, 3504 Kendale Avenue

Please let us know when a new resident moves in so that we can take them
a welcome packet, including information about ZAHA and how to join.

Contact: mhagler3@carolina.rr.com

Treasurer's Report

By Adam Bass, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report			
3/6/2019			
Starting Balance 1/1/19	\$ 13,536.22		
	YTD 2019	Budget	% Budget
Income			
Homeowner's Income Sources	\$ -	\$ 5,480.00	0.00%
Total Income	\$ -	\$ 5,480.00	0.00%
Expenses			
Discretionary Spending	\$ -	\$ 80.00	0.00%
Insurance - Liability (Annual)	\$ -	\$ 600.00	0.00%
Internet Service Fees	\$ -	\$ 100.00	0.00%
Landscaping	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	0.00%
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ 150.00	0.00%
PO Box Rental Fee (Annual)	\$ 120.00	\$ 150.00	80.00%
Printing Services	\$ -	\$ 1,700.00	0.00%
Utilities	\$ 100.38	\$ 700.00	14.34%
Total Expense	\$ 220.38	\$ 5,480.00	4.02%
YTD (Income - Expenses)	\$ (220.38)		
Balance	\$ 13,315.84		
		% of assoc	
Members- 2019 (YTD)	0	0.00%	
Members- 2018	126	60.29%	
Members- 2017	130	62.20%	
Members -2016	132	63.16%	
Member - 2015	154	73.68%	
Member - 2014	148	70.81%	
Beautifications Funds - 2019 (YTD)	\$ -		

City Official Reports

By Charles Beeker, Officer in the Concord Police Department

Reminders:

1. Always lock car doors, especially at night - 95% of car break-ins occur in unlocked cars!
2. Always remove valuables from vehicles or place them where they cannot be seen.
3. Leave as many exterior lights on as you feel comfortable. Even one is better than none!

By Gary Rinehardt, Code Enforcement Officer with the Concord Police Department

Rowan Cabarrus Community College Early College group has been selected by the City of Concord Water Resources Department to assist the city with keeping segments of the streams clean in our community!

As depicted in the picture below, the stream section running between Hanover Drive and Channing Circle will be their initial focus. They plan to clean twice a year.



Editorials

By Melissa Gorman, Adventures in Butterfly Gardening

Years and years ago, at my old house, I created a Monarch Waystation. I had 2 small butterfly weed plants and a handful of nectar plants. That year, I did get a few monarch caterpillars, but I never saw the butterfly momma or any of the butterflies as they emerged from their chrysalides.

So last spring, I set out to create a new butterfly garden in the hopes that I might attract some Monarchs and other butterflies to the area. Monarch caterpillars eat only milkweed, so milkweed was grown from seed and planted in my new garden this past spring. There are lots of kinds and colors of milkweed (and it is easy to grow, after all, they are WEEDS!). I really didn't think I would see any monarchs this first year, boy was I wrong!

I first spied a Monarch around mid July. She had a torn wing from her journey. Monarchs overwinter in the forests of Mexico. They journey up to Canada every spring in a wave of generations of butterflies, usually 4-5 generations. Then back to Mexico for the next winter. It truly is amazing that generations later they always know where to go.

I spied her again the next day laying eggs on my milkweed. I was ecstatic! I thought this was amazing and I wanted to be able to see the whole transformation from egg to butterfly this time around, since I missed most of it years and years ago. I did a lot of research and joined a few online groups focused on butterfly gardening and monarchs in particular.

I then purchased a butterfly habitat and brought the young caterpillars and eggs in from this worn butterfly momma. I found 15 and raised them in the enclosure by bringing them fresh milkweed to eat. All of this round turned into perfectly formed Monarch chrysalides in just a couple weeks time. Just a week or so later, I was able to see the butterflies coming out of their chrysalis, wings crumpled and wet. Within just a few minutes their wings fill with fluid and then a few hours later their wings are hardened and they are able to fly.

I ended up raising and releasing many monarchs last year (and a few black swallowtails as well). I even had a couple neighbors join me by growing milkweed and raising some monarch caterpillars as well. There are many predators and diseases that impact the monarch population. This is why many people are raising them in protected enclosures. The monarch population has been in decline for many years. This year may turn out to be a good year for them though, thanks to efforts to save and increase their habitat and food sources.

If you would like to help monarchs (and have a chance to see their amazing transformations) the best thing you can do is to plant milkweed, especially native milkweed varieties. I have some native milkweed seeds available this spring. If you are interested in monarchs and/or milkweed, feel free to drop me an email: sunriseseeker.mg@gmail.com.

For Your Information

Updated Garbage and Recycling Pickup Schedule

Beginning the week of May 6, Zemosa began a new schedule for garbage, recycling, yard waste, and bulky waste collection. **Our collection day moved from Thursday to Tuesday on May 7.** Recycling is still collected every other week. The CARTology app mentioned below is a great free resource that shows which solid wastes are scheduled for pickup each week, as well as what items can and cannot be recycled.

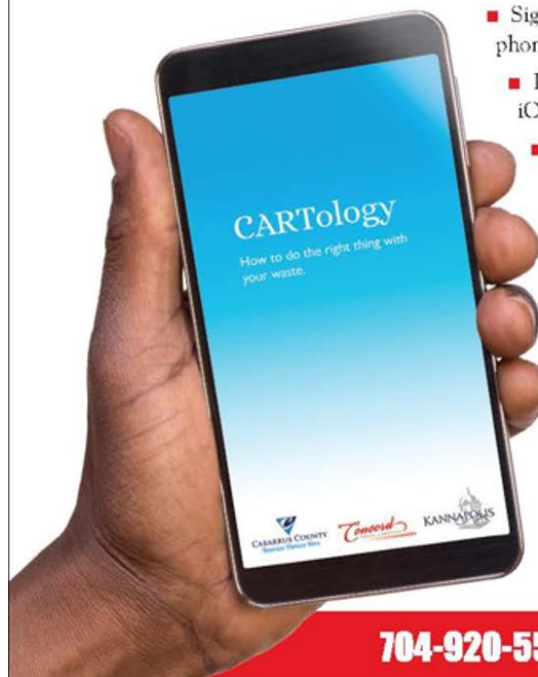
Better Service Coming Soon!

Beginning May 6, your collection route may change to alleviate solid waste pick up delays.

The City of Concord and Waste Pro have developed new, more efficient routes! Verify your new schedule at concordnc.gov/whatsmyday, or download our **CARTology app**. You may also call 704-920-5555.

With the app you can:

- Learn how materials can be reused, recycled, composted or disposed of within your community
- Access a real-time collection calendar linked to your address
- Sign up for collection reminders via email, phone and text messages
- Import your collection schedule to your iCal, Google or Microsoft Outlook calendar
- Download a printable schedule



Get the mobile app, CabConKan CARTology, for Apple or Android devices. Search for CARTology in the App Store (iOS) or Google Play Store (Android).



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By Mitchell Hagler, Spring and Summer Gardening Tips

- Keep beds mulched to reduce weeds.
- Begin to pinch mums monthly until August to keep plants compact.
- Prune azaleas and camellias and fertilize as soon as they finish blooming.
- Sow seeds of fast-growing annuals, such as zinnias and cleome.
- After irises finish blooming, remove spent bloom stalks with a sharp knife, flush with the top of the rhizome on a dry, hot day so the cut will heal.
- Rake away yellowed or brown daffodil foliage.
- Replace pansies with fresh bedding plants for summer.
- Keep roses well-groomed, sprayed and watered to encourage fresh growth.

Concord Mobile Care SmartPhone App

Concord Mobile Care is a free mobile app for the citizens of Concord. It allows users to attach photos and notes right from their mobile phones. Issues are automatically converted to work requests and routed to the appropriate City departments for handling. Users can track the status of their issues and view notes entered by the City employees who are responding to their requests.

This new app is available for Android phones/tablets from Google Play, and for iPhones/iPads in the App Store. PC users may access the mobile web portal at <http://concord.mobile311.com>. The Concord Mobile Care App can be used to report non-emergency issues, such as pot holes, traffic light malfunctions, dead animal removal, street sign damage/graffiti, city tree trimming/removal request, or a burned out street light.

Thank You

Thank you to Barbara Stephens of the ZAHA Beautification Committee for keeping the Zemoso entrance areas beautifully landscaped and also decorated for the holidays! And a special thank you to Matt Clark for generously donating his business' pressure washing services to clean the Zemoso brick signs at each entrance. They look great! Thank you!!

Future Newsletters

If you have ideas or suggestions for what you would like to see in future ZAHA newsletters, please email Mandy Ashley at Mandycashley7@gmail.com. If you have a home-based business that you would like advertised at no charge in the newsletter, please email Mandy with a digital image of your business card. All advertising is subject to approval by the ZAHA Board, and unpaid ads are limited in size to approximately that of a business card. They can be run automatically in future newsletters, provided there is adequate space available.

New Zemoso Internet Domain

Please note that Zemoso's website address has recently changed. The original domain (zemosaacres.com) is no longer available. Our new website address is www.zemoso.org.