THE CONCORD TOWNSHIP Grapevine

Fall-Winter 2026

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DRIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT!

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FOLLOW US ON

Town Hall
7229 Ravenna Road
Located at the corner of Route 608 and Ravenna Road
Hours: 8:00 A to 4:30 P, M-F
440-354-7510

Fire Station #1
11599 Concord Hambden Road
Across the street from Town Hall
440-354-7504

Fire Station #2
10154 Prouty Road
Located just south of Route 84
440-354-7509

Community Center
7671 Auburn Road
Located west of State Route 44
440-639-4650

TRUSTEES CORNER

As we welcome the arrival of fall, it's hard to believe summer has come to an end and another school year is already underway. We hope you and your family enjoyed a safe, relaxing, and memorable summer. As the seasons change, we look forward to the beautiful colors of autumn, cooler temperatures, and the many community traditions and holiday celebrations that make this time of year so special.

To stay informed throughout the year, we encourage you to sign up for our monthly digital **e-Grapevine** on the Township website. It's the best way to stay up to date on Township news, events, and important announcements. We are especially excited about the many programs and activities our Recreation Department has planned this season. Inside this edition, you'll find information on the wide variety of classes and events available for residents of all ages.

Concord Township continues to be one of Lake County's most desirable communities, offering an exceptional quality of life while remaining one of the county's lowest-taxed townships. Your Trustees and Fiscal Officer remain committed to responsible financial stewardship, making thoughtful decisions that maximize every taxpayer dollar while continuing to provide the high level of services our residents expect.

We would also like to recognize and thank our Service Department for their outstanding work on this season's road improvement projects. Their dedication helps keep our roads safe and well maintained, and planning is already underway for our 2027 road program to continue investing in our community's infrastructure.

We are pleased to report that construction of **Fire Station No. 2** will be underway by the time this newsletter reaches your home. This important project is being completed **without an increase in Township taxes.** We extend our sincere appreciation to **Congressman Dave Joyce** for helping secure a **$3.75 million federal grant** during the most recent appropriations cycle, making this project possible. We look forward to sharing construction updates as work progresses.

Concord Township continues to experience exciting growth and investment. We are pleased to welcome several new businesses and developments to our community, including **Four Corners Healthcare, Southern Steer Butcher Shop, Elevate Cryo & Wellness, Lake Yoga's new cycle studio,** a new manufacturing facility that will soon break ground, **Longwood Plaza** at Crile and Hunting Lake Roads, and **Concord Circle Plaza** at Capital Parkway and Crile Road. These additions strengthen our local economy while expanding the services and amenities available to residents.

As always, your Trustees and Township administration welcome your questions, ideas, and feedback. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our community.

We wish you and your family a wonderful fall and holiday season, and we hope you'll join us for one of Concord Township's favorite traditions—the **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** on **Friday, December 4,** at the Township Gazebo. We look forward to seeing you there!



In recognition of his many years of service and dedication to the community, **RICH PETERSON has been named the 2026 CONCORD TOWNSHIP CITIZEN OF THE YEAR.**

RICH PETERSON has been a dedicated Concord Township resident for more than 52 years, generously giving his time and talents to the community. His involvement began decades ago, serving on the CLP Youth Baseball Board, helping establish baseball fields at LaMuth Middle School, and volunteering with the Concord Community Days and Cleanup committees.

Rich also served 15 years on the Concord Township Zoning Commission and contributed to the 2015 Comprehensive Plan Update Steering Committee and Sign Regulations Update Subcommittee. His leadership and commitment have made a lasting impact on Concord Township.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

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FROM THE FIRE CHIEF'S OFFICE

Concord Township Fire Department

As we move through another busy season in Concord Township, I want to take a moment to highlight the work being done by our members both in emergency response and in community risk reduction. While our primary mission will always be to answer the call in times of crisis, just as important is the work we do every day to help prevent emergencies before they happen.

This edition of the Township newsletter highlights several programs designed with that goal in mind, training opportunities like CPR, AED, First Aid and Babysitter Training, as well as community support initiatives such as our Residential Lock Box Program, Special Needs/Premise Alert Registry, and our Free Smoke Alarm Program in partnership with the American Red Cross. Each of these programs exists for one simple purpose: to keep our residents safer and to improve outcomes when emergencies do occur.

I encourage residents, families, and local organizations to take advantage of these offerings. Whether it is learning lifesaving skills, improving home safety, or ensuring responders have the information they need during an emergency, these programs make a meaningful difference in protecting our community.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the Concord Township Fire Department. It remains our privilege to serve you.

Respectfully,
Matt Sabo, *Fire Chief*

DID YOU KNOW?

Your Concord Township Fire Department Offers More Than Emergency Response.

Free Smoke Alarm Program

In partnership with the American Red Cross, the Concord Township Fire Department provides and installs smoke alarms for qualifying residents at no cost.

Our members also offer smoke alarm installation and smoke detector assistance to help ensure your home is properly protected. Working smoke alarms are one of the most effective ways to save lives in a fire.

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact Station 1 at 440-354-7504 to see if you qualify or to schedule an installation.

Smoke Alarms Save Lives

- Test smoke alarms monthly
- Replace batteries if applicable
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years
- Install alarms inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas
- Develop and practice a home escape plan

DID YOU KNOW?

Three out of five home fire deaths occur in homes with no working smoke alarms.

Special Needs / Premise Alert Registry Programs

- The Concord Township Fire Department's Special Needs / Premise Alert Registry Program helps emergency responders better serve residents who may require additional assistance during an emergency.
- Residents with autism, dementia, mobility challenges, oxygen use, communication barriers, or other special needs can voluntarily provide important information that will assist firefighters, EMS personnel, and law enforcement in delivering safe and effective care when every second counts.
- Information provided through the registry may include medical conditions, mobility limitations, communication preferences, emergency contacts, and other details that can help responders better understand an individual's needs before arriving on scene.
- Participation is voluntary, confidential, and intended to enhance emergency response and improve safety for residents and responders alike.

Residential Lock Box Program

- The Concord Township Fire Department offers a Residential Lock Box Program to help improve emergency access to homes when seconds matter.
- For residents with medical concerns, limited mobility, or other special circumstances, a secure lock box can be installed on the residence. This allows authorized emergency personnel to quickly and safely gain entry without forcing doors or causing unnecessary property damage during an emergency response.
- This program is designed to enhance safety, reduce delays in care, and provide peace of mind for residents and families who may need emergency assistance.

Free Thermal Fuses Available for Oxygen Users

- If you or a loved one uses home oxygen, a free thermal fuse may help reduce the risk of fire-related injuries. Oxygen itself does not burn, but it can cause fires to ignite more easily and burn much faster. A thermal fuse is a simple safety device installed in oxygen tubing that can help stop the flow of oxygen if a fire occurs, potentially reducing the severity of the incident. Through a partnership with the Ohio State Fire Marshal, free thermal fuses are available to oxygen users. For more information or to obtain a thermal fuse, please contact the Concord Township Fire Department.
- **Remember:** Never smoke while using oxygen, keep oxygen equipment away from open flames and heat sources, and

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make sure working smoke alarms are installed throughout your home.

COMMUNITY TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

CPR, AED & First Aid Training

Next Class: September 8, 2026

Learn lifesaving skills that can make a difference during an emergency. Classes are offered throughout the year for community members, businesses, churches, and organizations. Participants receive training in CPR, AED use, and basic first aid techniques.





Babysitter Training

Next Class: December 29 & 30, 2026

Designed for young people preparing to babysit, this comprehensive course covers babysitting skills, basic first aid, CPR/AED, emergency preparedness, and other important safety topics. Training is provided through the American Red Cross.

Classes On Demand

As an American Heart Association and American Red Cross training partner, we offer hands on instructional classes which can be tailored to all age levels. Classes are available for businesses, religious and civic groups, school children, individuals and families. Public events, such as block parties for example, may include a visit by the firefighters with a fire engine and/or rescue squad (as available).

To learn more or to register for any of these amazing programs, please contact the Concord Township Fire Department at **440-354-7504.**

E–BIKES, ELECTRIC SCOOTERS, AND HELMET SAFETY

The Concord Township Fire Department and the Lake County Sheriff's Office would like to remind residents about the importance of safe riding practices when using electric bicycles (e-bikes) and electric scooters. E-Bikes and electric scooters have become increasingly popular with children, teens, and adults. They provide convenient transportation and recreation, but they can also reach speeds much faster than traditional bicycles.

A Growing Safety Concern Across the country, emergency departments are seeing a growing number of injuries involving e-bikes and electric scooters. Higher speeds increase the risk of serious injuries, especially to the head and neck. The Lake County Sheriff's Office has observed similar concerns locally. "We think it is very important for parents to educate their children on traffic laws and safety precautions prior to sending them out on an E-Bike," said representatives of the Lake County Sheriff's Office. "Locally, we have seen a number of very serious accidents involving automobiles and children on E-Bikes – more than we typically see with traditional bicycles. Kids and adults alike need to be aware that with increased speed comes an increase in the potential for injury." This reminder underscores the importance of rider education, helmet use, and responsible operation for riders of all ages.

Helmet Safety Matters:

The single most important piece of safety equipment is a properly fitted helmet.

Studies consistently show that head injuries are among the most common serious injuries associated with E-Bike and scooter crashes. Unfortunately, many injured riders were not wearing helmets at the time of their crash.

Helmet Safety Tips:

- Wear a helmet every ride, regardless of distance.



- Ensure the helmet fits snugly and sits level on the head.
- Replace any helmet involved in a crash.
- Fasten the chin strap securely.
- Parents should set the example by wearing helmets themselves.

For higher-speed Class 3 E-Bikes, safety experts recommend considering helmets designed for higher-speed impacts.

Tips for Parents:

Parents should remember that many E-Bikes can travel at speeds similar to a moped or small motorcycle. Before allowing children to ride:

- Review traffic laws and safe riding practices.
- Make sure the E-Bike is appropriate for the rider's age and skill level.
- Inspect brakes, tires, lights, and batteries regularly.
- Require helmets on every ride.
- Encourage riders to stay alert and avoid distractions such as phones or headphones.
- Teach children to ride defensively and watch carefully for vehicles entering intersections and driveways.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

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As the summer months come to an end, the Service Department will be wrapping up the construction season, making final road repairs before the weather changes. Our crews have performed many road repairs throughout the summer, including Dura-Patch repairs to our asphalt roadways, crack sealing, and concrete slab replacement throughout the Township. Culvert replacements and ditch maintenance are other operations performed by the Service Department, along with cemetery operations and stormwater improvements alongside the Lake County Storm Water Department.

The 2026 Joint Road Resurfacing projects will be coming to completion by the end of September. The roads included in the project include Cascade Rd. (Phase 2), Orchard Rd., N. Orchard Rd., Marlo Dr., Stuart Dr., and Harper Ct. These projects were estimated to cost $623,000.00. Once completed, the estimated cost of the project will be approximately $550,000.00, well under budget. By working with our neighboring Townships and the Lake County Engineer's office in joint road projects, we are able to secure better pricing, allowing us to get the most out of Concord Township's tax dollars. In addition to the Joint Road projects, Concord Township was awarded a $100,000.00 grant and a $150,000.00 interest-free loan from the Ohio Public Works Commission for the Phase 1 resurfacing of Cascade Rd. This also included the replacement of guardrails along Cascade Rd. and Big Creek. Total cost to Concord Township for this project came to $194,900.00. The total budgeted funds for road resurfacing for the 2026 construction season came to approximately $744,900.00.

Working with the Lake County Storm Water Department, the Service Department can accomplish many maintenance operations to drainage easements throughout the Township. These operations are funded with storm water dollars and are used to assist in the maintenance and repair of storm sewers, major road culverts, drainage improvement projects, detention and retention pond maintenance, and sediment control features. The Storm Water Department also oversees several larger-scale improvement projects for Concord Township.

As we enter fall, the Service Department will reopen the Yard Waste drop-off on September 8th. The drop-off will be available to residents Monday through Friday from 7:30 A - 2:30 P. Residents can drop off yard waste in paper biodegradable bags at the designated material bin located at the Service Department. In addition to the yard waste drop-off, the Service Department will provide the annual Brush Days drop-off on Saturdays, October 17th and 24th. Brush Days will be open from 7:30 A - 2:30 P. Residents may also drop off yard waste on these dates.

Residents who are interested in protecting their mailbox from being impacted by heavy snow during plowing operations can purchase a mailbox snow barricade. The mailbox snow barricade application can be found on the Concord Township website under forms and applications. For a fee of $50, residents receive the materials and installation by the Service Department.

In addition to the mailbox barricades, the Service Department offers a culvert replacement. Residents who have a culvert under their driveway that needs to be replaced can fill out the culvert replacement permit located on the Concord website under forms and applications. For a $200 fee plus the purchase of the culvert pipe, the Service Department will cut the driveway, remove and replace the culvert, and backfill the excavation with stone. The resident is then responsible for the replacement of concrete or asphalt.

As winter approaches, the crews will begin to prepare equipment for plowing operations. The Service Department has a total of 8 frontline 2½ ton plow trucks and 3 reserve. During a snowstorm, we dispatch 7-8 trucks per shift to cover the Township's 75 lane miles of Township-owned roadway. In addition to the large plow trucks, we are equipped with several smaller trucks with plowing capabilities. The Service Department is responsible for the plowing of several Township-owned properties such as the Community Center, Fire Departments, Town Hall complex, Concord Hills Park, Old Stone School, and Concord Cemetery. When crews are not performing snow and ice control, they are performing equipment maintenance, building maintenance, pothole patching, and evaluating roads for the upcoming repair and maintenance season. During the winter months, planning begins for the 2027 road resurfacing projects. Cost estimates are obtained from the Lake County Engineer's Office and used to develop the budget for the 2027 resurfacing projects.

During the winter months, residents and motorists are reminded to allow more time for travel when winter weather persists. When approaching plow trucks performing snow and ice control, give the operators plenty of room to perform their operations safely. Our plow truck operators work long hours and are dedicated to making the roads in Concord Township safe for travel during inclement weather.

Residents are encouraged to contact the Service Department with any questions or concerns at 440-350-3225 or by email at concordtwp.com/service. ***The Service Department staff wishes all residents a Safe and Healthy Holiday Season.***



The e-Grapevine is a monthly electronic newsletter informing you of Township events on a month-by-month basis. Sign up at concordtwp.com, use the QR code or call 440-639-4650 for assistance!

ZONING DEPARTMENT

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The Concord Township Zoning Resolution was recently amended to include regulations allowing small solar energy systems and electric vehicle charging stations in the Township. The Zoning Commission held several work sessions in 2025 to discuss these requirements and allow for public feedback. A public hearing on the proposed amendments took place on July 1, 2025. On August 6, 2025, the Trustees held their public hearing, allowing time for additional public comments. During their regular meeting, they voted to approve the recommendations of the Zoning Commission to amend the zoning resolution. These amendments became effective on September 5, 2025. Below is a summary of these requirements and links to the regulations.

SMALL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS

In the updated Resolution, small solar energy systems are allowed as an accessory use in all zoning districts. The regulations include definitions and specific provisions for roof mounted and ground mounted solar energy systems. Generally speaking, roof mounted solar systems are permitted on properties in all zoning districts, while ground mounted solar are permitted on residential properties greater than two (2) acres, and all commercial properties. A zoning permit is required to be issued by Concord Township for both of these systems. An electrical permit will also be required to be issued by the Lake County Building Department.

ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

The new zoning regulations for electric vehicle charging stations (EVCS) pertain to all EVCS that are either a Level 2, Level 3, or Level 4 charger. They do not apply to Level 1 chargers. The EVCS are permitted as an accessory use in all commercial districts and on parcels in residential districts that have a non-residential use as its primary use. There are specific location requirements and safety standards that must be adhered to for compliance. A zoning permit is required to be issued for any Level 2, Level 3, or Level 4 electric vehicle charging station. As part of the zoning review, Concord Township Fire will also review the proposal to ensure their requirements are also being met. An electrical permit is also required for all EVCS, including Level 1 chargers, from the Lake County Building Department. For any questions, please reach out to the zoning department staff.



CONCORD TOWNSHIP CEMETERY

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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA (WAA)

Concord Cemetery will once again be participating in the Wreaths Across America ceremony to Remember the fallen, Honor those who serve and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. This year's wreath-laying ceremony will be held on December 19, 2026, at noon in the Concord Township Cemetery located on State Route 608, just east of Fire Station #1. Please consider sponsoring a $17.00 wreath to honor our local heroes.

Go to www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/OH0164. Scan the QR code or pick up a form at Town Hall or the Community Center to mail to Wreaths Across America.

WREATH MATCHING OPPORTUNITY

Please check our website between December 19 and January 19, 2027, for a possible opportunity to have your wreath sponsorship(s) matched by Wreaths Across America Headquarters for 2027! Last year, we received thirty-three (33) additional wreaths from the matching opportunity.

HISTORY WANTED

We are always looking for family history in the Concord Cemetery on State Route 608 and the Stickney Cemetery on Route 86. We would love to hear about your family! Email kwarner@concordtwp.com to tell your story.

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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Fall–Winter 2026 Events and Class Programs

***Classes are held at the Concord Community Center, 7671 Auburn Road, Concord Township, Ohio 44077**

***UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED**

ONLINE REGISTRATION IS FREE!

https://concord.recdesk.com/community/home

REFUND POLICY

Concord Township reserves the right to cancel or consolidate any program that does not meet the minimum participation number required by the decision deadline. If a program is canceled, a full refund will be issued. Please allow 2-3 weeks for a refund check to be mailed. No refunds will be issued directly to credit cards. In addition to canceled programs, refunds may only be fully refunded if there is a waitlist with someone able to take your spot, or written request within 3 days of the program. Partial or no refunds will be given if a participant cancels within 2 days of the program.

FEES LISTED FOR CLASSES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
First dollar amount fee is for RESIDENTS; Second dollar amount fee is for NON–RESIDENTS.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FALL FESTIVAL AT THE FIRE STATION

Wear Your Costume! Games! Candy! Refreshments! Tours of the Fire Station! Stuff the Bus with new or gently used winter jackets, hats, boots, gloves, sleeping bags, tents, and/or new socks with **SUB ZERO MISSION.**

Sa 10:00 - 11:00 A 10/17 FREE
Sa 11:00 - 11:30 A 10/17 Sensory-friendly environment
Location: Fire Station #1, 11599 Concord Hambden Road

DRIVE–IN MOVIE NIGHT!

Go to the **Concord Township, Lake County, Ohio Facebook Page,** our website: **concordtwp.com,** or the **e-Grapevine** for the announcement at the beginning of October! Movie begins approximately 7:15 P.

Sa 7:00 - 9:00 P 10/17 FREE
Location: LaMuth Middle School

LIGHT UP CONCORD CONTEST

Be the envy of your neighborhood for your beautiful – or Clark Griswold-inspired – holiday decorations, and enter the annual Holiday Decorating Contest! Enter the contest at concordtwp.com and send it in by December 16. Online voting 12/22-1/3, with winners announced after 1/5.



LIGHTING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Join us for the lighting of our Christmas Tree and Christmas Carols! Santa & Mrs. Claus will be here along with cookies & hot cocoa!

F 6:00 - 7:00 P 12/4 FREE
Location: Town Hall Campus, 7229 Ravenna Road

VIDEOS FROM SANTA

Sign up for a free, virtual personalized message from Santa for your kids this year! Register by December 13 and receive a short video via email before Christmas!

CANDIDATES FORUM

Recorded and published on our website. Get the scoop on the candidates in the November election! Candidates seeking elected positions throughout Lake County are invited to speak at our annual Forum, which is free and open to the public.

M 6:30 P 9/28 FREE

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sign up on the Red Cross website: **www.redcrossblood.org**

F 10:00 A-3:00 P 10/30
11/13
W 12/30
F 1/22
2/26
Location: Concord Community Center

ADMINISTRATOR CORNER

COFFEE WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR

Enjoy coffee and pastries while chatting with Town Administrator, *Andy Rose,* about current Concord Township news and updates!

3rd Thursday of every month from 9:00-10:30 A
Location: Concord Community Center

COFFEE WITH THE VETERANS

Are you a Veteran here in Concord Township? Please join *Andy Rose* for a coffee geared towards veterans of all branches of the Armed Services. It's a great opportunity to get together and share experiences. Coffee and donuts will be provided.

Th 9:00-10:30 A 11/12
Location: Concord Community Center

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

ADULTS

PILATES–YOGA FUSION

This fitness system combines the practices of Pilates and Yoga, designed to build strength in the core and improve flexibility and balance. This class is low-impact and no experience is required. Please bring a yoga mat and water. *Instructor: Colleen Stone.*

W	**5:30-6:30 P**	**9/16-11/4**	**$65/70**
		11/11-1/6 (no 12/30)	
		1/13-3/3	

CHAIR YOGA

Join us for an all-levels chair yoga practice featuring breathing, movement, meditation, and relaxation. This class is designed to help improve mobility, flexibility, strength, and balance while reducing stress and supporting overall well-being.

Exercises may include seated and standing movements, with optional floorwork. Modifications are offered for all ability levels, and participants are encouraged to do what feels comfortable. **No floorwork is required.**

With 18 years of teaching experience in hospitals, schools, community and senior centers, and wellness studios, the instructor provides a welcoming and accessible class for everyone. Bring a yoga mat if you would like to participate in optional floorwork. *Instructor: Lyndsey Stropkey.*

M	**11:00 A-12:00 P**	**8/31-9/28 (No 9/7)**	**$40/session**
		10/5-10/26	
		11/2-11/23	
		11/30-12/21	
		1/4-1/25	
		2/1-2/22	
		3/1-3/22	

NUTRITION CLASS

"Ditch the Rust, Drop the Grease: A Fun, Visual Guide to the Benefits of Plant-Based Eating."

Ready to reclaim your energy and tune up your health? Join Diane Zatt RN, BSN for this interactive, fun, and completely judgment-free 4-week plant-based eating class! Forget dry medical lectures - we will use everyday visual props like toy dump trucks and Teflon pans to show exactly how food can either clog or clear your system. Learn how simple kitchen swaps can lower your blood pressure, fix insulin resistance, and stop biological rust in its tracks! Short cooking demo at the end of each class. *Instructor: Diane Zatt.*

Th	**6:30-7:30 P**	**10/1-10/22**	**$20/person**

INTRO TO PICKLEBALL

Come learn the basics of the fastest-growing sport! *Instructor: Brian Murphy.* **Min 5/Max 10.** ***(Located at Town Hall.)***

Tu	**6:00-7:00 P**	**9/8-9/29**	**$55/60**

MEDICARE

If you are approaching age 65, this class will introduce you to Medicare and help navigate through terms and deadlines. *Instructor: Laura Mutsko.*

Tu	**6:00-7:00 P**	**9/15**	**FREE**
W		**1/27**	
Tu		**3/23**	

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

AI FOR LIFE – LEARN THE POWER OF AI

Want to know more about artificial intelligence and what it can actually do for you? This interactive course is designed for all ages and experience levels, offering clear and engaging explanations how AI works, strengths and weaknesses and how you can use it in everyday life.

In this session, you will explore AI for health, creativity, business tools and daily decision-making. At the core is a prompting masterclass – attendees will learn a simple and effective approach called CRIT (Context, Role, Interview, Task) to get better results from AI tools. You will also see side-by-side comparisons of leading AI platforms like ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, and Microsoft Copilot, helping you understand how and when to choose the right one for your needs.

The course also includes a live demonstration of NotebookLM, showing how AI can turn information into insights, summaries, and even interactive content – with trusted content. When done, you will have a practical understanding of AI and the confidence to continue on your AI journey.

About the Instructor: Concord citizen, *John Paganini*, is the President of Paguar Informatics, where he helps individuals and organizations apply AI. He also serves as Co-Chair of the Northern Ohio HIMSS AI Center of Excellence, supporting responsible AI use in healthcare. He is also the founder of Autovision Studios, combining photography and AI to create distinctive automotive imagery.

Tu	**6:00-8:00 P**	**9/22-9/29**	**$50/person**

AI: THE PROMISE AND THE PERIL

The story of Artificial Intelligence, from its origins to the powerful systems shaping our world today. This session shows how AI thinks, learns, and makes decisions in ways anyone can understand and explores the potential risks and societal impacts we need to be aware of. Filled with vivid visuals and examples, this seminar gives participants a clear, memorable perspective on AI's journey and its role in our lives. *Instructor: John Washco.* **Min 5/Max 50.**

M	**6:30-8:30 P**	**10/26**	**$20/person**

MASTERING SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY

Take the mystery out of smartphone photography! Learn how to take better photos using the smartphone camera that you carry with you every day.

THIS CLASS COVERS: Camera settings, composition, lighting, camera modes, video, and editing apps.

You will learn basic tips and techniques for capturing sharper and more creative photos. From beginner to advanced, there is something for you! *Instructor: Mike Demeter.* **Min 10/Max 20.**

Tu	**6:30-8:00 P**	**10/6**	**$25/person**

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

AARP

AARP Driver Safety Course: Information on safe driving techniques, navigating dangerous road conditions, and avoiding accidents. Take this one-day safe driver class to improve your driving skills. Participants MAY receive a 10% discount on their car insurance. Learn defensive driving techniques, tips for car maintenance, and more!

Th 10:00 A-2:30 P 10/8 $20 AARP Mem/$25 Non-Mem

ART CLASSES

STAINED GLASS CLASSES

EASY STAINED GLASS HEART

This is an easy first time experience – learn how to make a simple 5 piece stained glass heart. The instructor brings tools, glass and her knowledge and you bring yourself and your creativity. Learn how to cut glass, and assemble a five piece glass heart sun catcher. No experience necessary; instructor will provide all tools and safety equipment for you to use in class. Be sure to dress comfortably, no sandals or open toed shoes. Not recommended for pregnant women due to the chemicals used. Class is limited to six participants. *Instructor: Vicki Vesel.* **Adults 16+.**



Th 6:00-9:00 P 9/17-10/8 $85

Material Fee payable to the instructor $20.00.

INTRODUCTION TO STAINED GLASS FOREVER FLOWER

Always wondered how stained glass windows are made? We have a fun quick project for you which will give you an introduction to the process. You will learn how to cut glass; however, this project involves minimal cutting and grinding which are the most time consuming part of the process. You will then solder the pieces you select to create a beautiful blooming flower stem. No experience necessary; instructor will provide all tools and safety equipment for you to use in class. Be sure to dress comfortably, no sandals or open toed shoes. Not recommended for pregnant women due to the chemicals used. Class is limited to six participants. *Instructor: Vicki Vesel.* **Adults 16+.**



W 2:30-5:30 P 2/17-2/24 $60

Material Fee payable to the instructor $15.00.

ART WITH ARIEL INSPIRED ART STUDIO

GLASS EVERGREENS



Creators will create a dazzling glass evergreen project in an 8” x 10” frame. This project is perfect to keep up through the Holiday season or all year round! Creators can customize their project with glass colors including green, blues, white/silver. All art supplies will be included as well as step by step instruction from Ariel Inspired Art Studio! This class is perfect for creators **13+.**

Tu 6:00-8:00 P 11/10 $52/person

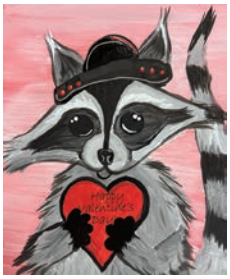
WINTER CARDINAL PAINTING ON SLATE



Painters of all ages, abilities, and experience levels will paint a beautiful Winter Scene on 8x10” slate. Customize your masterpiece by adding a seasonal quote or an array of snowflakes! This project will be perfect to display all Winter long! They make great gifts, or to keep as your own. All art supplies will be included as well as step by step instruction from Ariel Inspired Art Studio! This class is perfect for painters of all ages and abilities.

Tu 6:00-8:00 P 12/8 $42/person

VALENTINE PAINT NIGHT



Join us for a 1 hour paint session on 8”x10” canvas. This class is perfect for family creativity, date night, or to paint solo! All art supplies will be included as well as step by step instruction from Ariel Inspired Art Studio! Feel free to customize your canvas as you’d like! Come one, come all! This class is perfect for painters of all ages and abilities.

Tu 6:30-7:30 P 2/9 $22/person

FLOWERS, PUMPKINS AND FALL TREATS

Come join us for an evening of fall fun!

Carve one of our homegrown pumpkins and transform it into a stunning fall centerpiece filled with beautiful, locally grown flowers. We’ll guide you through the process as you create your own unique floral arrangement – perfect for bringing a little autumn charm to your home.

While you create, enjoy delicious fall- inspired snacks and desserts, good company, and all the cozy feelings of the season. *Instructors: Nate and Carolyn Miller.*

Th 6:00-8:00 P 10/8 $50/student

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

YOUTH PROGRAMS

ROOKIE SPORTS CLUB PROGRAMS

FALL SOCCER (Ages 3–6)

Rookie Sports Club introduces beginning soccer players to the fundamentals through fun, age-appropriate games and activities. Players will learn dribbling, passing, scoring, gameplay, and sportsmanship in a positive, non-competitive environment. Each week includes instruction and recreational play. Parents of 4-year-olds may choose the age group that best fits their child. **Min 12/Max 24.**

Tu	**6:00-6:45 P**	**9/8-10/6**	**3-4 yrs.**	**$75/$80**
	7:00-7:45 P	**9/8-10/6**	**4-6 yrs.**	**$75/$80**

Location: Riverside Maintenance Building

BASKETBALL (Ages 3–7)

Rookie Sports Club teaches basketball fundamentals to beginners through fun games and activities. Coaches focus on dribbling, passing, defense, and shooting in an encouraging environment. The program includes age-appropriate instruction and recreational gameplay each week.

Sa	**12:30-1:15 P**	**1/23-2/20**	**3-4 yrs.**	**$75/$80**
	1:30-2:15 P	**1/23-2/20**	**3-4 yrs.**	
	2:30-3:15 P	**1/23-2/20**	**5-7 yrs.**	

Location: LaMuth Middle School

KIDS DANCE CLASSES

HIP HOP & TUMBLE (3–5 Yrs.) 5:00–5:30 P

This class introduces young dancers to upbeat hip hop movement while teaching the fundamentals of beginner tumbling. Dancers will build strength, coordination, flexibility, and confidence through fun routines, basic tumbling skills, and creative movement activities.

MOVE & GROOVE (2–4 Yrs.) 5:30–6:00 P

This class introduces toddlers to movement, music, and group participation in a fun and encouraging environment. Dancers will build coordination and confidence through interactive games, creative movement, upbeat music, and playful props.

PRINCESS BALLET (3–5 Yrs.) 6:00–6:30 P

This class introduces young dancers to basic ballet skills while dancing to fun, kid-friendly songs inspired by favorite princess and Disney movies. Dancers will work on balance, coordination, flexibility, and beginner ballet movements in a magical and creative setting.

HIP HOP & CHEER (5–8 Yrs.) 6:30–7:00 P

This class combines energetic hip hop dance with beginner cheer techniques in a high-energy and supportive environment. Dancers will learn fun routines, cheers, jumps, motions, and performance skills while building confidence, coordination, and teamwork.

Tu	**9/8-9/29**	**$55/session**
	10/13-11/3	
	11/17-12/8	
	1/5-1/26	
	2/9-3/2	

FUTURE FASHION STARS (Grades K–5)

Founded by *Krista Allison*, a 25+ year fashion industry professional, Future Fashion Stars offers a unique curriculum created by fashion professionals and educators. Classes are led by fashion university graduates and students from Kent State University. **Min 12/Max 24.**

• *Concept/Theme* • *Color Palette* • *Fashion Vision Board*
• *Trend Spotting* • *Styling* • *Textiles* • *Illustration*
• *Sustainability* • *Design* • *Upcycling* • *Basic Sewing & More!*

All materials are provided, and students keep their creations! Friends and family are invited to a special fashion show at the end of the series.

Instagram: @FutureFashionStars
Website: www.FutureFashionStars.com
Contact: Krista@FutureFashionStars.com

BEHIND THE SEAMS –

Introduction to the World of Fashion

Love fashion and being creative? Students will create a fashion line from concept to collection while working individually and as a team. They'll be guided step by step through the creative process.

Sa 1:00-3:00 P 9/19-10/17 (No 10/3) $175/student

POP STAR –

Stage Worthy Style

Sparkle and shine while creating stage-worthy style! Students will work individually and as a team to create their own designs from concept to collection.

Sa 1:00-3:00 P 10/24-11/21 (No 10/31) $175/student



RECREATION DEPARTMENT

CONCORD KIDS ART CLUB (Grades 1–5)

Does your child love to create? Kids in **grades 1-5** are invited to join the Concord Kids Art Club for a fun, hands-on art project each week! We'll explore different materials, techniques, and creative projects while making something new together each week. **Both Sessions:** Families may register for both sessions. **Projects will be different each week. Min 5/Max 15.**

The class will be led by *Melissa Nickerson,* bringing professional art instruction and a variety of creative experiences to young artists.

W 4:30-5:15 P 1/13-2/24 $53/student
3/3-4/21 (No 3/24)

SENIOR SOCIALS & PROGRAMS

*All Senior Socials & Programs listed below take place at Concord Community Center (7671 Auburn Road) and are **FREE OF CHARGE** unless otherwise noted. *Pre-registration is required for all programs. Call 440-639-4650 to register!

FOOT CLINIC

Call to Schedule: 440-639-4650

Dr. Joseph Saxon and **Dr. Carissa Sharpe** from **Balance Foot and Ankle Wellness Center** continue to provide foot care services at the Concord Community Center.

Dr. Saxon, a native of Cleveland's east side, is a podiatrist and surgeon who is board-qualified in foot and ankle surgery by the American Board of Foot and Ankle Surgeons. **Dr. Sharpe** is a podiatrist at Balance's University Hospitals Concord Physician Pavilion location and is board certified by The American Board of Podiatric Medicine. As a Lake County resident, Dr. Sharpe enjoys serving her local community, and both providers are committed to providing quality foot care through the Concord Community Center.

Services include routine foot care such as toenail trimming, treatment of ingrown toenails, corns and calluses, and other basic foot and ankle care. Both providers are accepting new patients.

Cost: $30 per visit cash or check

Dr. Saxon dates are Mondays:

2026 Dates: 9/28, 10/26, 11/23, 12/14
2027 Dates: 1/25, 2/22, 3/22

Appointments begin at 5:00 P

Dr. Sharpe dates are Tuesdays:

2026 Dates: 9/1, 9/22, 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 11/17, 12/1, 12/15
2027 Dates: 1/5, 1/19, 2/2, 2/16, 3/2, 3/16

Appointments begin at 1:00 P

Location: Concord Community Center

VOICE YOUR VIEWS

Come listen and learn as we discuss a wide variety of topics selected by the group and facilitated by *Debbie Muzik.* Here we agree to nicely disagree! Call the Recreation Department for more information.

F 1:00-2:30 P Most Fridays Free

TINNITUS SUPPORT GROUP

Sponsored and organized by the Doctors of Audiology and tinnitus specialists at Sounds of Life Hearing Center, this new support group offers education, coping strategies, and peer support for anyone dealing with ringing, buzzing, or ear noise. Free and open to the community. Call 440-579-4085.

W 4:30-6:00 P First Wednesday of the month beginning Oct. 7

WEDNESDAY SENIOR EVENTS

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

ENCORE PRESENTATION with Susan Cannavino. Eleanor Roosevelt's life from birth until the time she finds Lucy Mercer's letters that change her relationship with her husband forever. There is a main focus on how her education in England and the headmistress transforms her from a depressed, introverted young girl lacking confidence into the incredibly confident, self-assured, courageous leader she became.

W 1:00-2:00 P 10/7

BATTLE OF NORMANDY

Join us as experienced WWII reenactor Peter Booth brings the Normandy Invasion to life. Peter will share personal memorabilia from his parents, both WWII veterans, and give us a firsthand look at how American soldiers carried the ideals of 1776, freedom, courage, and sacrifice onto the beaches of Normandy.

W 1:00-2:00 P 10/14

LUNCH & LEARN plus AMERICA 250: PATRIOTS OF CONCORD TOWNSHIP

Join us at **noon for lunch,** followed by a **1:00 PM presentation** from the DAR featuring the stories of Revolutionary War Patriots who helped shape our nation and later settled in Lake County, including several Patriots buried right here in Concord Township. Discover the fascinating lives and contributions of our community's earliest Patriots! Seating is limited.

W 12:00-2:00 P 10/21

BINGO – HALLOWEEN PARTY

Dress up for Halloween and play a round of BINGO with friends.

W 1:00-2:00 P 10/28

NAVIGATING CARE JOURNEY

Topics will include how to create a "when things go wrong" binder and the importance of advanced directives, the different care choices that are available to you including the difference between hospice and palliative care, and how to prepare your home for aging in place.

W 1:00-2:00 P 11/4

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

FRIENDSGIVING – OUR ANNUAL THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION!

If you'd like to contribute a dish, please sign up with the Recreation Department when you register. **Registration is required.** Concord residents may begin registering on **Wednesday, September 2,** and non-residents can register starting **Wednesday, September 16.**

W 1:00-2:00 P 11/18

BINGO – WHITE ELEPHANT

Bring one unwrapped item and join the fun-filled gift exchange BINGO.

W 1:00-2:00 P 12/2

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our last meal of 2026 together will be our annual Holiday Luncheon. **Registration is required** to attend this event and the fee is $8. Seating is limited to the capacity of the room, so register early. Catering by Reserve House. Please register by November 27th. **Please Note:** Concord residents can start registering on **Wednesday, September 2,** and non-residents can sign up beginning **Wednesday, September 16.**

W 1:00-2:00 P 12/16

SOUP AND A STORY

LaDonna Oltmanns is back to teach you how to make delicious hearty soup during the cold winter months. **Max 25 people.**

W 1:00-2:00 P 1/20

TRIVIA – BOOMER EDITION

Join a team and test your knowledge with fun, low-pressure trivia!

W 1:00-2:00 P 1/27

VALENTINE'S CARD MAKING

Share a little kindness and creativity! Join us for an afternoon of card making and create handmade cards for friends, family, or someone special. An optional quick watercolor demonstration will be offered and plenty of creative inspiration. No experience needed – supplies are provided, just bring your imagination!

W 1:00-2:00 P 2/3

WOMEN IN HISTORY – BILLIE HOLIDAY

Experience the remarkable story of legendary jazz singer Billie Holiday, brought to life by Women in History. Through music and storytelling, discover the life, career, and lasting legacy of "Lady Day" and her unforgettable voice.

W 1:00-2:00 P 2/17

BINGO – HEART–THEMED

Celebrate February with heart themed BINGO. Wear something with hearts, red, or pink to celebrate!

W 1:00-2:00 P 2/24

WOMEN IN HISTORY – RUTH BADER GINSBURG

Join Women in History for an inspiring portrayal of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Discover the story of her groundbreaking career, her fight for gender equality, and the legacy she created as a trailblazer who helped shape American history.

W 1:00-2:00 P 3/3

LUNCH & LEARN plus LEPRECHAUN SHENANIGANS

Lunch & Learns presented by Foundations will continue in 2027. Join us for delicious **meal at noon** followed by some **St. Patrick's Day fun at 1 P.** More details to come!

W 12:00-2:00 P 3/17

BINGO – SPRING CLEANING

Bring one item for the prize table.

W 1:00-2:00 P 3/31



2026 OLD STONE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

'America250 Edition'

F	1:00–3:00 P	9/18	**AMERICA250 PUBLIC TOURS**
Sa	7:00–8:30 P	9/26	***FULL MOON OPEN HOUSE***
M	12:00–2:00 P	10/12	**COLUMBUS DAY TOURS**
W	11:30 A–1:00 P	11/11	***VETERANS DAY TRIBUTE – OPEN HOUSE***

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Lake County's Liberty Bell visiting Concord Township.

LIBRARY TUESDAYS WITH MENTOR PUBLIC LIBRARY

The following programs are held on Tuesdays at Concord Community Center.

James Madison: The Forgotten Founder

James Madison played a crucial role in the creation of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Learn more about the fourth President of the United States. *Presented by Mentor Public Librarian, Traci Hoffman.*

Tu 10:00-11:00 A 10/6

Hamilton vs. Jefferson: The Debate That Shaped America

Alexander Hamilton and Thomas Jefferson envisioned two very different futures for the young United States. Their clash over the Constitution, the economy, foreign policy, and the role of government established political divisions that continue to shape American life more than two centuries later. This engaging presentation explores the ideas, personalities, and enduring legacy of America's first great political rivalry, asking why the arguments of the 1790s still resonate today. *Presented by Dr. John Foster, Librarian at Mentor Public Library.*

Tu 10:00-11:00 A 10/13

Booked for Christmas: Folded Book Trees

Transform old books into adorable Christmas trees with this fun and easy upcycling project! Learn simple page-folding techniques to create beautiful festive trees, then decorate them to match your holiday style. *Presented by Sarah, Librarian at Mentor Public Library.*

Tu 10:00-11:00 A 12/1

Library Book Bingo

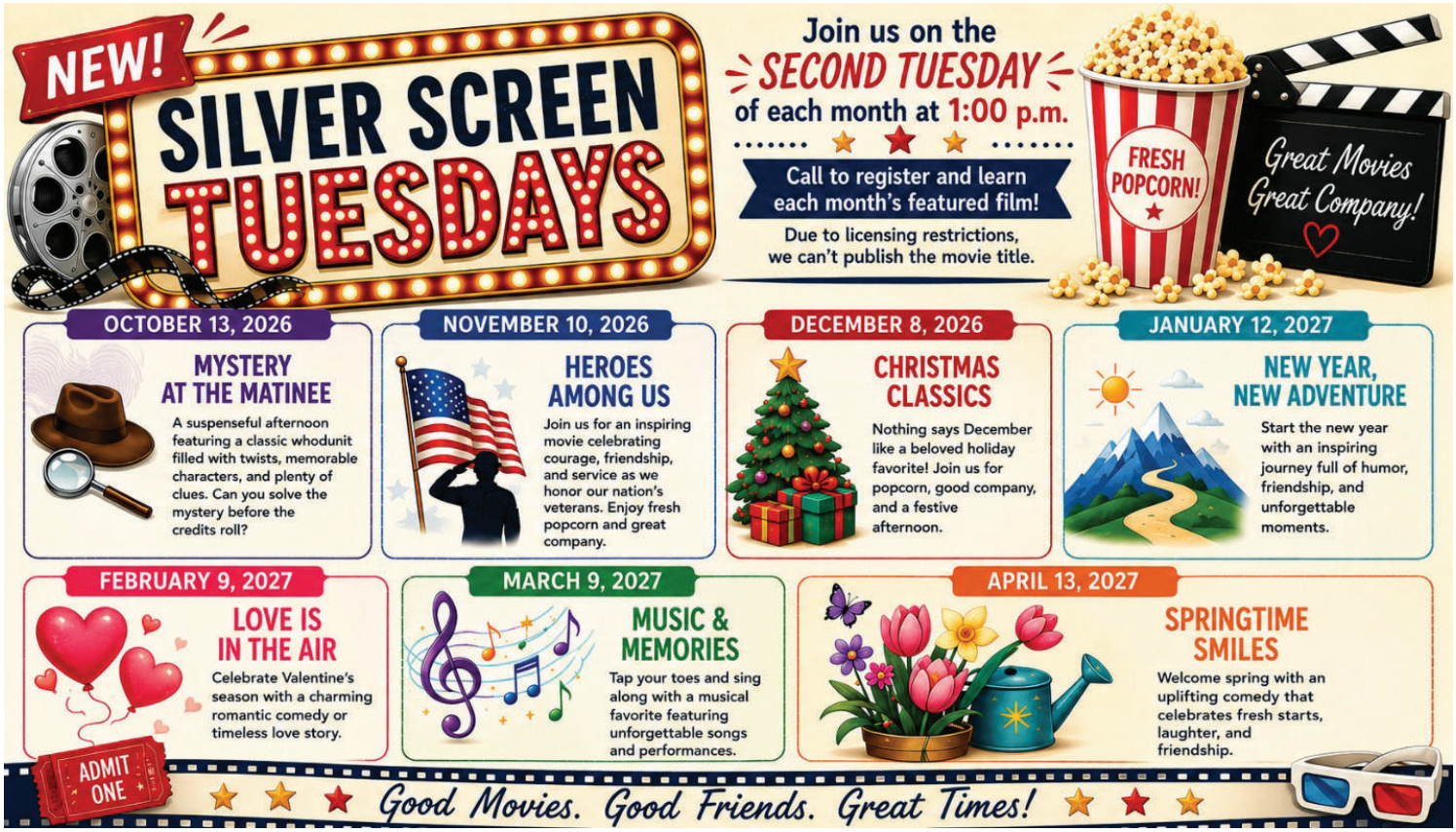
Join us for a morning of Library Bingo! Test your luck with bingo cards featuring popular authors, beloved books, literary characters, and library-themed words. Enjoy a fun, relaxed game with friends, win small prizes, and celebrate all things books and libraries. No reading is required, just bring your bingo spirit! *Hosted by Kelsie, Librarian at Mentor Public Library.*

Tu 10:00-11:00 A 2/2

Rock Around the Clock: 50s & 60s Music Trivia

Take a trip down memory lane and test your knowledge of the unforgettable music of the 1950s and 1960s! From rock 'n' roll pioneers and Motown legends to British Invasion favorites and chart-topping hits, this lively trivia program celebrates the songs and artists that defined a generation. Enjoy friendly competition, fun facts, and plenty of nostalgia. No singing required, but feel free to hum along! *Presented by Dr. John Foster, Librarian at Mentor Public Library.*

Tu 10:00-11:00 A 2/9



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who came out and helped make **CONCORD COMMUNITY DAY** such a wonderful day! From the morning events and parade to the afternoon activities, entertainment, food, raffle, and fireworks, it was great to see so many families, friends, and neighbors enjoying the day together. We are incredibly grateful to our residents, volunteers, sponsors, vendors, community organizations, Service Department, fire and safety services, and everyone who played a part in making the day a success. Thank you for celebrating with us and helping create another memorable Community Day in Concord Township. We're already looking forward to and planning for next year! Mark your calendars now for Saturday, August 7, 2027.









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