

Our Town

July/August 2014

TOWN of WAKE FOREST



Residents can now report issues such as potholes and damaged sidewalks using SeeClickFix on a smartphone or on the town's website.

Reporting issues is easy with SeeClickFix

Another great reason to download the town's app

The Town of Wake Forest is pleased to announce a new program that enables residents to report quality-of-life issues and request town services through an online and mobile interface. Powered by SeeClickFix, the platform allows residents to report neighborhood concerns ranging from damaged sidewalks and potholes to graffiti and malfunctioning traffic signals.

Issues can now be reported through SeeClickFix on the town's website (wakeforestnc.gov/seeclickfix.aspx) or from the home screen on the town's app. To download the town's app, search for 'Town of Wake Forest' on iTunes, in the

iPhone app store or in Google Play.

When submitting issues via mobile app, residents can provide the location, a description and a photo of an issue as they see it in real time. Once the resident submits an issue, the reporter, the town, and anyone 'watching' the area will receive an alert. The town can then acknowledge the service request, route it to the proper department, and update the request once it's been resolved.

"We believe our partnership with SeeClickFix emphasizes the importance we place on communicating with our citizens and responding to their concerns in an efficient and public manner," says Town Manager Mark Williams.

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News highlights

Concert in the Park »

Enjoy an evening of hymns and gospel music at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Rd., on Sunday, Aug. 3, 5 p.m., with The Branchettes. Featuring the talented duo of Wilbur Tharpe and Lena Mae Perry, the Branchette's have performed at the New Orleans Jazz Festival, Merlefest and more. Concert is free. Presented by PineCone: The Piedmont Council of Traditional Music.



Town earns 24th consecutive financial reporting award »

For the 24th consecutive year, the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Wake Forest for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.

Holiday Schedule » Town hall and all administrative offices will be closed Friday, July 4, for Independence Day. Garbage and recycling will not be collected on July 4. Instead, Friday's garbage route will be collected on Saturday, July 5. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/holiday-schedule.aspx for a complete listing of town holidays.



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Community for 34 years



Police warn residents to beware of possible scams

Each year as temperatures start to rise so too do the number of reported scams in our area.

The Wake Forest Police Department is reminding everyone to be aware of door-to-door scams and suspicious persons in their neighborhoods that may be looking to take advantage of them or possibly looking for homes where the residents are not at home. Residents should be aware that town ordinance requires door-to-door solicitors to obtain a permit and produce the town-issued permit upon request while conducting door to door solicitations.

In addition, homeowners should be wary of doing business with a door-to-door salesperson unless they can verify there is a local office and contact number. If they are legitimate, they will provide this information willingly.

Lastly, keep in mind that some people who come to your door may not really be selling anything—they just want you to think they are. In some cases what they're really doing is casing your home—looking for computers or other valuables lying near quick escape routes, checking if you have barking dogs, or if there are signs of a security system. And if they ask to come in for a drink of water, don't let them in!

If you ever feel you are the target of a scam, here's what to do:

- Ask the person to leave. If they don't, call the police department at 919-554-6150 and request that an officer come to your residence.
- Keep all printed information the salesperson gives you. Business cards or other information may help identify the scammer.
- Write down a description of the individual and their vehicle, their license plate number and direction of travel when they leave.

Anyone who witnesses or experiences suspicious activity should contact the Wake Forest Police Department at 919-554-6150. You may remain anonymous.



CHILDREN'S PARADE

Wake Forest celebrates the FOURTH OF JULY

Fireworks, games, live entertainment, and a whole lot more await you at this year's Fourth of July celebration! Now in its 41st year, Wake Forest's Independence Day celebration is one of our area's most eagerly-anticipated summertime events serving up two days-worth of fun and excitement.

★ Fireworks Spectacular

Thursday, July 3; Gates open at 5:30 p.m.
Wake Forest High School
420 W. Stadium Dr.

The Band of Oz, one of the southeast's most popular beach music bands and a 1997 Beach Music Hall of Fame inductee, will again headline this year's celebration. The band will take the stage at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person. Children ages six and under are admitted free. Tickets purchased in advance are eligible for a special discount of 5 tickets for \$20. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/july4.aspx for a list of advance ticket sale locations.

Picnic baskets and coolers are allowed but will be inspected by the Wake Forest Police Department before being permitted inside the stadium. No alcoholic beverages, smoking or pets are permitted on the school campus.

★ Children's Parade

Friday, July 4; 10:30 a.m.
North Main Street to Holding Park

Parade lineup begins at 10 a.m. at the intersection of North Main Street and West Juniper Avenue, near the

Wake Forest College Birthplace. The parade gets underway at 10:30 a.m. and extends from North Main Street to Holding Park, 133 W. Owen Ave.—once again, the site for Art & Games in the Park.

Participation in the parade is free and no registration is required. Bicyclists must wear their helmets.

★ Art & Games in the Park

Friday, July 4; 11 a.m.
Holding Park, 133 W. Owen Ave.

Children of all ages will have the opportunity to create arts and crafts projects, and join in a slew of games and activities offered at Holding Park. Game activities will include sack races, a watermelon seed spitting contest and a pie eating contest.

In addition, Wake Forest police will offer a K9 unit demonstration, while the Wake Forest Fire Department will have a fire truck on display. All activities are free. Concessions will be available at the park.

Fourth of July activities are organized by the Wake Forest Fourth of July Planning Committee, an all-volunteer organization. The event is funded by gate receipts from the previous year's celebration, along with the generous contributions of area businesses and the Town of Wake Forest.

For more information visit wakeforestnc.gov/july4.aspx. Download the town's app to access event information.



Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty make appearances at all three events.

At your service



Bag your leaves and grass clippings

The Public Works Department reminds residents that during spring and summer months, all leaves and grass clippings must be bagged for collection. Bags can be clear or opaque but they must be at least 13-gallon—the size of a standard kitchen garbage can liner or larger. Please do not put yard waste in grocery store shopping bags or inside your roll-out carts.

For more information, visit wakeforestnc.gov/yard-waste.aspx or call the Public Works Department at 919-435-9570.

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources unveils new logo

Say “so long” to the diamond. After nearly 10 years as the symbol for the town’s parks and recreation department, the diamond-shaped logo is being shown the door.

Underscoring its impressive offering of cultural programming, the Wake Forest Parks and Recreation Department is now using the name ‘Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department.’

With this name change, the PRCR Department unveiled a new logo that features the ‘town tree.’



Bond referendum scheduled for November

Wake Forest voters will get the chance to head to the polls on Nov. 4 to weigh in on a \$25.1 million bond that would help pay for projects such as new streets and sidewalks, the second phase of Joyner Park, expansion of Northern Wake Senior Center and greenway improvements.

The bond referendum calls for three ballot questions that voters will consider separately: \$6.3 million for street and sidewalk improvements; \$14.2 million for parks and recreation facilities; and \$4.6 million for greenway improvements.

Though the bond itself would be \$25.1 million, it would contribute to projects worth \$56.6 million. Much of the difference between the amounts is made up by grants.

The bond could require a property tax increase of 2 cents. However, an increase may not be necessary if the town’s revenues increase enough to absorb the costs.

The three improvement areas chosen for the referendum are a continuation of the town’s ongoing vision to improve Wake Forest’s quality of life.

Street and Sidewalk Improvements

Cost: \$6,300,000

Funding will be used to improve pedestrian and motorist travel in Wake Forest. Projects will include:

- widening of Ligon Mill Road, Stadium Drive and Rogers Road
- pedestrian corridors on Wait Avenue, West Oak Avenue and Durham Road

- pedestrian underpasses on Rogers Road, Forestville Road, Ligon Mill Road and West Oak Avenue
- construction of the Northside Loop, Caddell Street and the Harris Road roundabout
- resurfacing of North Avenue

Parks and Recreation

Cost: \$14,200,000

Funding will be used to enhance current facilities. Projects will include:

- E. Carroll Joyner Park (Phase II) development
- Northern Wake Senior Center expansion

Greenway Improvements

Cost: \$4,600,000

Funding will be used to expand the town’s network of trails providing connections to major activity centers. Projects will include:

- construction of the Smith & Sanford Creek Greenway
- phase II construction of the Smith Creek Greenway
- phase I & II construction of the Wake Forest Reservoir soft trail
- phase II, III & IV construction of the Dunn Creek Greenway
- greenway and park signage
- pedestrian bridge to the Cougar soft trail from E. Carroll Joyner Park
- passive and active park connections

To learn more about the Wake Forest Bond Referendum visit wakeforestnc.gov/2014-bond-referendum.aspx.

A bond referendum is a voting process that gives voters the power to decide if a municipality should be authorized to raise funds through the sale of bonds. Bonds make capital projects more affordable and put less stress on the town’s budget.

Notable Numbers Over 4,000 people 'like' the Town of Wake Forest on Facebook (have you liked your town yet?). The town’s app has been downloaded over 10,000 times.

Maximize your Wake Forest experience

By downloading the town’s free app, Wake Forest residents can:

- report non-emergency issues through SeeClickFix
- access important information about popular local events
- reserve important alerts, and much more!

To download the app, search for ‘Town of Wake Forest’ on iTunes, in the iPhone app store or in Google Play.

Summer Arts Program

There’s still time to register for summer workshops at the Renaissance Centre!

Acting Adventures

Ages 4-6. Role-play, theater games and characterization. Students will act out their own stories as well as selections from children’s literature. **July 1, 8 and 15;** 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Class fee: \$45 (three classes). Instructor: Beth Martin (Forest Moon Theater).

Private Brass I

All ages. Trumpet, horn, trombone, tuba and electric. Cathy Gouge 9 to reserve a 30-minute slot. **July 1, 8, 15** (6 sessions) 4-6 p.m. Class fee: \$45. Instructor: Scott Martin.





PLANTING WILDFLOWERS The Town of Wake Forest extends a special thanks to Soccer Genome and Modern Woodmen Fraternal Financial. In May volunteers from those organizations helped plant approximately 200 wildflowers within a special conservation area near the entrance to E. Carroll Joyner Park.

HONOR A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Town requests nominations for Good Neighbor of the Year

Do you know someone who helps to enhance your neighborhood without seeking recognition? You can honor them with a nomination for the 'Good Neighbor of the Year' Award.

Nominees are sought in two divisions: adult and youth (ages 13-18). The nominee must be a resident of Wake Forest and have made a contribution to their community between Sept. 1, 2013, and Aug. 31, 2014.

Nominations must be received no later than Aug. 31, 2014. The Wake Forest Human Relations Council will select the winners. Mayor Vivian Jones will present a plaque to the winners during this year's Good Neighbor Day on Sunday, Sept. 21 at Holding Park.

For a nomination form, visit wakeforestnc.gov/goodneighbor.aspx or contact Virginia Jones at 919-435-9491 or vjones@wakeforestnc.gov.



GOOD NEIGHBOR DAY Award winners will be recognized during the annual community event at Holding Park in September.



Bringing Fiber to the Forest

As of June 5, nearly 2,500 people have filled out the Fiber to the Forest survey highlighting the demand for ultra high-speed fiber service in Wake Forest. Of those respondents, 99% would be interested in 25 times faster (gigabit) download and upload speeds at prices that are competitive to the rates paid for current service.

PREREGISTRATION: Wake Forest residents may now preregister online for high-speed fiber service. Once you submit your address, Wake Forest Fiber will contact you if you reside in a serviceable area. Once your zone reaches 30%, an installation fee of \$225 will be required to activate service.

To register your address, visit wakeforestnc.gov/fiber-to-the-forest.aspx.



been downloaded nearly 5,000 times (3,835 of those are iPhone users).

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Audition Technique Workshop
Ages 8-adult. Learn how to polish your monologue so you can really shine during auditions. **July 8;** 6-8 p.m. (ages 8-15). **July 10;** 7-9 p.m. (ages 16+). Workshop fee: \$50. Instructor: Heather Snow Clark (Forest Moon Theater).

Summer Theatre Conservatory
Rising 6th-9th graders. Led by Burning Coal Theatre Company, students will learn progressive theatre techniques, responsibility and collaboration. **July 28-Aug. 8;** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Class fee: \$350. Instructor: Jonathan Fitts (Burning Coal Theatre Company).

Exploring Creative Writing
Ages 13-17. Budding authors will discuss the basics of character development, story and plot, and work on creative writing exercises. **Aug. 16;** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Workshop fee: \$40. Instructor: Ashley Hogan.

Register for Summer Arts workshops and classes at wakeforestnc.recdesk.com/recdeskportal/ or call 919-435-9560.

For information about the Summer Arts Program contact Centre Specialist Cathy Gouge at 919-435-9567 or cgouge@wakeforestnc.gov.

Residents give feedback regarding Joyner Park

In May the Town of Wake Forest asked residents for input regarding Phase II development of E. Carroll Joyner Park. The Picture Joyner Park online survey and a series of public meetings were held to gain the community's opinions regarding the future of the park. Information gathered through the survey and during these sessions will help identify, develop and evaluate future versions of the Joyner Park Master Plan.

Survey Results

As of June 5, 552 people have completed the Picture Joyner Park survey. Of those participants:

- 43%** would like to see a **community center** added at the park, 19% undecided, 38% opposed
- 71%** would like to see more **greenway trails** added at the park, 20% undecided, 9% opposed
- 49%** would like to have a **cover for the stage** at the amphitheater, 35% undecided, 16% opposed
- 55%** would like to see a **playground** added, 21% undecided, 24% opposed
- 38%** would like to see a **sprayground** added, 25% undecided, 37% opposed
- 19%** would like to see the park **stay the same** with no additions, 14% undecided, 67% opposed
- 37%** would like to see **athletic facilities** added, 15% undecided, 48% opposed

To view the current plan for Phase II visit wakeforestnc.gov/Picture-Joyner-Park.aspx. For more information contact Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Director Ruben Wall at 919-435-9561 or rwall@wakeforestnc.gov.

Alston-Massenburg Center now hosts Fourth Friday Flix

The Alston-Massenburg Center, 416 N. Taylor St., hosts free movie showings on the fourth Friday of each month at 7 p.m. 'Fourth Friday Flix' features a variety of film favorites including children's and family films. The Fourth Friday Flix movie screenings are free and open to the public. For more information, contact the center at 919-554-6189.

WAKE FOREST RENAISSANCE CENTRE

FEATURED EVENTS



Malpass Brothers

Saturday, July 26 ; 7:30 p.m.
\$15 advance, \$18 at the door

The Malpass Brothers are as authentic as home-churned butter, country ham and red-eyed gravy...and every bit as good. Their music is steeped in the legacy of the Louvin Brothers, Johnny Cash, Marty Robbins and Hank Williams, Sr.

Forest Storytelling Festival *Spin Your Tale in Wake Forest, NC* Saturday, Aug. 9

Storytelling concerts and workshops for adults and children will feature the talents of Claire Ramsey, Priscilla Best, E. Gale Buck and Robin Kitson. **10 a.m.** Children's Storytelling Concert (\$5). **11 a.m.** Children's Workshops (\$5). **2 p.m.** Adult Workshops (\$5). **4 p.m.** Open mic. **7 p.m.** Adult Storytellers Concert (\$10). wakeforestnc.gov/forest-storytelling-festival.aspx.

SAVE THE DATES:

The Princess and the Pea Tea
Saturday, Oct. 18; 3 p.m.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater
Saturday, Nov. 8; 7 p.m.

**Bright Star Touring Theater:
The Gift of the Magi**
Saturday, Nov. 15; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Franc D'Ambrosio
Sunday, Dec. 7; 3 p.m.

RECURRING EVENTS

First Friday Flix

First Fridays; 7 p.m. | Free



Free and open to the public, these monthly movies feature a variety of film favorites and genres for children and adults, including comedies, dramas and thrillers, often with a seasonal or historical theme. Call the event line to hear the featured movie of the month. 919-435-9428.

Scrap Happens & Open Craft Night July 18 and Aug. 15; 5-11 p.m. | \$10

Bring some friends and get tangled up with the project of your choosing during this unstructured evening of fun and crafty

magic! This is a great time to gather to finish previous projects, expand on current ones or experience something new with our optional Make & Take project of the evening (\$5 additional).

Carolina Puppet Theater

July 2, 23; Aug. 6, 20; 11 a.m. | \$5

Music and puppetry are used to make these fast paced, interactive shows full of mayhem, a delightful experience for young children. Each month boasts a different show.



Purchase tickets online at wakeforestnc.gov/tickets-events.aspx (convenience fees apply) or at the Renaissance Centre box office, 919-554-1379.

Wake Forest Renaissance Centre | 405 S. Brooks St. | Events Hotline: 919-435-9428
wakeforestnc.gov/renaissance-centre.aspx

Sales tax increase on electricity takes effect July 1

Beginning July 1, 2014, the sales tax on electricity will increase from 3% to 7% and a new sales tax on natural gas will be implemented. The changes in sales taxes will affect all electric and natural gas customers in North Carolina and are the result of the North Carolina Tax Simplification and Reduction Act (House Bill 998) which became law in July 2013.

Behind-the-scenes work continues on Richland Creek Greenway

After heavy rains last summer caused severe erosion, the town announced the closure of the Richland Creek Greenway. A thorough inspection revealed a safety hazard due to the undermining of the greenway and weakened trees. The town closed the greenway until the stream bank could be stabilized and the trail realigned to ensure its safe use.

Since then, town crews have been working on the restoration of the stream. This month the town will meet with engineers to design and permit in-stream structures to stabilize the stream further and reduce stream bank erosion. The design and permitting process is expected to take three months. The town is also working toward acquiring the necessary land to repair and install the missing section of trail.

The town anticipates reopening the greenway in fall 2014. Until that time, the public's continued patience is appreciated. Contact Assistant Town Engineer Holly Miller, hmillier@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9443 for information.

WFTV



Watch it live online

Anyone with internet access can watch WFTV 10 at wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10.aspx. Residents that subscribe to Time-Warner Cable TV service receive the channel. The channel can be viewed on Digital Channel 97.5.

Glad You Asked TOWN OF WAKE FOREST Q&A

Q: How can a rain barrel help me?

A: Rain barrels collect runoff from your rooftop and provide you with water for gardens and landscapes.

By using collected rainwater for your irrigation needs, you'll be ensuring healthier plants while increasing the amount of treated water that is available for drinking, cooking and bathing. You'll also be reducing runoff pollution in creeks and rivers and will be able to water your plants whenever you wish during a watering ban.

A quarter inch of rainfall provides enough runoff from the average roof to fill a typical rain barrel.

Although rain water can be used to irrigate outdoor and indoor plants, including vegetables and fruit trees, and for such things as refilling birdbaths, it should not be used for human consumption.

As a community service, the Town of Wake Forest sells 65-gallon rain barrels to residents for \$90 each at town hall. After purchasing the rain barrel at town hall, you may pick it up at the Wake Forest Operations Center, 234 Friendship Chapel Rd. or have it delivered for free (electric or sanitation customers only).

For more information about rain barrels visit wakeforestnc.gov/rainbarrels.aspx or call Public Works at 919-435-9570.

SAT, AUGUST 9

2014 FOREST Storytelling FESTIVAL

Spin Your Tale in Wake Forest, NC

at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre

WORKSHOPS ♦ STORYTELLING ♦ OPEN MIC

featuring Claire Ramsey ♦ Priscilla Best ♦ E Gale Buck ♦ Robin Kitson

10 am - 1:30 pm Children's Storytelling Concert & Workshops
2 pm - 5:30 pm Adult Workshops & Open Mic 7 pm Adult Storytelling Concert

wakeforestnc.gov/forest-storytelling-festival.aspx

\$5 Children's Concert - \$5 Workshops - \$10 Adult Concert

Purchase tickets online at wakeforestnc.gov/tickets-events.aspx
or at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre Box Office, 405 S. Brooks St., 919-554-1379



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YOUR GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

Third Tuesday | 7 pm
Town Hall Board Room

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

First Tuesday | 5:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

First Tuesday | 7:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

Have agendas delivered directly to your inbox. Sign up at: wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx.

- Watch meetings live on WFTV 10.
- Watch meetings live or on-demand in streaming video: wakeforestnc.gov/government-boardofcommissioners.aspx.
- Watch re-broadcasts of meetings on WFTV 10 at 9 am, 3 pm and 9 pm. daily for up to two weeks after the meeting.

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SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS

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SIGN UP FOR E-NOTIFIER

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