

Our Town

May/June 2014

TOWN of WAKE FOREST



An obstacle course at the Bicycle Safety Fair gives kids a chance to practice their skills.

Gearing up for safe bike riding

Town will host Bicycle Safety Fair at Meet in the Street on Saturday, May 3

May is Bike Safety Month and the Town of Wake Forest is helping raise awareness by sponsoring a free Bicycle Safety Fair on Saturday, May 3, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., in the Brooks Street parking lot of town hall. This year's safety fair is again being offered as part of Meet in the Street.

During the event, participants will be taught safe riding techniques through an obstacle course that recreates real-life situations. The Wake Forest Police Department will facilitate the course.

Visit wakeforestnc.gov/bikesafetyfair.aspx for details.

New bike map now available

Stop by the Bicycle Safety Fair and pick up the new *Bike-Walk-Run Wake Forest* map—a handy guide to local trails. The free map, published by the Town of Wake Forest, highlights bicycle routes in town and ranks the roads based on skill level of the rider from beginner to experienced. Greenways and

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News highlights

Bringing “Fiber to the Forest” » You may have heard news about ultra high-speed Internet service possibly becoming available in our area. Now's your chance to tell us if you're interested by taking the “Fiber to the Home” survey.

In February the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners appointed a task force of communications and computer business industry leaders to advise the town on how to bring this service to Wake Forest homes and businesses. To gauge the community's interest in fiber service, the task force is conducting the online survey.

All Wake Forest residents are invited to take the survey from now through Saturday, May 31. It takes less than five minutes to complete. Go to wakeforestnc.gov/fiber-to-the-home-survey.aspx.

Register for fall baseball and softball in June

Registration for Youth Fall Baseball & Softball and Adult Softball will be held June 2-30. Applications are available at wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation.aspx and at town hall. Call the Parks and Recreation Department at 919-435-9560 for more information.



Holiday Schedule » Town hall and all administrative offices will closed Monday, May 26, for Memorial Day. Garbage and recycling will not be collected on Memorial Day. The week's collection schedule will operate one day later than usual and will extend through Saturday. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/holiday-schedule.aspx for a complete listing of town holidays and the collection schedule for garbage and recycling.



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Holding Park Pool opens Memorial Day weekend

The Parks and Recreation Department will open Holding Park Pool at 133 W. Owen Ave. on Saturday, May 24. Weekend hours are 1-7 p.m. Beginning June 14, the pool will also be open on weekdays from 1-6 p.m. Seasonal pool passes are available at town hall. The cost is \$40 for residents and \$65 for non-residents. Discounts are available for each additional person in the same household. Parent/toddler swim time passes are also available.

Swim lesson registration begins June 2 at town hall. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation.aspx or call 919-435-9560 for information.



Holding Park Pool is open to the public during the summer months.

Meet in the Street Saturday, May 3

The 34th Annual Meet in the Street festival will take place Saturday, May 3, in historic downtown Wake Forest. Presented by the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce, Meet in the Street offers a day filled with food, fun and entertainment, including live music and children's activities.

Over 100 artisans' booths featuring handcrafted arts and crafts and downtown merchants will be set up along South Taylor Street and South Brooks Street from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. along South White Street, where an entertainment stage and beer garden will also be provided.

Admission to Meet in the Street is free. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/meet-in-the-street.aspx. Download the Town of Wake Forest app to access event information on your smartphone.

Over 200 vehicles were on display at last year's show.



Roll into town for the second annual CHARITY CAR SHOW

Wake Forest Downtown, Inc. presents the second annual Charity Car Show on Saturday, June 14, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Produced for the benefit of several area charities, including Wounded Warriors of Wake County, Hospice of Wake County and the Miracle League of the Triangle, this family-friendly event will be held along South White Street in historic downtown Wake Forest.

Sponsored by Chris Leith Dodge/Kia, the exhibit will showcase vehicles of all makes and models, including muscle cars, sports cars, pony cars, classic and antique autos, street rods and trucks.

The car show will also feature a 'Take-Apart-T' Model



T assembly demonstration, the Leith Kia Monster Truck on display, live music, and food and retail vendors.

Admission to the car show is free and open to the public. In the event of rain, the show will be held on Saturday, June 21.

Anyone wishing to enter a vehicle in the car show may register on the day of the event between 8 and 11 a.m. The registration cost is \$20 per vehicle.

For more information, look for "Wake Forest Charity Car Show" on Facebook or contact Downtown Development Director Lisa Newhouse at 919-435-9415 or lnewhouse@wakeforestnc.gov.

To see pictures from last year's car show visit wakeforestnc.gov/2013-classic-car-show.aspx.

Seats available for the 2014-2015 Youth Advisory Board

The Town of Wake Forest is accepting application for the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) for the school year 2014-15. High school students (rising 9-12 grades) are eligible to serve on the YAB. The board meets from August to May on the third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m.

To request an application, or for more information, contact Town Clerk Deeda Harris at dharris@wakeforestnc.gov or call 919-435-9410. Applications are being accepted through 5 p.m. Friday, May 9. Applicants are asked to attend the May 17 meeting at town hall.

Wake Forest 411

VIDEO SERIES

Watch these and other video shorts at wakeforestnc.gov/wake-forest-411.aspx

Job Line offers employment information



Mitzi Franklin

Senior Human Resources Analyst Mitzi Franklin shares a tip about the town's employment process: "If you are away from your computer and cannot view the job listings at our website, please try calling the Job Line at 919-435-9498." The Job

Line is an automated recording available 24 hours a day where you can hear a friendly voice letting you know the status of all available positions at the Town of Wake Forest.

Maple trees affected by gloomy scale insects



Evan Keto

Red maples are a very popular landscape species in Wake Forest but they are being attacked by gloomy scale insects. Urban Forester Evan Keto suggests checking your maple trees for possible infestation of this insect.

"Trees affected by gloomy scale have numerous black dots on the bark that come off when you rub them with your fingernail. If your tree is infested with gloomy scale you'll want to call a reputable tree care company to have it treated."

For tree care information visit the town's Urban Forestry Resource Library at wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation_urban_forestry.aspx.

Red maple leaves

Bicycles *Continued from front page*



sidewalks are also featured. Maps are available at Wake Forest Town Hall, Spoke Cycles, the Factory and the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce.

Please share the road

In North Carolina, the bicycle has the legal status of a vehicle. This means that bicyclists

have full rights and responsibilities on the roadway and are subject to the regulations governing the operation of a motor vehicle.

According to NCDOT, there is no law that requires bicyclists to ride single file, nor is there a law that gives cyclists the right to ride two or more abreast. The Town of Wake Forest encourages all roadway users to drive and ride responsibly and courteously so that cars and bikes may share the road.

National Trails Day & Volunteer Appreciation

Join the Greenways Advisory Board on Saturday, June 7, from 9-11:30 a.m., at E. Carroll Joyner Park to celebrate our trails and the wonderful volunteers who help maintain them. The event is free and open to the public.

Make a birdhouse. Learn about bugs.

Explore several environmental education stations set up throughout the park beginning at 9:30 a.m. Stations will include a bug exhibit from the NC Museum of Natural Sciences, a Home Depot birdhouse

making activity, a raptors exhibit, a visit to the tree nursery, stream education and gardening information. Be sure to pick up a 'passport' when you arrive—participants that have their passport stamped at every station are eligible for a prize. If you have small children, we suggest bringing a stroller or wagon to make it easier to visit all stations.

Volunteers in the Adopt-a-Trail and Adopt-a-Stream programs will be recognized during a program at 9 a.m. Food and live music will also be offered.

Wake Forest will celebrate National Trails Day at Joyner Park on June 7.



Save the Dates July 3: Fireworks Spectacular; July 4: Children's Parade and Art & Games in the Park wakeforestnc.gov/july4.aspx

Six Sundays in Spring

April 27-June 1, 5-7 pm

E. Carroll Joyner Park

Bring a lawn chair, your dog and your friends to E. Carroll Joyner Park at 701 Harris Rd. for free concerts on Sunday evenings.

The Six Sundays in Spring concert series is co-sponsored by the Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department, Wake Forest

ARTS and United Arts of Raleigh and Wake County. The June 1st show is presented by PineCone: The Piedmont Council of Traditional Music.

Rain Location: In the event of inclement weather, concerts will be relocated to the Renaissance Centre, 405 S. Brooks St. Any change in location will be announced by 3 p.m. on the day of the concert. For weather related updates, call the Wake Forest Weather Line at 919-435-9569 or check the Town of Wake Forest Facebook page.



HISTORY COMES TO LIFE

at the Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour

The 2014 Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour will be held Saturday, May 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

With graves dating back to 1837, the Wake Forest Cemetery is a fascinating place to explore and learn about residents from generations past. A great time to visit the cemetery is during the annual tour when docents are on hand to share stories and photographs of loved ones and ancestors buried in the cemetery.

Once again this year, representatives of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be clad in Confederate uniforms and other regalia including Civil War firearms. A Scottish bagpiper and drummer will play throughout the event.

Bring the kids. Parents are encouraged to bring their children.

A special tour-day activity is available at the information table. The activity helps educate young guests about the historical significance of the cemetery as they locate specific places and interesting architectural details on headstones.

The Mangum Cemetery located on North Taylor Street will also be on the tour. Among the many distinguished African-Americans buried there is the famous “Dr. Tom” Jeffries. He built the rock wall that surrounds the seminary campus.

The Wake Forest Cemetery is located at 400 N. White St. Limited parking is available on the grounds. In the event of rain, the tour will be held Saturday, May 17.

Sponsored by the Wake Forest Cemetery Advisory Board and the Town of Wake Forest, the annual tour is free. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/cemeterytour.aspx.



Receive important notifications through email and the app

The town distributes important alerts and timely information through its E-News service. When you sign up for E-News, you'll receive *The Week Ahead*, a weekly calendar of upcoming events, traffic alerts and other important updates through email. To sign up go to wakeforestnc.gov/enews.aspx.

GET THE APP: The Town of Wake Forest app provides you with mobile-friendly information and the option to receive push notifications—important alerts that appear on your home screen. To download the app, search for “Town of Wake Forest” on iTunes, in the iPhone app store or in Google Play.



WFPD joins social media sites

The Wake Forest Police Department is pleased to announce the launch of its new Facebook page and Twitter account. Look for “Wake Forest Police Department” on Facebook and @WakeForestPD on Twitter.



May 4: Walking for Pennies
Vocal harmony with elements of folk, soul and bluegrass



May 11: EG Peters Band
Beach music



May 18: Boneslinger
Old-school R&B and New Orleans Jazz



May 25: Thelonius
Vocal, a cappella eclectic mix of modern musical styles



June 1: Ironing Board Sam
Original and classic blues and R&B

Comments encouraged on the Stadium Drive “Complete Street” project

The Town of Wake Forest will accept comments during an interactive workshop regarding improvements to Stadium Drive and the proposed location of the gateway feature on Thursday, May 22, at the Wake Forest Town Hall. We invite you to stop by town hall any time between 5-7 p.m. and offer your comments. The workshop will be held in the ground floor meeting room which is most easily accessed from the Taylor Street entrance.

The final design will incorporate a “Complete Street” vision along Stadium Drive from Capital Boulevard to North Wingate Street. “Complete Streets” are roadways designed to encourage alternative modes of transportation such as walking and cycling. Some of the benefits to this approach include sustainability of communities and ease of travel.

The preliminary design includes left-turn lanes, a 10-ft-wide multi-use path and sidewalks, high visibility crosswalks and ramps and accessible transit stops. In addition to the Complete Street design efforts, the town will incorporate the design of a resurfacing project for North Avenue, from North Wingate Street to North Main Street.

The town expects to have the final design complete in September 2014. Construction will not begin until funding has been secured.

For more information, contact Senior Planner Candace Davis at 919-435-9513 or cdavis@wakeforestnc.gov.

View the Community Calendar

To view a listing of upcoming events in Wake Forest, visit the Community Calendar on the town’s website. The listing includes local events submitted by non-profit groups and organizations in our area.

Event announcements received at least one week prior to the event will be included in *The Week Ahead*. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/communitycalendar.aspx.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Carolina Puppet Theater

May 22, June 4 and June 18; 11 a.m. | \$5

The wacky Gabardine Sisters and their super-duper star puppet Bartlet put on a fast paced, interactive shows full of mayhem. Each month boasts a different show theme. Shows are geared to children ages 3-7. Tickets can be purchased online or at the Parks and Recreation window in the lobby of town hall. On the day of the event, tickets may be purchased at the door.



First Friday Flix

First Fridays; 7 p.m. | Free

Free and open to the public, these monthly movie screenings will feature a variety of film favorites and genres, including comedies, dramas and thrillers, often with a seasonal or historical theme. Call the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre event line to hear the name of the movie that will be screened: 919-435-9428. Concessions available.



Scrap Happens

May 16 and July 18; 5-11 p.m. | \$10

Area ‘scrappers’ of all levels are invited for an evening of fun, friendship and ‘scrapbooking.’ Tickets can be purchased online and at the Parks and Recreation window in the lobby of the Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St. Seating is limited to the first 85 people who register. Concessions available.



Forest Moon Theater

April 23, May 28, June 25; 11 a.m. | \$5

Talented and energetic, Forest Moon Theater’s acting trio, Beth Martin, Jennifer Schulz and Mitzi Bisette, present ‘The Winds of Change.’ Three unlikely friends—a dog, cat and mouse—live together contentedly in a cottage by the sea. Then one day the winds of change blow through town stirring up trouble when three mysterious gifts appear. Tickets can be purchased online and at the door.



Bill Leslie & Lorica

June 8 | \$15 advance, \$18 day of concert

Well-known to Triangle audiences for his work as a newsman for WRAL, Bill Leslie has also been recognized for his work as a performing musician, composer and arranger. His ensemble Lorica is known for gorgeous original melodies drawn from a blend of Celtic, folk and new age influences.

Rogers Road bridge replacement moved to 2016

The N.C. Department of Transportation was originally scheduled to replace the Rogers Road bridge next year and widen the road from Hope Lutheran Church to Forestville Road within the next 10-15 years. Plans also called for the replacement of the Forestville Road bridge near Heritage High School in 2016.

However, to reduce road closure times and lower construction mobility costs, the Town of Wake Forest requested that NCDOT expedite the Rogers Road widening project to coincide with the bridge replacement project. NCDOT informed the town in March that it could accommodate the request by swapping the Rogers Road and Forestville Road construction schedules.

According to the revised schedule, NCDOT will replace the existing bridge on Forestville Road in 2015. Additionally, the Rogers Road bridge replacement and road widening project is now scheduled for 2016. Once completed, the projects are expected to improve capacity and safety and relieve the bottlenecks that occur in the area during school rush hours.

The town has launched an interactive map on its website that provides useful information about current and scheduled transportation projects in our area. To view the interactive map, visit wakeforestnc.gov/transportationmap.aspx.

For more information, contact Senior Planner Candace Davis at 919-435-9513 or cdavis@wakeforestnc.gov.

Glad You Asked

TOWN OF WAKE FOREST Q&A

Q: What is pickleball?

A: Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America. Imagine taking ping-pong, tennis and badminton and rolling them into one.

Pickleball is played on a badminton-sized court using a paddle and a Wiffle ball. The rules are similar to tennis. People of all ages like to play because it's highly competitive but doesn't involve as much running as tennis.

So where do pickles come in? They don't. While many say that the sport was named after the founder's dog, Pickles, the family acknowledges that the name came from the sport of crew. According to Joel Pritchard's wife, she started calling the game pickleball

because "the combination of different sports reminded me of the pickle boat in crew where oarsmen were chosen from the leftovers of other boats."

In Wake Forest, open-play pickleball is offered indoors at Flaherty Park Community Center on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., September through May. During the summer months, pickleball is played on the outdoor courts at Flaherty Park and at the new pickleball courts at Wake Forest Middle School.

For more information, contact the pickleball ambassador for Wake Forest, Joe Vartanesian, at retired17@gmail.com or call the Flaherty Park Community Center at 919-554-6726.



Pickleball continues to grow in popularity. New players are welcome at Flaherty Park Community Center on Tuesday and Friday mornings.

Inset picture above: Participants keep track of player rotation.

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

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- Watch meetings live on WFTV 10.
- Watch meetings live or on-demand in streaming video: www.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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WFTV



May/June 2014 Programming Schedule

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.

Focus on Wake Forest
daily, top of the hour

Home Grown Power
daily, 8:20 am, 12:20 pm, 7:20 pm

Wake Forest: The Most Rewarding Things
7 am, 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm

State of the Town Address
8 am, 12 pm, 6 pm

The Renaissance of Downtown Wake Forest
7:40 am, 8:40 am, 12:40 pm, 2:40 pm, 6:40 pm, 8:40 pm

Wake Forest History Museum's Women's Oral History
11:30 am, 5:30 pm, 11:30 pm

This Place Matters
daily, 7:30 am, 12:30 pm, 8:30 pm

Board of Commissioners Meeting
live, 3rd Tuesdays, 7 pm; rebroadcast daily 9 am, 3 pm, 9 pm

Board of Commissioners Work Session
live, 1st Tuesday, 5:30 pm

Planning Board Meeting
live, 1st Tuesday, 7:30 pm; rebroadcast for 2 weeks daily 9 am, 3 pm, 9 pm