

Our Town

November/December 2014

TOWN of WAKE FOREST



SECOND TIME AROUND

Renaissance Centre celebrates one-year anniversary with a return performance by Marcus Anderson

The Wake Forest Renaissance Centre will commemorate its first year of bringing extraordinary and diverse cultural arts experiences to the Wake Forest community on Saturday, Nov. 1, during *Another Evening with Marcus Anderson*.

A fan favorite, Anderson's explosive on-stage energy shows in all his live performances. Currently touring with Prince, Anderson has also made several high profile appearances at venues such as Jazz Fest West, The Capital Jazz Fest, Jazz Alley in Seattle, Humphrey's in San Diego and the Seabreeze Jazz Festival in Panama City, Florida.

In addition to Anderson's dynamic performance, the event will include a buffet dinner and cash bar.

Tickets are \$35 in advance and \$40 on the day of the event and include the buffet dinner. Tickets may be purchased online at wakeforestnc.gov/tickets-events.aspx or at the Renaissance Centre box office. A \$2 per ticket processing fee will be added to the cost of any ticket purchased with a credit card.

For more information, call the Renaissance Centre box office at 919-435-9458. Box office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m.

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News highlights

Halloween is always on Oct. 31 »

In Wake Forest, trick-or-treating always occurs on Oct. 31 regardless of the day of the week Halloween falls on. The



Wake Forest Police Department encourages trick-or-treating between 6-8 p.m. and reminds parents and children to observe all safety precautions. wakeforestnc.gov/halloween-safety.aspx



Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 4 »

Don't forget to cast your vote in the 2014 general election. The ballot includes three bond referendum questions for capital improvement projects in Wake Forest and one question for an NC Constitutional Amendment. For voter information and to see the ballot, visit wakeforestnc.gov/voter-election-information.aspx.



Charging Forward » The Town of Wake Forest has installed two new charging stations for electric vehicles in the public parking lot in front of town hall. The charging stations are available for electric vehicle owners to use at no cost.

Wake Forest obtained the new stations thanks to a grant from the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in conjunction with the NC State University Solar Center.



WFPD Turkey Drive is underway

The Wake Forest Police Department is accepting monetary donations through Saturday, Nov. 22, as part of its eighth annual Turkey Drive.

Cash and checks are accepted and will be used to purchase turkeys. Checks should be written to the Wake Forest Police Department.

Donations of frozen turkeys may be dropped off at the Wake Forest Police Department, 225 S. Taylor St., on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The police department will distribute the turkeys while they last on Monday, Nov. 24, from 9-11 a.m., at the Wake Forest Community House.

Anyone wishing to contribute to this year's Turkey Drive should contact Officer M.W. Sattler at 919-795-7270.



Shop With A Cop brings joy to kids

For the 16th year, the Wake Forest Police Department will host a holiday shopping spree for Wake Forest children in need. Approximately 30 children will be paired with a police officer and together they will shop for a winter coat and other items of their choice at Walmart on Dec. 18.

Any individual or organization wishing to make a contribution to Shop With A Cop should contact Officer K.C. Warren at kwarren@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-554-6150.



Wake Forest High School Jr ROTC

FLAG-RAISING

Town honors the sacrifices of deceased Wake Forest veterans at monthly ceremonies

The Town of Wake Forest is joining with several local veterans' organizations to honor the sacrifices of deceased Wake Forest veterans and their families.

At 11 a.m. on the first Monday of the month, from April through November, the town joins with American Legion Post 187, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 187, VFW Post 8466, the Wake Forest Purple Heart Foundation, Marine Corps League 1257 and the Wake Forest High School Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps to host a Memorial Flag-Raising Ceremony in town hall's Centennial Plaza. The public is invited to attend these services.

Wake Forest's first flag-raising ceremony was held on Oct. 6, and paid tribute to Walter "Ervin" Cole, who served in the U.S. Army in World War II. The



Nov. 3 flag-raising will honor Benny Jackson who served in Vietnam. The November ceremony will commence with the retirement of Cole's colors which will be presented to the Cole family by Mayor Vivian Jones.

Names of deceased Wake Forest veterans who may be honored during future flag-raising ceremonies are requested. To be eligible for consideration, the deceased veteran must meet one of the following criteria: 1) joined active duty in Wake Forest; 2) died in Wake Forest; or 3) was a member of a Wake Forest veterans' organization. Contact

Dennis Mecum at 919-327-7887 or cdrpost8466@yahoo.com.

Visit wakeforestnc.gov/memorial-flag-raising-ceremony.aspx to view the photo gallery and a list of upcoming honorees.

Applications accepted for new advisory boards

The Town of Wake Forest is accepting applications for two newly created boards: the Technology Advisory Board and the Cultural Resources Advisory Board.

Completed applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 14. Applications are available in the town clerk's office at town hall and at wakeforestnc.gov/advisory-boards.aspx.

Members of the Technology Advisory Board will serve as advocates in promoting the effective use of technology in town processes and initiatives. Members of the Cultural Resources Advisory Board will

serve as advocates in promoting cultural arts programs and initiatives throughout Wake Forest. Each new board will consist of nine members appointed by the board of commissioners from a list of applicants who have submitted an application.

Applications are also accepted for the Board of Adjustment and the Planning Board. Only residents of Wake Forest and its extra-territorial jurisdiction are eligible to apply.

For more information or to see if there are vacancies on other boards, contact Town Clerk Deeda Harris at 919-435-9413 or dharris@wakeforestnc.gov.

Meet the new urban forester

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources (PRCR) Department is pleased to announce **Jennifer Rall** as the town's new urban forester.



Rall will be responsible for implementing the town's urban forestry program. She will oversee the planting, removal and maintenance of trees located on public property and rights-of-way. She will also be charged with promoting public education initiatives through community-wide landscaping projects and informative seminars.

Jennifer Rall can be reached at jrall@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9565.

It's leaf season!

Please make note of these important guidelines as you prepare your loose leaves for collection:

- Place leaves behind the curb, not in the street or gutter, so they do not interfere with traffic or drainage.
- Do not mix sticks, rocks, pine cones, limbs or other debris with loose leaves. Our vacuum equipment is only designed to pick up leaves—other debris may cause mechanical breakdowns.
- Other yard waste, such as limbs and brush, should be placed behind the curb in a pile separate from leaves.

To track the progress of leaf collection crews, call the **leaf collection hotline** at **919-435-9582**. A recorded message will tell you where crews are working that day.

Bond referendum scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 4

Wake Forest voters will get the chance to weigh in on a \$25.1 million bond for three separate capital projects during the general election

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 \$55 million. Much of the difference between the amounts is made up by grants. Potential projects include new streets and sidewalks, the second phase of Joyner Park, expansion of the Northern Wake Senior Center and greenway improvements.

Assuming voters choose to invest in all three bond

issues and that the town embarked on all three investments at once, the property tax impact could be up to 2 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. However, the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners' intention is to stagger the projects to minimize the tax impact. There are multiple projects included in each bond order. The timing of these projects and the respective debt issuance is expected to be spread out over seven years.

The Town of Wake Forest encourages its citizens to vote and offers voter information, such as how to register and where to vote, at wakeforestnc.gov/election-information.aspx.

For more details about the bond referendum and answers to frequently asked questions, visit wakeforestnc.gov/2014-bond-referendum.aspx. For additional information, contact Finance Director Aileen Staples at astaples@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9461.



Parents Morning Out for busy moms and dads

On Saturday, Dec. 20, the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department will offer fun, supervised activities for children at the Wake Forest Community House. Scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the program is designed to give parents some free time for holiday-related tasks.

Participants will be entertained with crafts, games, a movie and more. The cost

is \$20 and pre-registration is required at Wake Forest Town Hall. Parents are encouraged to register early as there are a limited number of spaces available.

Children must be potty-trained to participate. Snacks will be provided but children must bring their own lunch.

For more information, contact Programs Superintendent Monica Lileton at mlileton@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9563.

Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 2 Remember to set your clocks back one hour and change the batteries in smoke detectors.



Play It Forward, Wake Forest

The town is encouraging residents to "Play It Forward" by participating in the development of the new Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Once developed, the plan will shape the direction of resources over the next 10 years.

Here's how you can help: Log in to the town's community engagement website (engage.wakeforestnc.gov) and offer your feedback on the topics that are presented.

Approximately 3,000 random

households will receive a survey in the mail. If you receive one, please fill it out.

On Nov. 19, GreenPlay, the contractor in the project, will host a Youth Focus Group from 5-6 p.m. and a public meeting from 6:30-8:30 p.m. to report preliminary findings. Both sessions will be held at the Renaissance Centre. We invite you to attend.

For more information, visit wakeforestnc.gov/play-it-forward-wake-forest.aspx or contact PRCR Director Ruben Wall at rwall@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9561.

'TIS THE SEASON

Lighting of Wake Forest

Friday, Dec. 5 ~ 6-8 pm
Wake Forest Town Hall

The holiday season officially begins with the Lighting of Wake Forest. Mayor Vivian Jones will lead a countdown to light the town's Christmas tree followed by the eagerly anticipated arrival of Jolly Old St. Nick. Children can have their picture taken with Santa from 6:30-8 p.m. Free. *Sponsored by Traditions at Heritage Wake Forest. Presented by Wake Forest Downtown, Inc.* 919-435-9415.

Downtown Holiday Open House

Saturday, Dec. 6 ~ 10 am-6 pm
South White Street

Enjoy free horse and carriage rides, visits and pictures with Santa, live entertainment and a variety of special events in the downtown businesses. *Sponsored by the Downtown Merchants Association.*

Lighting of Wake Forest



Christmas Historic Home Tour

Saturday, Dec. 6 ~ 1-7 pm

Tickets are now on sale for the biennial tour of historic homes in Wake Forest. Over 10 historic homes will be open for viewing on this self-guided tour.

Advance Tickets: \$16; **Day Of:** \$22 (taxes included); well-mannered children under 12 admitted free. Purchase advance tickets at wakeforestnc.gov/christmashometour.aspx, or in person at The Cotton Company, For Old Times Sake Antiques, NC Specialty Shops, Olde English Tea Room, WF Chamber of Commerce, WF Coffee Company and WF Town Hall.

Presented by the WF Historic Preservation Commission and the Wake Forest Woman's Club. 919-435-9516.



Calls from Santa

Thursday, Dec. 11 ~ 6-8 pm

Children ages 3-7 can receive a phone call from Santa Claus. Registration forms will be available at wakeforestnc.gov and at town hall beginning Dec. 1. Forms must be received by Dec. 10. Free. *Sponsored by the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department.* 919-435-9560.

Wake Forest Christmas Parade

Saturday, Dec. 13 ~ 1 pm
South White Street and South Brooks Street

The Wake Forest Christmas Parade is the place to experience community spirit at its best! *Sponsored by PowerSecure. Presented by Wake Forest Downtown, Inc.* 919-435-9415.



New Year's Eve Celebration

Wednesday, Dec. 31 ~ 8:30 pm
WF Renaissance Centre

Living the Dream in 2015. Ring in the New Year with friends and neighbors at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre. The evening will feature a variety of sumptuous culinary delights, a top shelf bar, live music, dancing and decadent desserts. **Tickets:** \$100.

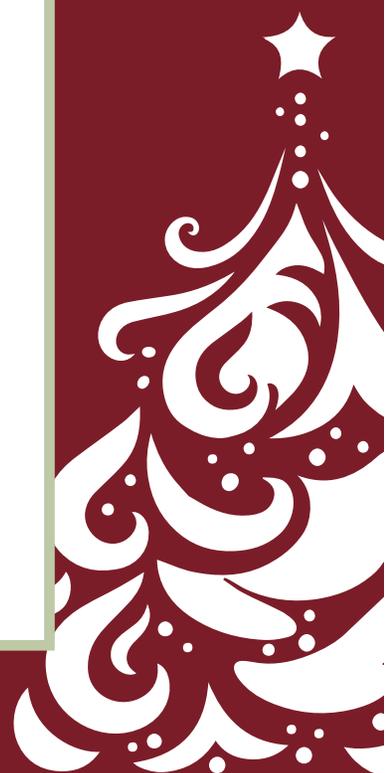
wakeforestnc.gov/renaissance-centre.aspx. 919-435-9458.

Holiday Happenings in Wake Forest

Find more information about these and other holiday events at:

wakeforestnc.gov/christmas-in-wake-forest.aspx

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Wake Forest Town Hall and all other administrative offices will be closed **Nov. 11** for Veteran's Day, **Nov. 27-28** for Thanksgiving, **Dec. 24-26** for Christmas and **Jan. 1** for New Year's Day. Garbage and recycling is not collected on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day or New Year's Day.



WAKE FOREST

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater

Saturday, Nov. 8; 6:30 p.m.

If you love the theater intertwined with a good murder mystery, then you'll love *Totally 80s, Totally Murder!* We encourage you to come dressed in your righteous 80s concert gear—jean jackets and spandex leggings, big hair and bangles! A 'killer dinner' will be carved up just for you.

Advance Tickets: \$30; **Day Of:** \$35 (dinner included).

Gift of the Magi and Other Heartwarming Tales

Saturday, Nov. 15; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Bright Star Touring Theatre. We've scoured the globe for short stories to celebrate the spirit of the season. Enjoy special renditions of *Stone Soup*, *The Drum* and the *Gift of the Magi*. Geared to audiences ages 3-10. **Advance Tickets:** \$9 adult, \$6 child; **Day Of:** \$12 adult, \$9 child.

Franc D'Ambrosio Concert 'Christmas in New York'

Sunday, Dec. 7; 3 p.m.

Franc D'Ambrosio is best known for his role as the Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award winning musical, *The Phantom of the Opera*. His new show celebrates the magic of the holiday season. D'Ambrosio's rich tenor caresses each song in an embrace that he does not relinquish until his final bow. **Advance Tickets:** \$30 adult, \$25 senior (65+), \$12 child (12 and under); **Day Of:** \$35 adult, \$30 senior, \$15 child.



Franc D'Ambrosio

MONTHLY EVENTS

First Friday Flix. First Fridays, 7 p.m. Monthly movie showings feature a variety of film favorites. Call 919-435-9428 to hear the name of the movie. Free.

flix4kidz. Second Mondays; 10:30 a.m. Monthly movie showings geared for ages 3-10. All shows are rated G or PG. Call 919-435-9428 to hear the name of the movie. Free.

Scrap Happens & Open Craft Night. Nov. 14; 5-11 p.m. Gather with other crafters to work on current projects or participate in the 'make and take' project of the month. \$10.

Carolina Puppet Theater. Nov. 5 & 19; Dec. 3 & 17; 11 a.m. Storytelling, music

and puppetry geared for ages 3-7. New shows each month. \$5.

Cinema at the Centre. Nov. 6, Dec. 4; 7 p.m. An evening of film and facilitated discussion. November: *There Will Be Blood*; December: *It's a Wonderful Life*. Free.

Forest Moon Theater presents 'Too Much Noise' Nov. 12, Dec. 10; 11 a.m. Original and interactive children's plays geared for ages 3-7. \$5.

Writer's Night in the Forest. Nov. 13; 7 p.m. Guest authors will discuss their books with the audience. November: Steven Lee Gilbert, *A Lovely, Indecent Departure*. Free.

Purchase tickets online at wakeforestnc.gov/tickets-events.aspx or at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre box office (convenience fees and taxes may apply)

WAKE FOREST RENAISSANCE CENTRE

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wakeforestnc.gov/renaissance-centre.aspx

PROGRAMS

Fall Arts Classes

New classes continue through December. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/renaissance-centre.aspx for complete details and to register for the programs listed below. Call Cathy Gouge for more information at 919-435-9567.

Forest Moon Theater—Introduction to Improv. Nov. 1, 1-4 p.m. Ages 18 and up

Pinsanity Arts & Craft Studio offers a variety of single 'make and take' workshops inspired by pins on Pinterest:

- Nativity Felt Ornaments, Nov. 1, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Ages 13 and up
- Tag Ornaments, Nov. 8, 10 a.m.-noon. Ages 16 and up
- Clothespin Ornaments, Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-noon. Ages 10 and up
- Santa's Secret Workshop for Kids, Nov. 15, 2-4 p.m. Ages 5-8

Explore Zentangle. Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-noon. Ages 8 and up

Ladies Night Zentangle. Nov. 14, Dec. 5; 7-9 p.m. Ages 18 and up

What is zentangle?

Zentangle is a relaxing artform that involves drawing patterns. It's a perfect form of creative expression for any age and any skill level.



JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

Sign up to receive email updates about upcoming programs and events at the Renaissance Centre: wakeforestnc.gov/renaissance-centre.aspx.





Join the discussion at 'Engage Wake Forest'

The town is pleased to announce a new community engagement website where citizens can communicate with decision makers and other residents on the future of our community.

The site will be used as tool to generate new ideas and feedback from citizens.

Current questions posed on Engage Wake Forest include: Do you use the greenways in Wake Forest? If so, how do you get there? What are the top three things you would do to make Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources great?

To join the discussion, visit engage.wakeforestnc.gov.



Repair work to begin on Richland Creek Greenway

Plans are underway to hire a contractor and repair the Richland Creek Greenway. Weather permitting, the trail could re-open as early as mid-December.

The greenway, which begins at the Cottage at Olde Mill Stream, 901 Barnford Mill Road, has been closed for over a year due to potential safety risks associated with severe stream bank erosion and greenway undermining.

Since the greenway's closure Wake Forest has been coordinating with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the NC Division of Water Resources to repair or relocate the greenway. Late last year crews attempted to re-grade and strengthen the stream bank. The effort proved unsuccessful after an unusually wet spring weakened the repaired stream bank.

For more information, contact Assistant Town Engineer Holly Miller at 919-435-9443 or hmiller@wakeforestc.gov or Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Director Ruben Wall at 919-435-9561 or rwall@wakeforestnc.gov.

Glad You Asked TOWN OF WAKE FOREST Q&A

Q: What's the latest on bringing fiber to Wake Forest?

A: RST Fiber has completed conduit installation from Wake Forest to Raleigh, so the backbone of the fiber installation is now in place.

However, due to a four-month delay in receiving permission from the Corps of Engineers to cross the Neuse River on Old Falls of Neuse Road, RST pulled out of Wake Forest and went to work in a large neighborhood in Charlotte. RST's CEO says he expects the company

to complete its work in Charlotte by early December and then return to Wake Forest.

Having completed the installation of the fiber backbone, the next step is the installation of a fiber hut. The Town of Wake Forest has given RST an easement to place the hut on town-owned property in the vicinity of town hall. From there, RST will begin to build its network outwards.

For more information about the Fiber to the Forest initiative, contact Deputy Town Manager Roe O'Donnell at 919-435-9412 or rodonnell@wakeforestnc.gov.



PAINT DISPOSAL TIP: Add kitty litter or sand to the leftover paint and leave the paint can open to dry. Once the paint has dried it can then be discarded in your garbage cart.

2014 Good Neighbors of the Year

The Wake Forest Human Relations Council (HRC) recognizes the exceptional contributions made by these individuals to improve the quality of life in our community. The Wake Forest Good Neighbor of the Year Award is announced at Good Neighbor Day held annually in September at Holding Park.



ADULT CO-WINNERS:

Becky Rogers (left) and Hilda Warren

Rogers and Warren were nominated by their neighbor who said that the two women embody "the true meaning of neighbor." The two have hosted an annual block party for their neighborhood for 22 years.



YOUTH WINNER:

Katie Newhouse

A senior at Wake Forest High School (WFHS), Newhouse is actively involved in school and community organizations. In the fall of 2013 Katie founded the Leo Club at WFHS. The club works to enrich the lives of children in our community through a variety of community service projects.



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Proud to be a Tree City
Community for 34 years

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

- 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.



WFTV 10 can be found at digital channel 97.5. Watch it live online at wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10.aspx.

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