



## Working together to reduce crime

The Wake Forest Police Department reminds residents that by taking preventative measures in your daily activities, you can greatly reduce your chance of becoming a crime victim.

- Always be aware of your surroundings and the people who are around you.
- If you have a cell phone, carry it with you when walking or driving.
- If you walk at night, take a friend with you.
- Carry only the money you'll need on a particular day.
- Park in well-lighted areas with good visibility and close to walkways, stores and people.
- Make sure you have your key out as you approach your door.
- Always lock your car, even if it's in your own driveway; never leave your motor running.

Report suspicious behavior or activity by calling 919-556-9111.



## Carnival for the Kids: April 7-12 in the Home Depot parking lot

Come out for a great time and a great cause! Presented by the Wake Forest Police Department, Carnival for the Kids raises money for police projects that benefit children in our area.

For more information, contact Off. Scott Graham at sgraham@wakeforestnc.gov.



SEE THEM AT SIX SUNDAYS The Gravy Boys will perform May 31 at E. Carroll Joyner Park during the Six Sundays in Spring free concert series scheduled for April 26-May 31.

# SHOW YOUR TALENT

Talent competition is underway. Finalists will perform during Six Sundays in Spring concert series.

Move over, American Idol: Wake Forest ARTS is looking for local talent to perform at its signature Six Sundays in Spring concerts.

Designed as a showcase for the myriad of talent in the area and a fundraiser, Wake Forest ARTS is inviting performers of all ages and genres to enter the Wake Forest Has Talent! competition.

"Whether you're a singer, a band, a juggler or a comedian—we want to hear from you!" says Mary Petretich, president of the board of Wake Forest ARTS.

The competition will begin with performers submitting videos to Wake Forest ARTS. Contestants simply upload their audition video to YouTube, and email the link to

info@wakeforestarts.org. The deadline for submissions is midnight on March 31, 2015. A jury of arts professionals and Wake Forest ARTS board members will select finalists from the videos submitted. Finalists will be notified by April 15.

Wake Forest Has Talent! is open to any performer or group who is able to perform live during one of the first five concerts in the Six Sundays in Spring concert series (April 26-May 24). Contest finalists will perform before or after the professional musicians who take the stage at 5 p.m. These concerts are free to the public and held at E. Carroll Joyner Park in Wake Forest.

For complete rules and contest information visit [wakeforestarts.org](http://wakeforestarts.org).

## Save these dates...



May 2

**35th Annual Meet in the Street—Live music, artisans booths, beer garden and children's activities.**

Downtown Wake Forest



May 9

**Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour—Gain insight into the lives of residents from generations past.**

Wake Forest Cemetery



June 20

**Charity Car Show—Open show includes custom, muscle, sports, pony, antique automobiles, street rods and trucks.**

Downtown Wake Forest

## Williams to be honored at reception

The Wake Forest Board of Commissioners will honor Town Manager Mark Williams during a retirement reception on Sunday, April 19, from 3-5 p.m. at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre for the Arts. Williams' retirement will cap a 36-year career in public service, the last 22 as town manager. He will retire at the end of April.

"Mark is leaving huge shoes to fill," said Mayor Vivian Jones. "He has earned the respect and admiration of town staff and our entire community. We will all certainly miss him and the steady leadership he has provided."

The community is invited to attend the reception.



## Join your neighbors on Nextdoor

### The social network for neighborhoods

The Town of Wake Forest and the Wake Forest Police Department have partnered with Nextdoor to connect directly with residents in neighborhoods.

Free for both Wake Forest residents and the town, Nextdoor is a social network that allows neighborhoods to establish their own private Nextdoor websites.

Residents who join their neighborhood websites can share information about neighborhood events, garage sales, lost pets and other information. In addition, the town and the police department post news advisories and announcements about programs to Nextdoor websites within Wake Forest.

To date, 56 Wake Forest neighborhoods have started their own Nextdoor website which is accessible only to residents who verify that they live in the neighborhood.

Residents interested in joining their neighborhood's Nextdoor website can visit [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com) and enter their address.



MAD DASH 10,000 eggs will be hidden at this year's Easter egg hunt.

# EGG HUNT

Annual egg hunt is Saturday, March 28

The Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources (PRCR) department will host its annual egg hunt for children ages 12 and younger on Saturday, March 28, at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road. Over 10,000 eggs will be hidden this year.

The egg hunt begins at 10 a.m. starting with the youngest participants (0-3 years) and will continue at approximately 15-minute intervals for different age groups ending with ages 10-12 at approximately



10:45 a.m.

Bring your own basket and arrive early for good parking!

### Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt for special needs kids

Following the first round of Easter egg hunts, the town will host its first ever Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m. for children with disabilities. The egg hunt offers a fun, safe, family-friendly environment for children who may have difficulty participating in a traditional egg hunt. Bring a buddy to help if needed.

In the event of rain, all hunts will be relocated to Flaherty Park Community Center, 1226 N. White St. Call the Wake Forest Weather Line at 919-435-9569 for updates.

All Easter egg hunts are free. For more information, call the PRCR department at 919-435-9560.



TOWN of WAKE FOREST

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-board-of-commissioners.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/government-board-of-commissioners.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](http://wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10.aspx).

## STAYING INFORMED

### Choose your news with E-NOTIFIER

When you subscribe to the town's free email service, E-Notifier, you can specify the type of news you receive in your inbox. Select from a menu of topics including police advisories, traffic alerts, meeting agendas, special event reminders and more.

Signing up or modifying your selections is easy. Go to [wakeforestnc.gov/notifier.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/notifier.aspx) and enter your email address. You will then be offered the lists to which you can subscribe. You may change your preferences at any time.



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# Our Town

March/April 2015

TOWN of WAKE FOREST



Visitors to downtown Wake Forest learn about their natural environment at Dirt Day.

# WAKE FOREST OUTDOORS

3 upcoming events are geared to getting outside and digging in the dirt



Put away the snow shovels and bring out the trowels and spades. Wake Forest kicks off spring with three events that focus on Mother Earth.

## Arbor Day Saturday, March 21

The Town of Wake Forest will hold its annual tree seedling giveaway during the Arbor Day Celebration on Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road. Up to 1,600 tree seedlings, including blackgum, wax myrtle, yellow poplar and mockernut hickory, will be distributed to residents free of charge

during the event.

Pick up your tree seedling and then explore the Arbor Day Expo where you can find information about trees, gardening and the environment provided by local organizations.

Stay for the ceremony at 11 a.m. when the Urban Forestry Board announces the winners of the Green Medal Awards of Excellence. The town anticipates receiving the Tree City USA designation for the 36th year.

Visit [wakeforestnc.gov/arbor-day.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/arbor-day.aspx) or contact Urban Forestry Coordinator Jennifer Rall at [jrall@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:jrall@wakeforestnc.gov) or 919-435-9565.

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POSTAL CUSTOMER

## News highlights

### Wake Forest earns budget presentation award »

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) recently named the Town of Wake Forest as the recipient of the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its fiscal year 2014-15 budget.

To view the town's Annual Budget visit [wakeforestnc.gov/budget.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/budget.aspx).



### Holiday Schedule »

Town hall and all administrative offices will be closed Friday, April 3, for Good Friday. Garbage and recycling will be collected as usual. Visit [wakeforestnc.gov/holiday-schedule.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/holiday-schedule.aspx) for a complete listing of town holidays and the collection schedule for garbage and recycling.

### April is National Volunteer Month »

The Town of Wake Forest deeply appreciates the many efforts of community volunteers who plant trees, organize events, clean up greenways, and help with a multitude of other tasks that collectively make our town a truly special place.

To see a list of ways to get involved in the community visit [wakeforestnc.gov/volunteer-opportunities.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/volunteer-opportunities.aspx).



The Fourth of July Celebration is organized entirely by volunteers.

At your service

# OUTDOORS (continued from page 1)



### Bag your leaves in spring and summer

Loose leaf collection service which is offered during the fall and winter months will end Friday, March 13. Beginning Monday, March 16, 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.

Loose leaf collection will resume in September. For more information, visit [wakeforestnc.gov/yard-waste.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/yard-waste.aspx) or call the public works department at 919-435-9570.

### State of the Town Address now available

Mayor Vivian Jones' 2015 State of the Town Address can be viewed online at [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov) or on WFTV 10.

## 2 Dirt Day Saturday, April 4

Celebrate an outdoor lifestyle at the second annual Dirt Day in downtown Wake Forest. A variety of demonstrations and activities will be offered on gardening, landscaping, camping and exercise. Entertainment, music and a children's area with free activities will also be offered. The event will take place on South White Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For more information, visit [wakeforestnc.gov/dirt-day.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/dirt-day.aspx) or contact Downtown Development Director Lisa Newhouse at [lnewhouse@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:lnewhouse@wakeforestnc.gov) or 919-435-9415.

For details about Wake Forest Outdoors, visit [wakeforestnc.gov/wake-forest-outdoors.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/wake-forest-outdoors.aspx).

## 3 HerbFest April 17-19 and April 24-26

HerbFest offers the largest selection of non-GMO organic herbs, heritage tomatoes, heirloom vegetable plants and locally grown perennials for our climate. Learn about herb crafts and cooking with herbs. Free face painting, live music and pony rides will be offered on Saturday, April 18. HerbFest hours are Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. HerbFest is held at 525 S. White St. in downtown Wake Forest.

For more information, visit [herbfest.net](http://herbfest.net) or contact Bob Johnson at [bobjohnson@medfaxinc.com](mailto:bobjohnson@medfaxinc.com) or 800-937-3993.

### Town seeks tree stewards

The Town of Wake Forest is seeking volunteers with a passion for trees, a desire to learn, and an interest in becoming a tree steward in our community.

Participants will receive free training on proper planting techniques, tree identification, pruning and fertilization at the Tree Steward Workshop on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at town hall. Volunteers that successfully complete the training will become Town of Wake Forest Tree Stewards.

The workshop is free but participants must register in advance and pledge to contribute at least four hours of service within one year of their training. Many opportunities for service will be offered.

To register, visit [wakeforestnc.recdesk.com](http://wakeforestnc.recdesk.com) and search for "Tree Steward Workshop" in the list of programs.



## Bridge replacement projects underway



Construction on the Forestville Road Bridge is expected to begin in April.



The N.C. Department of Transportation has scheduled four bridge replacement projects in the Wake Forest area through August 2016. The projects are part of NCDOT's efforts to improve the overall condition of the state's bridges.

### Purnell Road Bridge

Work has begun on the project to replace the bridge on Purnell Road that spans Horse Creek. The bridge is considered structurally deficient and functionally obsolete, which means that although the structure remains safe to use, it has required constant repairs and should be replaced.

The closure of the bridge, which is expected to last until June or July 2015, will send motorists onto a signed detour route using Capital Boulevard, Jenkins Road and Thompson Mill Road.

### Forestville Road Bridge

Construction on the Forestville Road Bridge is scheduled from April through August 2015. Once completed, the project is expected to improve capacity and safety and relieve the bottlenecks that occur in the area during rush hours.

A detour route (pictured at left) will direct traffic through South Main Street in Rolesville via Burlington Mills Road and Rogers Road.

Drivers are urged to allow extra time for traveling through these areas and to pay attention to construction and detour signs. Residents are advised that construction dates are tentative and subject to change.

For information about Operation Bridge Exchange, including timelines, project maps and detours, visit [wakeforestnc.gov/operation-bridge-exchange.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/operation-bridge-exchange.aspx).

### BRIDGE REPLACEMENT TIMELINE

2015	2016
<b>Purnell Road:</b> Feb-June 2015 <b>Forestville Road:</b> April-August 2015	<b>West Oak Avenue:</b> July-December 2015 <b>Rogers Road:</b> March-August 2016
<b>Purnell Road</b> <b>FEATURES:</b> new 2-lane bridge will have design standards that are up-to-date <b>CONSTRUCTION:</b> Feb-June 2015	<b>Forestville Road</b> <b>NEW FEATURES:</b> 3-lane bridge with a 5' wide sidewalk on the west side (near Heritage High School) plus a pedestrian underpass <b>CONSTRUCTION:</b> April-Aug 2015
<b>West Oak Avenue</b> <b>NEW FEATURES:</b> 3-lane bridge with a 5' wide sidewalk on the east side and a 10' wide multi-use path on the west side plus a pedestrian underpass <b>CONSTRUCTION:</b> July-Dec 2015	<b>Rogers Road</b> <b>NEW FEATURES:</b> 5-lane bridge with a 5' wide sidewalk on both sides plus a pedestrian underpass <b>CONSTRUCTION:</b> March-Aug 2015

\*Construction dates are subject to change due to inclement weather or unexpected changes in work schedules.



**MURDER ON THE HIGH SEAS** It's a Mystery, as featured in *Southern Living*, will perform an original murder mystery at the Renaissance Centre for the Arts.

## All new murder mystery dinner theater presents CRUISIN' FOR CLUES

Tickets are now on sale for the Murder Mystery Dinner Theater "Cruisin' for Clues" on Saturday, March 14, at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre for the Arts, 405 S. Brooks St.

The show will be performed by It's A Mystery's professional troupe of seven actors who will bring to life exciting characters with colorful backgrounds and questionable motives. The sophisticated plot that ensues will provide the audience with clues to help you pin down the perpetrator or perpetrators of a dastardly deed.

Designed for patrons ages 18 and older, this crime-solving theatrical production will include a "killer" three-course dinner that features a salad, barbecue chicken, roast beef with au jus, garlic mashed potatoes, roasted vegetables, dinner rolls, cherry cobbler, Swiss chocolate cake and iced tea.

The Renaissance Centre will also provide a cash bar with a variety of beer and wine. Attendees are invited to come dressed in their most fun Caribbean cruise wear. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and dinner will be served starting at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 in advance and include dinner.

Tickets may be purchased at the Renaissance Centre Box Office or online at [wakeforestnc.org](http://wakeforestnc.org). Box office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - noon and 1-5 p.m.



### Night of Improv "Catch the Spring Fever"

On Saturday, March 7, at 7 p.m., Forest Moon Theater presents a Night of Improv at the Renaissance Centre. The Transactors along with the Estessentials Teen Improv troupe will perform short-form improv based on audience suggestions. The content is appropriate for children and adults. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children ages 12 and younger.

### MONTHLY EVENTS

**Carolina Puppet Theater.** March 4, 18; April 9, 22; 11 a.m. Storytelling, music and puppetry geared for ages 3-7. New shows each month. \$5 plus tax. Children under 2 are admitted free.



**Cinema at the Centre.** March 12, April 9; 7 p.m. An evening of film and facilitated discussion. Free.

**First Friday Flick.** First Fridays, 7 p.m. Monthly movie showings. Free.

**flix4kidz.** Second Mondays; 10:30 a.m. Monthly movie showings geared for ages 3-10. Free.

**Forest Moon Theater presents 'Miserella Finds Her Manners'** March 14, April 11; 11 a.m. Original and interactive children's play geared for ages 3-7. \$5 plus tax.

**Free at Three.** Second Mondays; 3 p.m. Movie showings geared for the over fifty crowd. Free.

**Scrap Happens & Open Craft Night.** March 13, April 10; 5-11 p.m. in the Arts Annex. Gather with other crafters to work on current projects or participate in the 'make and take' project of the month. \$10 plus tax.

**TGIF Dance Party!** March 27, April 24. Family Dance: 7:30-9 pm. Adult Dance: 9-11 pm. \$5 plus tax with cash bar from 9-11 pm.

**Writer's Night in the Forest.** March 19, April 16; 7 p.m. Guest authors discuss their books with the audience. Free.



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 Events Hotline 919-435-9428  
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[wakeforestnc.org](http://wakeforestnc.org)

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## Town honors Wake Forest High School Cougars ~ The football team was invited to march to town hall last month where they were greeted and congratulated by town leaders. Their hard work on the field carried them to the state championship game.



Wake Forest High School Cougars

### Register now for summer programs

Registration is underway for summer camps and enrichment programs offered by the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources (PRCR) department. Camps are available in art, theater, music, engineering with LEGO®, athletics and more.

#### Full Day Summer Camp Program

Camp Nahele, a full day recreational program, is offered at the Wake Forest Community House from June-August for

children ages 6-12.

For more information about programs and athletic leagues, view *RecConnect*, the program guide, at [wakeforestnc.gov/recconnect.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/recconnect.aspx).

Register for programs at [wakeforestnc.recdesk.com](http://wakeforestnc.recdesk.com) or call 919-435-9560 for more information.



### Memorial Flag Raising resumes in April

The 3rd Memorial Flag Raising on Monday, April 6, will honor **Roger Marvin Hockaday** who served in the Army and died in WWI. The public is invited to attend the services beginning at 11 a.m. in town hall's Centennial Plaza.

From April through November, the town joins with local veterans organizations to pay tribute to the service and memory of deceased Wake Forest veterans. During the monthly ceremony, the

Wake Forest High School JROTC raises the service flag representing the military branch in which the honoree served. The flag flies in Centennial Plaza throughout the month. For more information, visit [wakeforestnc.gov/memorial-flag-raising-ceremony.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/memorial-flag-raising-ceremony.aspx).

