

Our Town

January/February 2013

TOWN of WAKE FOREST

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CHILDREN'S PARADE Families are invited to dress up and join in the downtown parade.

Mardi Gras Street Festival

Come celebrate the new streetscape in downtown Wake Forest ~ Feb. 9

Sponsored by the Town of Wake Forest, the Downtown Revitalization Corporation, and Wake Forest ARTS, this free, family-friendly event will celebrate the new and improved South White Street in historic downtown Wake Forest.

The Mardi Gras Street Festival, scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., will offer activities for children and adults, including a children's parade, face painters, live

music, entertainment, games, and much more.

The highlight of the festival is sure to be the Mardi Gras Children's Parade led by a local high school jazz band. The lineup will begin at 1 p.m. in Centennial Plaza, in front of Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St.

Families are encouraged to flex their creative muscles and dress up in their best Mardi Gras garb, make a mask, or take advantage of the free face painting that will be offered in the town hall lobby. Youngsters are invited to walk, ride their

bicycles or be pulled along in a wagon. Participation is free and no registration is required, but bicyclists must wear their helmets.

The parade route will extend from town hall, up East Owen Avenue, and north along South White Street before ending at the Depot Parking Lot, 110 S. White St.

In addition, participating downtown merchants will offer special discounts and activities throughout the day.

Visit wakeforestnc.gov/mardi-gras-street-festival.aspx or call 919-435-9400 for details.

News highlights

New town map now available

» Residents and visitors are invited to pick up a free Wake Forest map in the lobby of town hall, 301 S. Brooks St., or the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce, 350 S. White St. The maps are a joint project of the chamber, the town and the Wake Forest Downtown Revitalization Corporation. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/wake-forest-map.aspx.



Mark the new year with a 2013 Wake Forest calendar

» The 2013 *Trees & Treasures of Historic Wake Forest* calendar is available for \$15 at town hall and at various shops in downtown Wake Forest. Order the calendar online at wakeforestnc.gov/marketplace.aspx. All proceeds go to the restoration of the Ailey Young House, a historic landmark on North White Street. Published by the Wake Forest Historic Preservation Commission.



Register for ball leagues in February

» Registration for youth baseball, softball, T-ball, Dream League baseball and men's softball will be held Feb. 1-28. Registration forms are available at town hall and at wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation.aspx. Registration for men's church softball league will be held March 1-29. Co-rec church softball league registration will be held May 1-31. Call 919-435-9560 for more information.



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Proud to be a Tree City
Community for 33 years

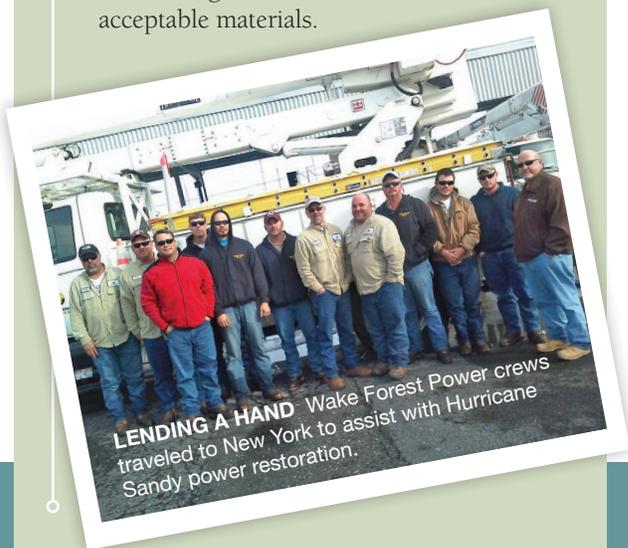
Make recycling part of your annual tradition

The Town of Wake Forest encourages residents to recycle natural Christmas trees. All Wake Forest residents whose yard waste is collected by the town may participate in the "Treecycling" program. Please remove all decorations, tinsel, nails, stands and bags from the tree and set it behind the curb for collection.

By recycling Christmas trees, Wake Forest saves space at the landfill and offers a valuable commodity to its residents. The trees are ground into mulch and offered for free to residents upon request. For details, contact Betty Pearce at 919-435-9570 or bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov.

Don't throw out those lights!

Strings of incandescent holiday lights can be recycled at the North Wake Multi-Material Recycling Facility at 9029 Deponie Dr. off Durant Road in Raleigh. Visit wakegov.com for a full list of acceptable materials.



LENDING A HAND Wake Forest Power crews traveled to New York to assist with Hurricane Sandy power restoration.

Join us for the 2013 State of the Town Address & Dinner

MAYOR
Vivian
Jones



Mayor Vivian Jones will deliver her 2013 State of the Town Address on Monday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m., during the Fifth Annual State of the Town Address & Dinner. Presented by the Wake Forest Rotary Club, the event will be held at Wake Forest Presbyterian Church, 12605 Capital Blvd.

During her remarks, Mayor Jones will highlight the town's key accomplishments in 2012 and outline the goals Wake Forest will strive towards in 2013.

Entertainment will be provided during the

dinner portion of the program.

All residents are invited to attend this event. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased online at wakeforestnc.gov/marketplace.aspx through Thursday, Feb. 14. Beginning Monday, Jan. 21, tickets will also be available at Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St., and the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce, 350 S. White St.

Note: You may attend the address without purchasing a dinner ticket. If you are not eating dinner, please plan to arrive no earlier than 6:45 p.m.

The State of the Town Address will be recorded and replayed on WFTV 10 throughout March. It will also be available in streaming video on the town's website at wakeforestnc.gov. A text

version will be posted at wakeforestnc.gov/2013-state-of-the-town.aspx.

For more information, contact Public Information Officer Bill Crabtree at 919-435-9421 or bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov.



Art After Hours offers a fun evening out

With new sidewalks and lighting in place, there's never been a better time to experience the best of all that downtown has to offer. On the second Friday of every month, enjoy live music, art and free horse and carriage rides during Art After Hours from 6-9 p.m. in downtown Wake Forest. For more information, visit wakeforestdowntown.com or call the DRC at 919-435-9415.

Notable Numbers: 825 turkeys were distributed during the police department's annual turkey drive ~ 1,300 people attended the Historic Home Tour ~ 12,000 people came downtown for the Wake Forest Christmas Parade

calendar of EVENTS

Flaherty Open House

Friday, Jan. 25, 6:30-8:30 pm
Flaherty Park Community Center, 1226 N. White St.

Come see what the Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department has to offer! Meet class instructors, ask questions and register for programs. Instructors will offer demonstrations and current program participants will perform. For more information, call 919-435-9560.

Mardi Gras Street Festival

Saturday, Feb. 9, 11 am-4 pm
South White Street

Live music, face painting and a children's parade. wakeforestnc.gov/mardi-gras-street-festival.aspx. Free.

2013 State of the Town Address & Dinner

Monday, Feb. 18, 6 pm
Wake Forest Presbyterian Church, 12605 Capital Blvd.

Presented by the Wake Forest Rotary Club. Tickets:

\$15. wakeforestnc.gov/marketplace.aspx.

Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Seedling Giveaway

Saturday, Mar. 16, 10 am-2 pm
E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Rd.



PHOTO BY KERRY WILKEN

The Urban Forestry Board will distribute eastern redbud, river birch and Southern catalpa seedlings to residents. All seedlings are free, while supplies last. Green Medal Awards will be announced. wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation_urban-forestry.aspx.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, Mar. 16
E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Rd.

Over 3,000 eggs will be



The number one way to save money and conserve energy:
Air seal and insulate your home.
 Caulking around windows and weather stripping doors will prevent heat from escaping the home.
 For more tips, visit energysaver.gov.

Urban Forestry Board seeks nominations for Green Medal Awards

The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board is requesting nominations for the 2013 Green Medal Awards of Excellence. The Green Medal Awards recognize individuals, groups and businesses that promote good environmental stewardship and excellence in service, while demonstrating a commitment to the enhancement of Wake Forest's urban forest.

Green Medals are awarded in the following categories: Civic, Corporate, Program or Project, and Community Forester. Nomination forms are available at

wakeforestnc.gov/park-recreation_urbanforestry_greenmedalawards.aspx and at town hall. The deadline to submit a nomination is 5 p.m., Monday, Feb. 4. For more information, contact Urban Forester Evan Keto at 919-435-9565.



Winter Coat Drive

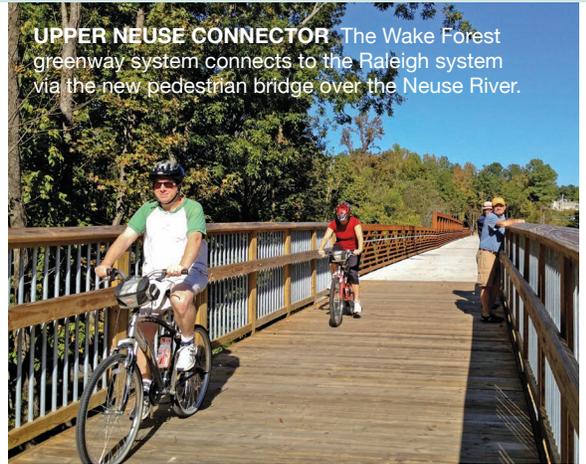
The Wake Forest Youth Advisory Board is planning a winter coat drive in the coming months. Look for details to be announced soon regarding where to drop off your gently used winter coats.

What's next for greenway planning?

Town staff are in the preliminary stages of planning for 2.4 miles of greenway trail along Smith and Sanford Creeks and approximately 1.25 miles of sidewalk and multi-use path in the vicinity of Heritage Elementary, Middle, and High Schools.

The town will pursue grants during the spring and fall of 2013 to secure funding to help complete the 2.1 mile section just north of the Smith Creek Greenway-Burlington Mills section.

Phase 1 of the Dunn Creek Greenway is complete. Work on Phase 2, the Downtown Connector, is slated to begin during winter 2013. The project will include design and construction of a 10-foot-wide greenway



UPPER NEUSE CONNECTOR The Wake Forest greenway system connects to the Raleigh system via the new pedestrian bridge over the Neuse River.

(approximately .3 miles) from the NC 98 Bypass (Dr. Calvin Jones Highway) pedestrian culvert north to town property and spurs to the west connecting to existing sidewalks within Deacons Ridge and Cardinal Park subdivisions.

To see the Open Space & Greenways Plan visit wakeforestnc.gov/residents-planning-greenwayopenspace_test.aspx.

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

Glad You Asked

TOWN OF WAKE FOREST Q & A

Where is the Depot Parking Lot and how did it get its name?



The Depot Parking Lot is the town-owned lot at 110 S. White St. between NC Specialty Shops and Backfins Crabhouse. In addition to parking, the lot is frequently used for events. Free horse and carriage rides depart each month during Art After Hours from the Depot Parking Lot.

If you stand in the lot and look just over the railroad tracks, you'll notice a small brick building. Now occupied by ChurchNet, this building originally served as the train depot for students arriving and departing Wake Forest College in the early 1900s. Hence the name, Depot Parking Lot.

The lot received a well-needed makeover last month. It was combined with an adjacent parking area making entry and exit much easier.

www.wakeforestnc.gov/communitycalendar.aspx

hidden. Hunts begin at 10 a.m. (ages 3 & younger), 11 a.m. (ages 4-6), 1 p.m. (ages 7-9) and 2 p.m. (ages 10-12). Rain location: Flaherty Park Community Center, 1226 N. White St. 919-435-9560. Free.

Six Sundays in Spring
Sundays, April 28-June 2; 3-7 pm, E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Rd.

Free concert series sponsored by Wake Forest Parks & Recreation, Wake



Forest ARTS and United Arts of Raleigh & Wake County.

Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour
Saturday, May 11, 9:30 am-12:30 pm. Wake Forest

Cemetery, 400 N. White St.
 Gain insight into the lives of residents from generations past. Sponsored by the Wake Forest Cemetery Advisory Board. 919-435-9570. wakeforestnc.gov/cemeterytour.aspx. Free.





Watch it live online

Anyone with internet access can watch WFTV 10 at www.wakeforestnc.gov/channel10.aspx. Residents that subscribe to Time-Warner Cable TV service receive the channel on their television.

Jan/Feb Schedule

Focus on Wake Forest
daily, top of the hour

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

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

Wireless Research Center of NC (3-min)
daily, 8:30 am, 2:30 pm, 6:30 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

Open play basketball and volleyball offered at Flaherty Park gym

Have some energy to burn on a cold winter's day? The Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department offers open play basketball and volleyball in the Flaherty Park gymnasium located at 1226 N. White St.

The open play schedule is posted each month at wakeforestnc.gov/residents-parksrecreation_facilities_flaherty_center.aspx. Open play is free. Make sure to check



in at the Flaherty Park desk before entering the gym.

For more information, call 919-554-6726.

Share your family's story at the Cemetery Walking Tour

The Wake Forest Cemetery Advisory Board is seeking family members or friends to tell the history of loved ones that are buried in the Wake Forest Cemetery. If you or a family member are interested in speaking at the Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour on Saturday, May 12, or would be willing to

provide information for others to represent the family, please contact Betty Pearce at bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9570.

To access online burial records, or for more information about the cemetery and the walking tour, visit wakeforestnc.gov/residents-public-works_cemetery.aspx.

Town sees surge in apartment construction

The Wake Forest Planning Department has seen a surge in apartment developments over the last year. Nearly 1,000 units have been approved in three separate projects in town (two off Rogers Road in Heritage and one off Star Road).

In addition, the Woodfield Creek Apartments development (288-unit apartment units) is under construction at the intersection of Caveness Farms Avenue and Ligon Mill Road. As part of this project, Ligon Mill Road will be extended from the current dead end (next to Walmart) to Caveness Farms Avenue.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is Jan. 21



Town hall and all other administrative offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 21 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Recycling and garbage will be collected as usual.

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: www.wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx.

- 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.

STAYING INFORMED

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RIBBON CUTTING New pavers, railings, landscaping and street lamps were installed to update the town's historic business district.

A giant step taken toward revitalizing downtown Wake Forest

Thank you for your support and patience over the last eight months during the transformation of South White Street. The street was officially reopened at a ribbon cutting just moments before the Wake Forest Christmas Parade.

The South White

Streetscape is a significant step in the Renaissance Plan for the Heart of Wake Forest that was developed in 2003. This publicly driven plan encourages revitalization and reinvestment in historic downtown.

To see the Renaissance Plan visit wakeforestnc.gov/residents-planning_renaissancemasterplan.aspx.