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WAKE FOREST COMMUNITY PLAN OPEN HOUSE JAN. 27

WAKE FOREST, NC – January 22, 2009 - The Town of Wake Forest is hosting a special town meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 27 to discuss the [Wake Forest Community Plan](#). The “Drop-In Open House” will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 pm at the Northern Wake Senior Center, 235 E. Holding Ave.

The Jan. 27 meeting is the third in a series of planned town meetings. Previous sessions were held April 19, 2007, and Nov. 15, 2007.

For nearly two years Wake Forest has been in the process of preparing a new Community Plan. Upon adoption, the plan will influence decisions about commercial development, arts and culture, parks, recreation and open space, transportation improvements, and community appearance - just to name a few.

The Community Plan Steering Committee has developed a draft plan that includes vision statements and polices to promote the following:

- Keeping a small town feeling and identity
- Promoting a more walkable and bikeable community
- Creating an expanded park and open space system
- Directing balanced, compatible commercial development
- Encouraging affordable, quality residential development
- Enhancing Wake Forest as a destination for arts and culture
- Facilitating a vibrant, pedestrian friendly downtown

Although it plans to present a proposed plan to the board of commissioners in the next few months, the steering committee is soliciting comments from Wake Forest citizens first.

During the Jan. 27 meeting, the draft vision statements, policies, and action agenda will be posted on the meeting room wall in the form of a walk-around questionnaire. Members of

the steering committee, Town staff and Consulting Planner Glen Harbeck will be available to answer questions and hear comments first hand.

Since the meeting is a “drop-in open house format” attendees are invited to come and go as they please.

For more information about the Wake Forest Community Plan, contact Wake Forest Planning Director Chip Russell at (919) 554-6142 or visit the Town’s website at <http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/communityplan.aspx>.

Wake Forest residents can track the progress of the Community Plan by visiting the Community Plan blog at http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/communityplan_blog.aspx.

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