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TOWN HALL GRAND OPENING CELEBRATION SEPT. 10

WAKE FOREST, NC – August 31, 2010 – The Town of Wake Forest will celebrate the official grand opening of its new town hall with a community concert and ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, Sept. 10. The event will be held in Centennial Plaza, 301 S. Brooks St., the gateway to the new facility named in honor of Wake Forest’s 2009 Centennial Celebration.

The festivities get underway at 5:30 p.m. with a concert featuring performances by the Wake Forest Singers, “The Street Genie” Freddy Greene, the Heritage Middle School Chorus, and the Dance Attic dancers.

The ribbon cutting ceremony will begin at 6 p.m. with the presentation of colors by American Legion Post #187 and the singing of the national anthem by local favorite Laura Cashwell. Mayor Vivian Jones, Town Manager Mark Williams, and Parks & Recreation/Public Buildings Director Susan Simpson are scheduled to offer remarks. NBC 17 News Anchor Melanie Sanders will serve as the program emcee.

Following the ribbon cutting, attendees who purchased an engraved brick paver will assemble in Centennial Plaza for a commemorative photo.

A reception and self-guided tours of the new 44,000-square-foot facility will follow. Employee tour guides will be stationed throughout town hall to answer questions and explain some of the environmentally-friendly and sustainable aspects of the building. A video tour of the four-story facility will be featured on the building’s television monitors.

The new town hall is expected to earn LEED Gold certification – or possibly, Platinum. Efficient lighting, heating, and cooling systems; innovative storm water controls and rainwater harvesting techniques; and the use of local and eco-friendly building materials incorporated as sustainable practices into the overall design will effectively reduce the Town’s use of water and energy and lower its environmental footprint.

The town hall grand opening has been planned as part of September’s regularly scheduled Art After Hours. Several downtown businesses will offer special activities and discounts

throughout the evening as part of the community-wide celebration. Weather permitting, free horse and carriage rides will be provided along South White Street courtesy of the Downtown Revitalization Corporation.

The Wake Forest Town Hall Grand Opening is free and open to the public. Free parking for this event is available in several designated areas in the vicinity of town hall, including Renaissance Plaza.

A complete list of participating businesses, along with a downloadable building tour brochure and public parking map are available on the Town's website at www.wakeforestnc.gov/newtownhall_grandopening.aspx.

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