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Annual 4th of July Celebration Begins July 3

Fireworks, games, live entertainment, and a whole lot more await you at this year's [4th of July Centennial Celebration](#).

Now in its 37th year, Wake Forest's 4th of July Celebration is our area's most eagerly-anticipated summertime event serving up two days' worth of fun and excitement for the entire family. And this year the festivities are a part of the 2009 Wake Forest Centennial Celebration, so there's even more reason for you and your family to join in the festivities.

The excitement gets underway Friday, July 3 at Wake Forest-Rolesville High School's Trentini Stadium. Gates open at 5:30 pm and admission is \$5 per person. Children ages six and under are admitted free. Advance tickets are on sale at several locations throughout Wake Forest, including The Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce and The Wake Weekly. As a special offer, buy four tickets in advance and get your fifth ticket free!

- [Click here for directions to Wake Forest-Rolesville High School](#)

Handicap parking will be provided on the school campus but regular parking will be limited due to ongoing construction. Additional parking will be available, however, on the campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Also due to the construction, spectators are urged to pay close attention to the new gate entrance along



Rock Springs Road. Just be sure to follow the directional signs.

Concessions, including hamburgers, hot dogs, Chick-Fil-A Sandwiches, cheese steaks, and sausage & peppers, will be available at Trentini Stadium. Picnic baskets and/or coolers are allowed but will be inspected by the Wake Forest Police Department before being permitted inside. No alcoholic beverages are allowed.

The Band of Oz will again headline this year's celebration. Other performances will include Don Carrington's Parachute Team, the Wake Forest Singers, and the Friendship Chapel Choir.

But what would a 4th of July Celebration be without fireworks?

Not to worry! This year's fireworks spectacular promises to be bigger and better than ever and is sure to provide a thrilling end to an unforgettable evening.



The fun continues on Saturday, July 4 with the annual Children's Parade. The lineup begins at 10 am at the intersection of North Main Street and West Juniper Avenue, near the Wake Forest College Birthplace. The parade will begin at 10:30 am along North Main Street.

All area youngsters are invited to hop on their bicycles or be pulled along in a wagon as part of a "walking parade" designed just for them! Participation in the Children's

Parade is free, but bicyclists must wear their helmets!

This year there's one major change to the Children's Parade. Rather than making a loop on North Main Street, the parade will continue down to Holding Park for Art-in-the-Park and Games-in-the-Park.

Beginning at 11 am, children of all ages can create a variety of cool arts and crafts projects, and join in a slew of games and activities, including a watermelon seed spitting contest, sack races, and tug-of-war - just to name a few.

This year's celebration is sure to be a once-in-a-lifetime experience for both the young and the young at heart! All of the 4th of July Centennial Celebration events and activities are alcohol-free, so everyone is sure to have a great time.

For more information, contact Rhonda Alderman at (919) 812-9121 or fireworklady@aol.com.

July 4th Safety Tips

The Town of Wake Forest wants to ensure that citizens enjoy a safe Fourth of July weekend. Wake Forest residents are

Independence Day Holiday Schedule

The Wake Forest Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day. Yard waste collection will be suspended Friday, but police and garbage & recycling services will not be interrupted.

Yard waste normally collected on Thursday and Friday will be collected Wednesday and Thursday. In order to ensure that all neighborhoods are serviced properly, the Town of Wake Forest encourages residents whose yard waste collection day is Thursday or Friday to leave their yard waste at the curb by 7 am Wednesday. Please avoid placing items on or near mailboxes, utility boxes, utility poles, or other fixed objects.

Town offices will re-open Monday, July 6 at 8 am and the normal yard waste collection schedule will resume. For more information about [Town of Wake Forest Sanitation services](#), contact [Betty Pearce](#) at (919) 554-6120.

[Wake Forest Bus Service](#) will alter its operations on July 3. The Wake Forest Loop will offer normal service on Friday, but the Wake Forest-Raleigh Express will not operate. Regular service will resume on Monday, July 6. For more information about Wake Forest Bus Service, contact Eric Keravuori at (919) 554-6122.

For information throughout the year concerning the Town of Wake Forest's holiday schedules and activities, visit the Town News section of the Town's website at www.wakeforestnc.gov/news_index.aspx.

Find Us on Facebook

The Town of Wake Forest recently created a profile on the popular social networking site [Facebook](#) to assist with its outreach and communication efforts.

The Town's Facebook profile is an innovative way of sharing information with area residents who are linked in to the site. Facebook users can join networks organized by city, workplace, school, and region to connect and interact with other people.

Anyone who is interested can become a "fan" of the Town of Wake Forest and allow information to come directly from the Town to their own Facebook profile. Less than 24 hours after the creation of its Facebook profile, Wake Forest already had nearly 50 fans.

reminded that Section 14-69 of the Code of Ordinances prohibits the use of any and all fireworks inside the Town limits, unless approved by the Town of Wake Forest.

Citizens are encouraged to be vigilant in their outdoor barbecue activities. The US Fire Administration recommends declaring a three-foot "safe zone" around the grill to help keep children and pets away from the grill area at all times. Grills should be positioned away from siding, deck railing, and out from under the roof eave and overhanging branches. For more information and tips on fireworks and outdoor fire safety, visit the US Fire Administration online at www.usfa.dhs.gov.

Residents are reminded that Wake Forest Police Department maintains a 24-hour number for non-emergency requests. This number was established to keep 9-1-1 lines open for true emergencies. For non-emergency assistance from the Wake Forest Police Department, please call (919) 554-6150. In the event of an emergency, call (919) 556-9111.

“We are always looking for new ways to communicate with our residents and keep them informed, especially considering all the good things that are happening in our community,” said Public Information Officer Bill Crabtree.

“The Facebook profile serves as a wonderful complement to our other communications tools by enabling us to bring information directly to people who are interested in what’s happening in Wake Forest.”

"Fans" of the Town of Wake Forest will be able to find out about upcoming events, such as the 4th of July Centennial Celebration, learn about important town news, and check out photos from around the community.

Current Facebook users who want to become "fans" of the Town of Wake Forest can search for the [Town of Wake Forest profile](#) on the site, and click the link to "become a fan."

Coyote Sighting Reported in Holding Ridge

On Sunday, June 28, 2009, the Wake Forest Police Department received a report of a coyote sighting in the area of the Holding Ridge Subdivision.

The police department reminds citizens that the Wake Forest Code of Ordinances prohibits hunting, trapping, and the discharge of firearms in Wake Forest. Citizens are urged to call the Wake Forest Police Department at (919) 554-6150 or Wake County Animal Control at (919) 212-7387 if they are experiencing damage caused by, or unusual behavior on the part of a coyote or any other wild animal. Trained and experienced animal control personnel will assess the situation and determine the best course of action.

Experts say early summer offers more coyote sightings due to increased daytime activity, but coyotes usually pose no threat to people or pets.

To prevent conflicts with coyotes the NC Wildlife Commission offers the following tips:

- Secure garbage in containers with tight-fitting lids, and take them out on the morning of pick up, not the night before. Coyotes and other wildlife will scavenge trash.
- Don't feed or try to pet coyotes. Feeding a coyote rewards it for coming in close proximity to people. Once a coyote becomes habituated, it loses its natural wariness of people and may become bold and aggressive.
- Protect your pets by keeping them inside, leashed, or inside a fenced area.
- Install coyote-proof fencing around your home to protect unsupervised pets.
- Feed pets indoors or remove food when your pet is finished eating outside. Coyotes and other wildlife are attracted to pet food left outdoors.
- Keep bird-feeder areas clean. Use bird feeders that keep seed off the ground. Coyotes are attracted to small animals congregating on the ground. If coyotes are frequently seen, remove all feeders.
- Close off crawl spaces under sheds and porches. Coyotes and other wildlife may use these spaces for resting and raising young.
- Cut back brushy edges in your yard, which provide cover for coyotes.

- Don't be intimidated by a coyote. Maintain its wariness by throwing a small object, such as a tennis ball, at it, making a loud noise, or spraying it with a hose. Let it know it is unwelcome near your home.
- Clear fallen fruit from around fruit trees.
- Educate your neighbors. Your efforts to prevent coyote conflicts will be less effective if some neighbors are still providing food.

Public Hearing on Community Plan July 7

The Town of Wake Forest will hold a public hearing on the [Wake Forest Community Plan](#) on July 7, 2009. The hearing will begin at 7:30 pm and will be held in the Board Chambers at the Wake Forest Town Hall, located at 401 Elm Ave.

The July 7 public hearing will mark the beginning of the public review process of the draft Community Plan. Wake Forest residents can view or download the plan and track its progress by visiting the Community Plan blog on the Town's website at www.wakeforestnc.gov/communityplan_blog.aspx.

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

Developed by the Community Plan Steering Committee, the draft plan 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

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 www.wakeforestnc.gov/communityplan.aspx.

Town Seeking Candidates to Fill Unexpired Advisory Board Terms

Numerous opportunities exist for Wake Forest citizens to become actively involved in the town's development. Issues related to various interests are reviewed by appointed citizen boards before action is taken by the Wake Forest [Board of Commissioners](#).

Due to a number of recent member resignations, applicants who live inside the Wake Forest town limits are sought to fill the following unexpired advisory board seats:

[Cemetery Advisory Board](#)

Applicants are sought to fill one in-town seat which expires Dec. 31, 2010. The Cemetery Advisory Board consists of nine members. Its purpose is to advise the Board of Commissioners and Town staff in matters affecting cemetery policies and improvements. The Cemetery Advisory Board meets at 7 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the Board Chambers at Town Hall.

[Human Relations Council](#)

Applicants are sought to fill two in-town seats which expire Dec. 31, 2009, and Dec. 31, 2011, respectively. The Human Relations Council (HRC) consists of nine members whose duties are to encourage understanding and good will between all citizens regardless of race, sex, religion, creed, nationality, or economic status, and thus promote the general welfare of the Town. The HRC meets at 7 pm on the fourth Thursday of each month at various locations throughout Wake Forest.

All members are appointed by the Board of Commissioners.

Any citizen living inside the Wake Forest town limits who is interested in serving on either of these advisory boards may obtain an [application](#) by contacting Town Clerk Deeda Harris at (919) 554-6190 or via email at dharris@wakeforestnc.gov or by visiting the Town's website at www.wakeforestnc.gov.

Completed applications may be mailed or delivered to the Wake Forest Town Hall, 401 Elm Avenue, Wake Forest, NC 27587 or faxed to (919) 554-6195 and must be received no later than 5 pm Friday, July 17, 2009.

The Board of Commissioners will interview candidates during its work session on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2009. Advisory Board appointments will be announced during the Aug. 18, 2009, Board of Commissioners meeting.

For more information about these advisory board openings, contact Town Clerk [Deeda Harris](#) at (919) 554-6190.

- [Click here to download an Advisory Board Application](#)

Application Deadline for 2009-10 Youth Advisory Board Extended to July 6

The [Town of Wake Forest](#) has extended the deadline to July 6 for area high school students interested in serving on the 2009-10 Youth Advisory Board (YAB) to submit their completed applications.

Applications are available in the Town Clerk's office at Town Hall and on the Town's website at www.wakeforestnc.gov/government/youthadvisoryboard.aspx. Completed applications must be delivered to Town Clerk Deeda Harris, Town of Wake Forest, 401 Elm Ave., Wake Forest, NC 27587.

YAB applicants will be expected to attend the July 7 [Board of Commissioners](#) work session to be formally introduced and describe why they wish to serve on the YAB. The meeting gets underway at 5:30 pm.

Only high school students (grades 9 – 12) are eligible to serve on the YAB. The YAB is comprised of nine members - five of whom must live in the Town limits. YAB members serve one-year terms, but may be re-appointed.

The YAB researches issues of importance to young people in the community, makes presentations about its findings to the Board of Commissioners, and holds informational and/or fun events for area youth.

The YAB meets on the third Saturday of each month at 9 am at Flaherty Park Community Center. The first meeting of the newly appointed YAB will be Aug. 15, and the year for the YAB will coincide with the school year - August through July.

The Board of Commissioners will announce the official appointments to the YAB during its regular meeting on July 21.

For more information, contact Town Clerk Deeda Harris at (919) 554-6190 or via email at dharris@wakeforestnc.gov.

National Night Out August 4

On Tuesday, August 4 neighborhoods throughout Wake Forest are invited to join the [Wake Forest Police Department](#), Target, and thousands of communities across the United States for the 26th Annual National Night Out.



National Night Out (NNO) teams law enforcement agencies with citizens, community leaders, civic groups, and local businesses to promote safe, healthy neighborhoods. NNO is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime programs; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.



The Wake Forest Police Department and Target, the national sponsor for NNO, are marking the occasion by hosting a "National Night Out Parking Lot Party" from 5 pm to 9 pm at the Wake Forest Target Superstore, 12000 Retail Drive.

The Parking Lot Party promises something for everyone including food and special prizes, as well as fire, police, and EMS vehicle displays. Area church choirs will also perform and an Army National Guard helicopter will fly in and make what is sure to be a memorable landing.

The police department will sponsor a child identification booth where parents can have their children photographed and fingerprinted. "Safe Kids" child safety seat technicians will also be on hand to demonstrate the proper installation of child safety seats and community crime prevention officers will distribute information on topics such as vehicle security, home security, and personal safety.

The police department will also offer a K-9 demonstration and D.A.R.E. presentation, share information on upcoming Community Watch initiatives and provide rosters designed to help new neighborhoods develop their own Community Watch programs.

For more information on this year's NNO Parking Lot Party, contact [Officer S. Graham](#) at (919) 554-6150.

Save These Dates

Over the next several months, the Town of Wake Forest is sponsoring a number of exciting events. Be sure to go ahead and mark your calendar, so you don't miss them!

September 12 - Bicycle Safety Fair

The Town of Wake Forest is partnering with the Wake Forest Kiwanis Club and Warren, Perry, Narron, Shackelford & Mackay, P.L.L.C. to sponsor a free [Bicycle Safety Fair](#) on Saturday, Sept. 12, from 10 am to 3 pm, in the parking lot of the Wake Forest Boys & Girls Club, 325 S. Wingate St.

The Bicycle Safety Fair is designed to teach safe bicycle riding skills to children ages five to 14 and their parents. During the event, Cyclesafe.org staff and other adults with cycling experience will be working with children on safe riding techniques through an obstacle course that re-creates real-life situations. The course will help participants practice scanning for automobiles, develop correct riding techniques, offer intersection safety tips and teach children how to avoid road hazards such as tree limbs, pot holes, and rocks.

For more information, contact Town Planner [Candace Davis](#) at (919) 554-4895.

September 20 - Good Neighbor Day

The Wake Forest [Human Relations Council](#) will sponsor the 4th Annual Good Neighbor Day on Sunday, September 20. The event will be held from 1 pm to 4 pm at [Holding Park](#), 133 W. Ave.

Good Neighbor Day assembles people from all walks of life for a day of food, fun, and family entertainment. By bringing together a mix of cultures, music, ages, and ethnicities, the event celebrates diversity and promotes goodwill among all of Wake Forest's citizens.

Over 1,000 Wake Forest-area residents have participated in Good Neighbor Day since its inception in 2006. Offering food, dancing, local musicians, a disc jockey, face painting, storytelling, prizes and recreational activities for both children and adults, this family-oriented celebration promises something for everyone.

For more information, contact HRC member Allyson Rayfield at (919) 996-9945.

October 4 - E. Carroll Joyner Park Grand Opening & Concert in the Park

You're invited to join us on Sunday, Oct. 4 as we celebrate the official grand opening of [E. Carroll Joyner Park](#), 701 Harris Road, with a grand opening ceremony and a special Concert in the Park featuring The Swang Brothers, formerly known as Edsel 500.

The grand opening ceremony is scheduled to begin at 2 pm and will be followed by the Concert in the

Park at 3 pm.

Offered by PineCone, the concert is co-sponsored by the Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department and United Arts of Raleigh & Wake County. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy some Country, Rockabilly, and Blues.

For more information, contact Parks & Recreation Director [Susan Simpson](#) at (919) 554-6182.

Be sure to follow E-News in the coming months for more information about these and other upcoming events.

Calling All Purple Heart Recipients!

All Wake Forest-area veterans who have earned a Purple Heart are invited to a dinner in their honor on Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 5:30 pm. This Veteran's Day dinner will be held at the Ledford Center on the campus of SEBTS. Family members and widows or widowers of recipients are also invited.

If you or someone you know lives in Wake Forest and has been awarded a Purple Heart, please contact [Greg Harrington](#) at (919) 554-6150 or [Chip Russell](#) at (919) 554-6142.



Compressed Natural Gas Filling Station Coming Soon

In March 2008, Deputy Town Manager Roe O'Donnell contacted the NC Division of Air Quality (NCDAQ) to inquire about obtaining a compressed natural gas filling station no longer in use. The NCDAQ agreed to make the \$350,000 station available to the Town of Wake Forest at no cost provided the Town made the station available for use by the public.

Wake Forest agreed, acquired the station, and purchased two previously-owned Ford Crown Victorias and three

Honda Civics from NCDAQ. All five vehicles are NGV's or Natural Gas Vehicles and will serve to jump-start the Town's NGV fleet.

Installation of the natural gas filling station is nearly completed. Located on the corner of South White Street and East Holding Avenue, the facility should be open to the public by early July. Once the station opens, anyone can fill his/her NGV at any time of day by using a credit card.

For more information, contact [Roe O'Donnell](#) at (919) 554-6121.

Year-Round Lawn Irrigation Water Conservation Rules

In September 2008, the Raleigh City Council approved [permanent everyday water conservation rules](#) as recommended by the Water Conservation Advisory Council. The rules apply to Wake Forest customers and all other customers using water from the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department, including

Raleigh, Garner, Knightdale, Wendell, Zebulon, and Rolesville.

Customers using automatic or non-automatic irrigation systems may water their lawn from 12 am to 10 am on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for addresses ending in an odd number. Wednesday, Friday and Sunday are watering days for even-numbered addresses. Hose end sprinklers may be operated from 6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm on the same odd and even address schedule as sprinklers systems. No irrigating is allowed on Monday.

All irrigation systems and hose-end sprinklers must be operated to prevent water from being wasted on impervious surfaces such as driveways, sidewalks, streets and parking lots. All area restaurants may only serve drinking water upon a customer request. Hotels and motels must ask guest spending more than one night to use the towels and bed linens more than once between laundering.

A first violation of the water conservation rules will result in a written warning, a civil penalty of \$50 for a second violation, and \$200 for a third violation. A fourth violation will result in interruption of the customer's water service.

For more information, contact the City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department at (919) 857-4540 or the City of Raleigh Public Affairs Department at (919) 890-3100.

[Click here for more information concerning the year-round water conservation rules](#)

[Click here to learn how rain barrels can help you conserve water and reduce your utility bill](#)

Canoe/Kayak for Water Quality July 11

The Town of Wake Forest is inviting area canoe and kayak enthusiasts to take part in a series of monthly "Canoe/Kayak for Water Quality" events at the Wake Forest Reservoir, located off of Wait Avenue near the NC 98 Bypass.

The next event will be held from 9 am until noon on July 11. Participants will meet at the boat ramp for a water quality education briefing before paddling up the reservoir to perform a variety of water quality tests.



Participants are encouraged to bring their own kayak or canoe but a limited number will be provided at no charge and are available for reserve on a first-come, first-served basis.

A waiver form must be signed and returned by all participants prior to each event.

Participants should bring their own sunscreen and drinking water.

For more information about "Canoe/Kayak for Water Quality," or to register, contact Assistant Town Engineer Holly Spring at (919) 554-3158 or hspring@wakeforestnc.gov.

Holding Park Pool



The Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department opened [Holding Park Pool](#) for the season on Saturday, May 23.

The pool is open on weekdays and weekends through Sunday, August 23.

Holding Park Pool, 133 W. Owen Avenue, is one of the area's largest outdoor public swimming pools. The 50-meter pool is open during the summer months and offers swimming to the general public, as well as water aerobics, swim lessons, lap swim times, and parent/toddler swim times.

Open swim times are 1 – 6 pm, Monday – Friday and 1-7 pm, Saturday – Sunday. Daily admission fees are \$1 for children ages 2 and under; \$3 for children ages 3-12, and \$4 for patrons ages 13 and over.

Open swim passes are now available. Passes are for individuals only and may be purchased at Town Hall. The fee is \$40 per person for Wake Forest (in-town) residents and \$65 per person for non-residents.

The swim lesson schedule was announced May 18. Classes will be offered for preschoolers (3-5-year-olds) and beginners (ages 6 and above). Swim lesson registration began June 1 at Town Hall. The fee is \$35 for Wake Forest (in-town) residents and \$70 for non-residents.

Lap swim passes and Parent/Toddler passes are also available and may be purchased at Town Hall.

Lap swim passes are for individuals only. The fee is \$30 per person. Lap swim times are Monday – Friday, noon - 1 pm.

Parent/Toddler passes are now on sale and are for one parent and up to two children ages 4 and under. The fee is \$30 per pass. Parent/Toddler swim times are Monday – Saturday, noon - 1 pm.

Water aerobics are scheduled for Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7:45 - 8:30 pm. Wake Forest will offer two sessions: June 16 – July 9 and July 21 – August 13. The fee is \$30.

For more information about programs offered at Holding Park Pool, contact the Parks & Recreation Department at (919) 554-6180.

The Wake Forest [Parks & Recreation Department](#) manages 561 acres of parks, open space, natural land and trails. This includes five baseball/softball fields, three soccer fields, one pool, six picnic areas, eight playgrounds, eight lighted tennis courts, a dog park, the Wake Forest Community House, Flaherty Park Community Center, and more than two miles of greenway trails.

Recycle Your Old Phone Books

Wake Forest residents and business owners can recycle their outdated phone books by dropping them off at the Town of Wake Forest Operations Center, located at 234 Friendship Chapel Road.

Residents can recycle their directories in any of the comingled paper containers at the Operations Center, which will serve as a permanent 24-hour-a-day drop-off location. The designated receptacles are clearly marked with signage that reads "Comingled Recyclables."



The telephone books recycled in Wake County will be used to make environmentally friendly insulation for houses, mulch for gardens, egg cartons, and a variety of assorted paper products, such as utility bill envelopes, cereal boxes, and grocery bags.

For more information, contact [Betty Pearce](#) at (919) 554-6120.

Lock Your Doors!

Following a string of recent break-ins involving unlocked vehicles, the [Wake Forest Police Department](#) is again urging residents to lock their unoccupied vehicles when parked at home or away.

Most vehicle break-ins are carried out by amateurs who take advantage of the carelessness of drivers who leave their vehicles unlocked and valuables in plain sight. By simply locking your doors, you can significantly reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

Police say high-end electronics and global positioning system (GPS) units are growing in popularity with car thieves, so drivers should always remove or hide their cell phones, iPods, and GPS units.

Car prowlers tend to hit areas with high concentrations of cars, such as apartment or townhouse parking lots, shopping malls and garages. A visible GPS unit is an obvious target, but car prowlers also look for any signs one might be hidden inside the vehicle, such as a mount on the window or dashboard. Even the circle left on the windshield from a suction cup mount is enough to entice some crooks to break in. They assume a GPS unit is hidden somewhere inside.

"People need to realize if they leave the GPS mounting station in their vehicle or even the suction cup marks on the windshield, that's sending a clear sign to thieves about what is likely inside the vehicle," said Lt. T. Coleman.

The police department is offering the following tips to help prevent vehicle break-ins:

- Park in open, well-lighted, and populated areas near your destination. Avoid parking near trucks, vans, dumpsters, and other objects that obstruct visibility and provide hiding places.
- Avoid parking near strangers loitering or sitting in vehicles.
- Park in lots or garages where you don't have to leave your keys.
- If you have a garage – use it! Then lock the vehicle AND the garage.

- If possible, don't leave your vehicle on the street, in an alley, or on your driveway. If you have to park on a street, avoid dark or isolated areas.
- Turn off your engine, roll up all windows, lock all doors, and take your keys with you even if you are making a quick stop at a store or gas station, or even in your driveway.
- Don't leave spare keys inside your vehicle. An experienced thief knows all the hiding places. Store spare keys in your wallet.
- Don't leave cell phones, GPS units, iPods, wallets, purses, or anything of value in vehicles. If you prefer not to take such items with you, lock them in your trunk!
- Don't leave your vehicle in an unattended public lot for an extended period of time.
- Install an alarm system that will sound when someone attempts to break in, move, tilt, or start your vehicle. Always activate the system when leaving the vehicle.
- Check your vehicle if you hear the alarm sound, but don't try to stop a person attempting to break in. Get a good description of the person and call the police.

When shopping for a new vehicle, look for some key features, including:

- Interior hood and trunk lock releases. Install a secondary hood lock if your car does not have one.
- A factory immobilizer – a computer chip in the key.
- A locking steering wheel.
- Other anti-theft devices, such as an alarm or GPS tracking system.

The Wake Forest Police Department encourages citizens to report suspicious behavior or activity by calling (919) 556-9111.

New Tunes On Community Channel 10

The Town of Wake Forest airs a variety of music genres to accompany the bulletin board announcements on [Community Channel 10](#). Earlier this year the Town received permission from Time-Warner Cable to offer tunes from their "Music Choice" channels. In recent months the Town has aired music from the "80s" and "90s" but is now playing "Soft Rock." If this kind of music isn't your favorite, don't worry. We'll continue to change the offerings every month or so.

Magistrates' Court Every Thursday in Wake Forest

Wake County now offers Magistrates' Court in Wake Forest on Thursday mornings from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. The move allows a number of judicial proceedings to be performed at the Wake Forest Police Department that before could only take place at the Wake County Courthouse in Raleigh.

Police officials say the Magistrates' Court will offer more convenience for both police officers and citizens and help reduce the number of cases heard in Raleigh.

Magistrates are appointed for two-year terms by the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge. As officers of the district court, they are subject to the supervision of the Chief District Court Judge in judicial matters.

In criminal matters, magistrates issue arrest and search warrants and set bail. They also have authority to:

- accept guilty pleas to minor misdemeanors and pleas of responsibility to infractions;
- accept waivers of trial and guilty pleas to certain traffic littering, wildlife, boating, marine fisheries, state park recreation and alcoholic beverage violations; and
- accept waivers of trial and guilty pleas in worthless check cases in which the check is for \$2000 or less.

In civil matters, the magistrates may be assigned by the Chief District Court Judge to hear small claims cases, including summary ejectment (landlord's action to evict a tenant) cases. The magistrate is also authorized to perform marriage ceremonies, assign a year's allowance to a surviving spouse, administer oaths, verify pleadings and take acknowledgments (notarization) of instruments.

For more information about Magistrates' Court proceedings in Wake Forest, contact the Wake Forest Police Department at (919) 554-6150.

Centennial Celebration Items on Sale

The [Wake Forest Centennial Celebration Committee](#) is selling several items as part of the year-long commemoration. Local businesses, civic organizations and individuals have a special opportunity to "be a part of history" and support the Centennial Celebration by purchasing an [engraved brick paver](#), a [centennial blanket](#) and the book entitled [Connections: 100 Years of Wake Forest History](#).



Centennial Blankets

The 2009 [Centennial Celebration blankets](#) are perfect for any living room or den, and they make a thoughtful gift for any friend or loved one. For only \$40, you will receive a 50" x 60" blanket that features our 2009 Wake Forest Centennial Celebration logo weaved into the tapestry.

The centennial blankets will be available for purchase at several upcoming community events, including the 4th of July Centennial Celebration. Centennial blankets can also be purchased at the Wake Forest Town Hall.

For more information, contact Centennial Celebration Events Coordinator [Kara Louise](#) at (919) 761-3021.

Connections...100 Years of Wake Forest History

The Town of Wake Forest is pleased to announce the publication of [Connections...100 Years of Wake Forest History](#).

This beautiful 8.5" x 11" hardcover limited edition volume is a treasure trove of pictures, original artwork and stories recording the people, places, and events of the past 100 years. Throughout the pages of this book, you will enjoy the rich history of Wake Forest and learn how it has grown from a small college town to a thriving community of more than 26,000 residents.

Be a part of this historic endeavor by purchasing your copy for only \$35. Shipping and handling is available for an additional cost of \$10 per book. To save on shipping and handling, these books may be purchased at the Wake Forest Town Hall, The Cotton Company, the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce and at all Centennial Celebration events.

Connections...100 Years of Wake Forest History makes a wonderful gift for family and friends, is a great family heritage piece and treasured keepsake.

For more information, contact Centennial Celebration Events Coordinator [Kara Louise](#) at (919) 761-3021.

Park in the Direction of Traffic Flow

In June 2008 the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners passed an ordinance mandating that parking on all streets within the corporate limits of Wake Forest “must be established in the direction of traffic flow.” Previously, only vehicles parked in the business district were restricted from stopping with their “left side to the curb.”

As a result of the new law, any vehicle parked along a town street facing the opposite direction from the flow of traffic is subject to a \$25 fine.

Firing Range Training

The Wake Forest [Police Department](#) has announced that no firing range training is currently scheduled for July at the [police department firing range](#), located behind the [Flaherty Park Community Center](#). However, the schedule is subject to change, so residents in the area are advised to check the [firing range](#) web page, the [Community Calendar](#) and [Community Channel 10](#) for updated dates and times.

The firing range is utilized by Wake Forest Police officers who require instruction and practice in order to obtain current certification in the use of firearms. This certification is required in order for the officer to fulfill his duties for the Wake Forest Police Department.

Town Calendar

Friday, July 3 - Town Hall Closed

Friday, July 3 - [4th of July Fireworks Extravaganza](#), Gates open at 5:30 pm; Trentini Stadium. (919) 812-9121

Saturday, July 4 - [4th of July Children's Parade](#), Lineup begins at 10 am; corner of North Main Street and Juniper Avenue. (919) 812-9121

Saturday, July 4 - [Art-in-the-Park & Games-in-the-Park](#), 11 am; Holding Park, 133 W.Owen Ave. (919) 812-9121

Tuesday, July 7 - Board of Commissioners Work Session, 5:30 pm; Town Hall. (919) 554-6100

Tuesday, July 7 - [Planning Board](#) Meeting, 7:30 pm; Town Hall. (919) 554-6100

Planning Board meetings are aired live on [Community Channel 10](#) and re-broadcast over the next two weeks on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 am and 8 pm. Planning Board meetings are also available on-demand at http://wake-forest.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2.

Friday, July 10 - Art After Hours, 5 pm; Downtown Wake Forest. (919) 570-1372

Saturday, July 11 - Canoe/Kayak for Wate Quality, 9 am; Wake Forest Reservoir. (919) 554-3158

Tuesday, July 21 - [Board of Commissioners](#) Meeting, 7 pm; Town Hall. (919) 554-6100

Board of Commissioners meetings are aired live on [Community Channel 10](#) and re-broadcast over the next two weeks on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 am and 8 pm. Board of Commissioners meetings are also available on-demand at http://wake-forest.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2.

For a complete listing of community events, including dates, times and locations, visit our [Community Calendar](#).

Employment Opportunities

[Click here for a complete listing of job opportunities with the Town of Wake Forest.](#)

News from Public Works

Compost Bins on Sale

The [Town of Wake Forest](#) is selling [THE EARTH MACHINE compost bins](#) to area residents at a cost of \$45 each. As a special service for Town of Wake Forest electric and/or sanitation customers, the Town will deliver the compost bins at no additional cost. Area residents who are not electric and/or sanitation customers may pick up their EARTH MACHINE at the Wake Forest Operations Center, 234 Friendship Chapel Road. For more information on compost bins, visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/compostbins.aspx. To order your compost bin, contact [Betty Pearce](#) at (919) 554-6120.

Rain Barrels on Sale

The [Town of Wake Forest](#) is selling [80-gallon rain barrels](#) at cost for \$90 each. As a special offer to Wake Forest electric and/or sanitation customers only, the Town will deliver the rain barrels at no additional cost. Area residents who are not electric and/or sanitation customers may pick up their rain barrel at the Wake Forest Operations Center, 234 Friendship Chapel Road. Each rain barrel comes with a brass spigot, two overflow valves that can be used to connect additional barrels, and a screen to keep out debris and insects. For more information on rain barrels, visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/rainbarrels.aspx. To order your rain barrel, contact [Betty Pearce](#) at (919) 554-6120.

Know What Can Go In Your Recycling Cart

Recycling involves the separation and collection of used materials for processing and remanufacturing into new products. It's a great way to reduce waste, keep materials out of our landfills and help the environment.

The Town of Wake Forest offers weekly curbside recycling service and encourages you to “know what can go” in your rollout recycling cart:

- ☑ Newspaper
 - ☑ White paper
 - ☑ Green, brown & clear glass
 - ☑ Corrugated cardboard
 - ☑ Paperboard, such as cereal boxes, shoeboxes
 - ☑ Plastic bottles
 - ☑ Aseptic juice boxes
- Gable-top paper cartons, such as milk cartons
 - Metal food cans
 - Aluminum beverage cans
 - Aluminum foil (no food residue)
 - Six-pack rings
 - Magazines, junk mail & catalogs

For more information about Wake Forest’s curbside recycling program, call (919) 554-6120.

Communications - Keeping You Informed

Focus on Wake Forest – July 2009

Connections...100 Years of Wake Forest History has been published and is now on sale. Local author Carol Pelosi talks about her book that chronicles the people, places and events of Wake Forest's first 100 years. Last year the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners voted to change the town's sanitation billing policy. We'll explain why that's good news for most of Wake Forest's residential sanitation customers; and finally, the Town of Wake Forest recently held the grand re-opening of Taylor Street Park. We'll take you out to the park and show you why residents in the East End Community are so excited.

The June 2009 installment of Focus on Wake Forest is now airing at the top of each hour on Community Channel 10 and will be shown throughout the remainder of the month. In the coming days, the program will also be available on-demand at </focusonwakeforest.aspx>. For more information about Focus on Wake Forest, contact Public Information Officer Bill Crabtree at (919) 554-6196.

View Town Meetings On Demand

Public meetings held by the Town of Wake Forest are not only available on Community Channel 10 but are now being provided online. The Town’s web site - www.wakeforestnc.gov – is now offering videos of [Board of Commissioners](#) and [Planning Board](#) meetings both live and on demand. The videos are available at any time on the web site and provide a scroll-down menu that allows viewers the ability to watch selected portions of the meeting. The scroll-down menu includes the meeting agenda and minutes, which provide easy access to specific meeting topics. To access the video web page, go to www.wakeforestnc.gov, click on the “Our Government” link located along the left margin, then click “Streaming Media Archive.” The service is free and works best with DSL or higher Internet speeds. For more information, contact IT Director [Tom LaBarge](#) at (919) 554-4615.

Webcam Offers Unique View of Town Hall Construction

In an effort to provide the public with an up-to-date view of the new Wake Forest Town Hall, the [Town of Wake Forest](#) recently installed a webcam to capture the project as it is constructed over the next year. The Town installed a camera on the second floor of the south side of the Planning Department, 221 S. Brooks St., to capture the full view of the construction site.

To see the new webcam link, go to http://wake-forest.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=2



Sign Up for Connect-CTY Service

In 2008 the Town of Wake Forest implemented the [Connect-CTY service](#) to provide Town officials the ability to communicate with residents regarding time-sensitive incidents, which may include planned and unforeseen public safety matters. The Connect-CTY service allows officials to record, send and track personalized voice messages to thousands of residents, businesses, and local agencies in just minutes, through a single phone call. The Town can also send text messages to cell phones, PDAs, e-mail accounts, and TTY/TDD receiving devices for the hearing impaired. The service requires no additional hardware and can be used from any computer with Internet access or just a telephone, ensuring that officials can send vital messages from wherever they are located.

Publicly available primary residential and business phones in Wake Forest will automatically be included in the system. However, residents can opt-in to provide their complete information (up to three phone numbers and two e-mail addresses) and indicate if they have a TTY/TDD device by visiting the [Town of Wake Forest Web site](#) and clicking on the link that says "SIGN UP NOW – SERVICES BY CONNECT-CTY" to enter their information into the secure database.

Wake Forest residents without Internet access can have their information added into the system by calling (919) 554-6100. Residents with call blocking services can make sure to receive the Town's time-sensitive calls by adding (919) 554-6100 to their approved number list.

Residents without Internet access can have their information added into the database by calling (919) 554-6100.

Register for E-Notifier

Do you want to be the first to know about what's happening in the Town of Wake Forest? If so, then register for [E-Notifier](#) - our free email subscription service. The service allows you to subscribe to four specific information categories and receive an e-mail notification whenever we post new information on the website related to the chosen categories. Our goal is to help you receive the information you want as quickly and efficiently as possible.

E-Notifier alerts subscribers to the availability of [Board of Commissioners](#) and [Planning Board](#) meeting agendas, the [Town Manager's Weblog](#), and *RecConnect* - the [Parks & Recreation](#) Department's program brochure. This is a free service provided by the Town of Wake Forest, and you can rest assured your email address will only be used to deliver the information you request.

For more information, visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx or contact Public Information Officer Bill Crabtree at (919) 554-6196 or via email at bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov.

Town Manager's Weblog

Do you enjoy keeping up to date on the latest happenings in and around Wake Forest? If you do, then you'll want to subscribe to Town Manager Mark Williams' weekly weblog. The [Town Manager's Weblog](#) is published every Friday afternoon. Subscribers to the Town Manager's Weblog receive an email alert moments after its online publication. To subscribe, click [HERE](#) and type WEBLOG in the subject line.

A-Z Site Index

The Town of Wake Forest has added another useful resource to its website. The [A-Z Site Index](#) is designed to make it easier for you to find whatever you're looking for on our website simply by searching for and clicking on a key word. Be sure to check it out! From [Administration](#) to [Zoning](#), you'll find key word links to everything our website offers - and then some!

Town News

It's never been easier to stay informed about what's happening in the Town of Wake Forest. Bookmark [Town News](#) for instant access to the latest press releases, the [Town Manager's Weblog](#) and Weblog archives, [Community Calendar](#), [Focus on Wake Forest](#), and much more!

Customer Service Programs & Services

Pay Your Utility Bill Online

All Town of Wake Forest residential and commercial utility customers are eligible to make [online utility bill payments](#). Getting started is easy. Just visit the Town of Wake Forest [website](#), click on "[Utility Billing](#)", then click on "[Online Services](#)" and follow the simple instructions. Customers with questions concerning the new online bill payment service should contact Customer Service Supervisor [Drew Brown](#) at (919) 554-6107.

Equal Payment Plan, Bank Draft, & Load Management

The Town of Wake Forest offers several [utility billing](#) programs designed to help our utility customers save time and money, including [online bill pay](#), [Equal Payment Plan](#), [Bank Draft](#), and [Load Management](#). For more information on these customer-friendly programs, click on the links or call (919) 554-6107.

Sign Up for Load Management and Save Money on Your Electric Bill

Did you know that by signing up for load management, you could save \$144 each year on your electric

bill? Load management is a means of controlling the amount of electricity being used at any one time. When periods of peak demand occur, load management is used to reduce the demand and lower the cost.

Participating in the Town's load management program is easy - and it's free! All you have to do is agree to allow the Town to install a load management switch on one or all of the following electric appliances in your home: electric water heater, electric heat strips, and/or central air conditioner. Then - during periods of heavy demand for power - radio signals to the load management switch cycle the controlled units off. The appliances are cycled off in such a way that there is little chance of your being inconvenienced. You still stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer. But here's the good news! By signing up for electric water heater control, electric heat strip control and 100% central air conditioner control, you can receive up to \$144 each year in credits on your electric bill!

If you'd like more information about Wake Forest's load management program, visit our [load management web page](#) or contact [Drew Brown](#), Customer Service Supervisor, at (919) 554-6107.

Sign up for NC GreenPower

[Wake Forest Power](#) customers now have the opportunity to participate in the [NC GreenPower](#) program. NC GreenPower is designed to help improve the quality of the environment by allowing North Carolinians to choose cleaner, "greener" energy solutions such as solar, wind, small hydro and biomass materials. "Green power" is a cleaner energy alternative to traditional fossil fuels. By signing up for this independent, non-profit program, customers can add renewable energy to North Carolina's power supply.

NC GreenPower offers two contribution options. The first option is designed primarily for residential or small commercial customers. It features energy produced from renewable sources, such as wind, solar or methane sources. Customers can purchase one or more blocks of clean energy for North Carolina at a cost of \$4.00 per block (100 kilowatt-hours of energy).

The second option is designed for large-volume users, but it can be purchased by any customer and features energy produced from a wider range of sources, such as biomass and small hydro. Customers pay \$2.50 per block of 100 kilowatt-hours but must buy a minimum of 100 blocks.

Wake Forest Power customers who wish to sign up for NC GreenPower should contact [Drew Brown](#), Customer Service Supervisor, at (919) 554-6107. For more information about NC GreenPower, visit <http://www.ncgreenpower.org/>.