

"Party of the Century" Up Next for Wake Forest Centennial Celebration

Wake Forest officially kicked off its [2009 Centennial Celebration](#) on Dec. 31 with First Light Wake Forest. The year-long celebration continues with the ["Party of the Century"](#) on Friday, Feb. 20, 2009. The free event gets underway at 4 pm and is open to the public! So, be sure to bring your family and friends and get ready to party like it's 1909!

The Ledford Center on the campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary will be the site of this once-in-a-lifetime celebration. The Party of the Century will feature over 30 local organizations proudly displaying information about their history and mission. Each group will also prepare and provide a specially decorated birthday cake commemorating the town's 100th birthday.

Not only will partygoers have the opportunity to sample all the birthday cakes, but everyone in attendance will be invited to enter several prize raffles, sing Happy Birthday to Wake Forest, and sign an enormous birthday banner which will be placed in our time capsule that will likely be buried during a formal ceremony near the new town hall later this year.

- [Click here to view a tentative schedule of events for the Party of the Century](#)

So be sure to bring your entire family to learn more about the wonderful traditions and history of Wake Forest and take part in this free, never-to-be-repeated birthday extravaganza.

For more information about the Party of the Century, call (919) 761-3021.

- [Click here to view a complete 2009 Wake Forest Centennial Celebration schedule of events](#)

2009 State of the Town Address & Dinner

The Town of Wake Forest, the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Wake Forest Rotary Club will host the inaugural State of the Town Address and Dinner on Monday, Feb. 16, 2009, at The Forks Cafeteria. The event gets underway at 6 pm.

Wake Forest Mayor Vivian Jones will deliver the State of the Town Address, providing Wake Forest citizens an opportunity to reflect on an impressive list of accomplishments in 2008 that included the introduction of bus service in Wake Forest, the start of construction on the new town hall, and the addition of several outstanding commercial developments. Mayor Jones' address will also highlight a number of goals Wake Forest will strive towards in 2009.

Tickets for the State of the Town Address and Dinner cost \$12 per person. Residents

who wish to attend can pay online with a Visa, MasterCard, or American Express credit card by visiting www.wakeforestchamber.org. Tickets may also be purchased at the Chamber of Commerce, 350 S. White St., with cash or by check made payable to the Town of Wake Forest. **The registration deadline is Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009.**

The State of the Town event will be re-broadcast on Community Channel 10 and will be available on demand on the Town's web site at www.wakeforestnc.gov.

For more information, contact Public Information Officer [Bill Crabtree](#) at (919) 554-6196.

Spring Baseball & Softball Registration Underway

The Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department is accepting applications for youth and adult baseball and softball leagues.

Youth Baseball, Softball & T-Ball

The Wake Forest [Parks & Recreation Department](#) will accept applications for youth baseball, softball and T-ball for boys ages 5-17 and girls ages 5-15 through Friday, Feb. 27.

Teams will be formed in late March. Team placement and draft information is available at the Wake Forest Town Hall and online at www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/parksrecreation_leaguedrafts.aspx. Practices will begin in April or early May, depending upon age group. The regular season is scheduled to extend through mid-July.

Registration information and league rules are available at Town Hall and online at www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/parksrecreation_youthathletics.aspx.

The fee is \$40 for Wake Forest residents and \$80 for non-residents. A participant's eligibility is determined by their age on April 30, 2009, and a birth certificate is required for new participants.

For more information, contact Athletic Coordinator [Edward Austin](#) at (919) 554-6183.

Dream League

The Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department will accept applications for Dream League Baseball for boys and girls ages 5-18 Feb. 2 - Feb. 27. Designed for children with special needs, the league will operate on Saturday mornings from mid-April through early June.

Registration information and league rules are available at Town Hall and online at

www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/parksrecreation_youthathletics.aspx.

The fee is \$40 for Wake Forest residents and \$80 for non-residents. A participant's eligibility is determined by their age on April 30, 2009, and a birth certificate is required for new participants.

For more information, contact Athletic Coordinator [Edward Austin](#) at (919) 554-6183.

Adult Spring Softball

Registration for the Wake Forest [Parks & Recreation](#) men's recreational softball league began Feb. 2 and will run through Feb. 27. The league is limited to Class E teams and lower.

League play is scheduled to begin the week of March 9, and games will be played on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Registration forms are available online and at Town Hall.

The entry fee is \$550 per team.

Men's church softball league registration began Feb. 2 and runs through Feb. 20. League play is scheduled to begin the week of March 9, and games will be played on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Registration forms are available online and at Town Hall. The entry fee is \$550 per team.

Registration for the co-recreational church softball league is scheduled from June 8-26. League play will begin the week of July 13 and games will be played on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The entry fee is \$550 per team.

For additional registration information, contact [Edward Austin](#), Athletic Coordinator, at (919) 554-6183.

Over 150 Residents Attend Final Community Plan Public Meeting

The third and final town meeting, a "Drop-In Open House", was held Jan. 27, 2009 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Northern Wake Senior Center.

Attendees were invited to take a "walk-around survey" by reviewing several posted policy statements organized by subject (policy area) and record whether they "agree", "disagree", or were "not sure" with the policy statement. Participants were also permitted to provide written comments. Over 150 interested citizens attended the session to review and comment on 24 policy areas comprised in over 200 policy

statements.

Planning Director Chip Russell is encouraging anyone who was unable to attend the Jan. 27 open house to offer their comments on the draft policy statements by taking the "[walk-around survey](#)" and returning it by Feb. 19, 2009. Simply download the walk-around survey, record your comments in the fields provided, save and return via e-mail to crussell@wakeforestnc.gov. If you prefer, you may print out the survey, fill it out, then mail or drop it off at the Wake Forest Planning Department Office, 221 South Brooks Street, Wake Forest, NC 27587.

Upon receipt of all survey comments, the planning consultant and the steering committee will review the results, revise the policy statements as appropriate, and then begin assembling the draft plan document.

- [Click here to download a copy of the walk-around survey](#)

Get Your Free Tree Seedlings Feb. 28

The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Advisory Board (UFAB) is hosting its fourth annual tree seedling giveaway on Saturday, Feb. 28 at the Wake Forest Town Hall from 8 am until noon, or until all the seedlings are gone.

UFAB members and area cub scouts will distribute Bald Cypress, River Birch, Chestnut Oak and Black Walnut free of charge to the citizens of Wake Forest. Planting instructions, along with useful information about the trees, will be included with the seedlings.

The tree seedlings are available on a first-come, first serve basis, but there is a limit of three per person. Reservations and sign-ups prior to the event will not be accepted.

Each year the UFAB sponsors the tree seedling giveaway in observance of Arbor Day, a nationally-celebrated observance that encourages tree planting and care. This year the Town of Wake Forest's Arbor Day celebration is scheduled for Thursday, March 12 at 10 am at the Wake Forest Community House.

The UFAB is a citizen group appointed by the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners. The UFAB advises the Town of Wake Forest on proper tree maintenance in public areas and is committed to the growth and preservation of the urban forest. Wake Forest has been recognized by the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree City, USA for 29 consecutive years - longer than any other town in North Carolina.

For more information about this year's tree seedling giveaway, contact Assistant Planning Director [Ann Ayers](#) at (919) 554-6143.

Centennial Celebration Items Now 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 newly published book entitled "Connections: 100 Years of Wake Forest History."

Engraved Brick Pavers

Deadline to order has been EXTENDED to June 1, 2009

Local businesses, civic organizations, and residents are invited to "be a part of history" and support the 2009 Wake Forest Centennial Celebration by purchasing an engraved brick paver for \$100.

As part of our commitment to encouraging as many people as possible to purchase a brick paver, the Town of Wake Forest recently introduced a convenient payment plan. Now, when you want to purchase a brick paver, you have the option to either pay the total cost up front or pay in two easy installments of \$50/each.

Not only that, but we have extended to June 1, 2009 the deadline to order your engraved brick paver. So as long as you have paid \$100 by June 1, your 4" x 8" brick paver will be included during the initial phase of construction of Centennial Plaza – located just outside the new town hall. Centennial Plaza will serve as a focal point of the municipal campus and a gateway to the new Town Hall, which is set to be completed in the fall of 2009. A rendering of the Town Hall and Plaza is shown.

By purchasing a 4" x 8" engraved brick, you will receive lasting recognition for your contribution to our 2009 Centennial Celebration. Personalized bricks are a unique way to honor loved ones, commemorate special events, and recognize civic clubs and social groups, youth athletic teams, businesses and not-for-profit groups, as well as a way to contribute to this special time in Wake Forest's storied history.

In addition, by purchasing an engraved brick paver, you will help make possible the Centennial Celebration events, activities, promotions, and educational programs scheduled to take place throughout 2009.

- [Brick Paver Order Form](#)

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 Feb. 20 Party of the Century. 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 [Kara Louise](#) at (919) 761-3021.

Chamber to Host Economic Development Forum on February 10

On Tuesday, February 10, the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce will host an Economic Development Forum from 8:00 – 10:30 a.m. at the Mill Room located inside The Factory.

The event will feature presenters Dr. Mike Walden, economist with North Carolina State University, and Chip Russell, planning director for the Town of Wake Forest.

This event will take an in depth look at how our region is fairing in the current economic environment, what we should expect both locally and at the federal level, planning and development updates, and the official launch of the new Wake Forest Economic

Development web site.

Current and prospective business owners, developers, contractors, commercial and residential real estate agents, financial professionals and bankers are encouraged to attend.

The event is \$15 per person and includes continental breakfast and all materials.

For more information, or to register for the event, contact the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce at (919) 556-1519 or email jodi@wakeforestchamber.org. Online registration is available at the Chamber's web site www.wakeforestchamber.org, click on Event Calendar.

Renaissance Ball Set for Feb. 21

The 4th Annual Renaissance Ball will be held on Saturday, Feb. 21 at 7 pm in the Event Gallery at The Cotton Company located in Historic Downtown Wake Forest. Organized by the Wake Forest Downtown Revitalization Corporation (DRC) and the Wake Forest Junior Woman's Club, this year's ball is sure to be the social even of the year!

The ticket cost is \$55 per person and tickets are available for purchase online via the DRC website www.wakeforestdowntown.com. Anyone interested in purchasing tickets in person can contact the DRC office at (919) 570-1372.

The Renaissance Ball is a Mardi Gras-themed formal black tie affair. Ladies are encouraged to wear evening gowns, gentleman are encouraged to wear tuxedos and everyone is encouraged to wear their most creative masquerade mask!

Guests will be treated to gourmet heavy hors'dourves as well as live entertainment by the popular Rich Emily Band. Adult beverages will also be served.

As with Mardi Gras tradition King Cakes will be served along with a wide variety of decadent desserts. A special raffle will also be offered. The main benefactor of this event is the Wake Forest Girls & Boys Club.

Space is limited and organizers expect to sell out this year's event, so contact your friends and neighbors and plan to come to downtown Wake Forest for an exciting evening!

For more information, contact the DRC at (919) 570-1370.

Focus on Wake Forest – February 2009

This month on Focus on Wake Forest, [Connections...100 Years of Wake Forest History](#)

has been published and is now on sale. Local author Carol Pelosi talks about her new book that chronicles the people, places and events of Wake Forest's first 100 years. [E. Carroll Joyner Park](#) is set to open in the spring. Parks & Recreation Director Susan Simpson discusses the variety of recreational and cultural opportunities that will soon be available at Wake Forest's largest park. And finally, Wake Forest's next Centennial Celebration event is set for Feb. 20. Kara Louise shares what we can all look forward to at what's being called the ["Party of the Century."](#)

February's 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. The program is also available on-demand at </focusonwakeforest.aspx>.

[Focus on Wake Forest](#) is the Town of Wake Forest's award-winning monthly news and information program airing on [Community Channel 10](#). Produced by the Town of Wake Forest Communications Department, the public affairs program features Town of Wake Forest programs and services and explains how residents can better take advantage of all the Town has to offer. Each episode consists of three segments highlighting initiatives either already underway in Wake Forest or planned for the future. Access to Community Channel 10 is only available to Time-Warner Cable television subscribers in Wake Forest. Area residents who do not subscribe to Time-Warner Cable can watch Focus on Wake Forest over the Internet. For more information about Focus on Wake Forest, Public Information Officer Bill Crabtree at (919) 554-6196.

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.

Get Up and Go!

This spring, the Town of Wake Forest will be home to a new program called Get Up and Go! The initiative will help thousands of residents get out, stretch their legs and give transit, walking and bicycling a try.

Get Up and Go will offer customized information packets of maps, brochures, and other resources to approximately 1,000 area households. In March and April, the program will also host a series of special events in Wake Forest. These events will take you to fun and interesting destinations, help you meet your neighbors and provide you with the knowledge and tools to explore our area by transit and bicycle and on foot. All events will be open to everyone, especially beginners looking for a fun and safe atmosphere to get started.

Stay tuned for more details about Get Up and Go!

View Town Meetings On Demand

Public meetings held by the Town of Wake Forest are not only available on cable television but are now being offered 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 Town of Wake Forest is committed to open, transparent decision-making," said Mark Williams, Town Manager. "We've televised public meetings for years on [Community Channel 10](#). Now, citizens can watch our public meetings on their computer. They no longer have to have Time-Warner Cable to witness how our system of government works."

The videos are available at any time on the web site and provide a scroll-down menu that allows viewers the ability to watch certain portions of the meeting. The scroll-down menu includes the meeting agenda and minutes, which provide easy access to specific meeting topics.

"This feature allows people to find the item they're most interested in," Williams said. "Additionally, instead of having to contact town hall to request a copy of the meeting, they can watch it any time in their home or office."

Wake Forest's web site currently offers Board of Commissioners meetings from May to September 16 and Planning Board meetings from June to September 2.

Meetings held by the Board of Commissioners and the Planning Board will be available on the web site. Other special programming will be presented from time to time. Archived videos will be available for one year after their original air date.

Wake Forest contracted with San Francisco-based Granicus for the video service, which is being used by over 200 cities and towns across the nation.

To access the video web page, go to , 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.

"Construction on the new town hall is progressing so rapidly, we thought our residents would be interested in watching the progress each day," said Town Manager Mark Williams. "This new webcam will allow people anywhere to witness one of the most significant development projects in Wake Forest's history."

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

The Town broke ground on the 44,000-square-foot municipal facility in May. Presently, crews are working on the structure's foundation and are erecting forms to pour the concrete walls for the building.

Construction is expected to be completed in the fall of 2009. The Wake Forest Centennial Celebration Committee plans to hold the final event of the centennial year, a Christmas Gala, in the new town hall on Dec. 5, 2009.

For more information on the new town hall construction site web cam, contact IT Director [Tom LaBarge](#) at (919) 554-4615.

For more information about the construction of the new town hall, contact Town Hall Project Coordinator [Susan Simpson](#) at (919) 554-6182.

Park in the Direction of Traffic Flow

During its June 17, 2008 meeting, 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.

Sign Up for Connect-CTY Service

Earlier this year 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.

Town administrators can target messages to an unlimited number of groups – everything from mobilizing emergency response teams to coordinating efforts with necessary agencies or volunteers. Authorized users also can use a map on the Connect-CTY system to contact specific geographical locations, sending messages only to the residents within select neighborhoods when needed.

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.

Firing Range Training - February 2009

The Wake Forest [Police Department](#) will conduct firing range training on the following dates in February 2009 at the [police department firing range](#) located behind the [Flaherty Park Community Center](#):

Monday, Feb. 2

4:30 pm - 6:15 pm

Monday, Feb. 25

3 pm - 7 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 26

11 am - 8 pm

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.

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.

Signing up is quick and easy. To receive any or all of these items, click [HERE](#) and follow the instructions below:

- To receive the Board of Commissioners' meeting agendas, type **BOC AGENDAS** in the subject line
- To receive Planning Board meeting agendas, type **PLANNING AGENDAS** in the subject line
- To receive the Town Manager's Weekly Weblog, type **WEBLOG** in the subject line
- To receive the Parks & Recreation Department's program brochure, type **NEWSLETTER** in the subject line
- To receive all four items, type **ALL** in the subject line

You may also receive a combination of the four offerings. For example, if you wish to receive the Weblog and the Parks & Recreation newsletter, type **WEBLOG and NEWSLETTER** in the subject line.

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

Town Calendar

Monday, Feb. 2 - Youth & Adult Baseball and Softball Registration Begins, 8:30 am; Town Hall. (919) 554-6100

Tuesday, Feb. 3 - Board of Commissioners Work Session, 5:30 pm; Town Hall. (919) 554-6100

Tuesday, Feb. 3 - [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.

Tuesday, Feb. 10 - Economic Development Forum, 8 am; The Mill Room at The Factory. (919) 556-1519

Friday, Feb. 13 - Art After Hours, 5 pm; Downtown Wake Forest. (919) 570-1372

Monday, Feb. 16 - State of the Town Address & Dinner, 6 pm; The Forks Cafeteria. (919) 556-1519

Tuesday, Feb. 17 - [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.

Friday, Feb. 20 - Party of the Century, 4 pm; The Ledford Center, Campus of SEBTS. (919) 761-3021

Saturday, Feb. 21 - Winter Farmers Market, 10 am; Municipal Parking Lot, South White Street. (919) 570-1372

Saturday, Feb. 21 - Renaissance Ball, 7 pm; The Event Gallery at The Cotton Company. (919) 570-1372

Saturday, Feb. 28 - Tree Seedling Giveaway, 8 am; Town Hall. (919) 554-6143

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

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.

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/>.

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!

Yard Waste Collection Guidelines

Town of Wake Forest sanitation crews have reported confusion among some residents concerning what constitutes yard waste and the Town's yard waste collection guidelines.

Yard waste is defined as "vegetative matter resulting from landscaping maintenance performed by the homeowner only, including but not limited to leaves, twigs, grass, limbs, hedge clippings, hay/pine straw, pine cones, and logs."

Before leaving yard waste at the curb for [collection](#), the materials should be placed into clear plastic bags or 35-gallon trash containers. Limbs and brush larger than one inch but smaller than six inches in diameter must be no longer than six feet. Limbs and logs larger than six inches in diameter must not exceed two feet. Logs must not exceed 10 inches in diameter.

In addition, piles left at the curb must be free of trash and other refuse and must not exceed four cubic yards per week. Trash cans and bags are not to exceed 10 total per week and not exceed 50 pounds each. Logs are not to exceed 75 pounds per week.

Building materials, landscape materials, plant pots, plastic trays, mulch bags, dirt, and rocks will not be collected.

For more information, visit the [yard waste collection](#) webpage or contact [Betty Pearce](#) at (919) 554-6120.

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!

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.

Employment Opportunities

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