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### Leave a Legacy - Order Your Engraved Brick Paver by June 1

Wake Forest's new 44,000 square foot Town Hall is currently under construction. Upon completion, the facility will feature a tree-lined plaza that will serve as the gateway to the new municipal complex. Town of Wake Forest officials announced recently that the plaza will be named "Centennial Plaza" in recognition of the Town's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.



Centennial Plaza will serve as a focal point in downtown Wake Forest. Constructed with numerous seating areas, the plaza will provide a location to display public art and hold special events throughout the year, including the lighting of the Town's Christmas tree.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of Centennial Plaza, however, will be the engraved brick pavers. The Wake Forest Centennial Celebration Committee has been selling pavers to businesses and residents for the past several months. Purchasers have submitted personalized inscriptions honoring loved ones, recognizing special events, and

recognizing civic clubs and social groups that will be viewed and enjoyed by residents and visitors for years to come. These pavers will serve to link Wake Forest's past, present and future.

Paver inscriptions can be viewed online at [www.wakeforestnc.gov/2009centennial\\_brickpavers\\_inscriptions.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/2009centennial_brickpavers_inscriptions.aspx).

The brick pavers cost \$100/each. They measure 4" x 8" and include up to three lines for engraving. Purchase your brick paver before June 1 and you can participate in the creation of Centennial Plaza by ensuring your brick will be installed during the initial phase of construction and in time for the grand opening of the new town hall - scheduled for Dec. 5, 2009.

Order forms are available online at [www.wakeforestnc.gov/2009centennial\\_brickpavers.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/2009centennial_brickpavers.aspx) or at Town Hall.

The Town of Wake Forest is also planning to bury a centennial time capsule in an area adjacent to Centennial Plaza. The time capsule will include such items as a letter from Mayor Vivian Jones to a future mayor, a copy of *Connections...100 Years of Wake Forest History*, a centennial celebration scrapbook and the 2009 Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce directory.

A grand opening ceremony will be scheduled for Centennial Plaza once construction is complete.

For more information about the new town hall and Centennial Plaza, contact Parks & Recreation Director [Susan Simpson](#), at (919) 554-6182.

### **Cemetery Walking Tour May 9**

The [Wake Forest Cemetery Advisory Board](#) is sponsoring the first-ever Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour on Saturday, May 9 from 10 am until noon. The tour will celebrate the lives of those who established the Wake Forest community as well as its culture and destiny. Docents will be stationed at various locations throughout the cemetery to share interesting stories about specific gravesites.

Admission to the tour is free. Parking will be permitted in designated areas of the cemetery, while overflow parking will be available at the W.E.B. DuBois CDC, adjacent to the CVS Pharmacy.

In the event of rain, the tour will be held May 16.

For more information about the Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour, contact Public Works & Utilities Director Mike Barton at (919) 554-6120.

### **Wake Forest Bicycle Safety Fair May 17**

The Town of Wake Forest is partnering with the Wake Forest Kiwanis Club and Warren, Perry, Narron Shackelford & Mackay, P.L.L.C. Attorneys at Law to sponsor a free Bicycle Safety Fair on Sunday, May 17 from 10 am until 3 pm in the former Wake Forest Plaza, located at the corner of Elm Avenue and Brooks Street.

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.

On the day of the event, a parent or legal guardian will be required to sign a waiver for their child(ren) to participate. Children are encouraged to bring their own bicycles and helmets as free bicycle inspections will be offered at the start of the obstacle course. Loaner helmets and bicycles will also be available on a first-come/first-serve basis for use at the rodeo.

Participants and parents will learn how to fit helmets properly and opportunities will be provided throughout the day to earn a free helmet. Helmets that meet Consumer Product Safety Commission standards will also be on sale for \$6. Sponsorships are available to cover the cost of helmets. Event planners will also set up several information booths and offer free giveaways and prizes for safe riders. In addition, Planning staff will provide safety information to kids and their parents.

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

### **“Centennial Images: An Exhibit of Wake Forest Art” Continues Through May 17**

Wake Forest is commemorating its first 100 years in 2009 with a “Centennial Celebration” designed to “honor the past, celebrate the present, and embrace the future.” The entire Wake Forest community is invited to experience this once-in-a-lifetime celebration by participating in the special events that have been scheduled throughout the year.


The festivities began with [First Light Wake Forest](#) on Dec. 31, 2008 and continued with the [Party of the Century](#) on Feb. 20 and the [Six Sundays in Spring Centennial Concert](#) on April 19.

The next event - [“Centennial Images: An Exhibit of Wake Forest Art”](#) began May 1 and continues from noon to 4 pm on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays through May 17. The free art exhibit is open to the public and is being held at the Powers-Ludas House, 112 North Ave.

Twenty area artists generously donated works of art to be included in [Connections...100 Years of Wake Forest History](#), a book chronicling the people, places, and events of Wake Forest’s first 100 years. Those pieces of art, along with additional drawings, paintings and photographs of local interest, will be on display.

“Centennial Images” is being sponsored by Wine 101, Sunflower Studio & Gallery, and Forensic Press.

For more information about “Centennial Images: An Exhibit of Wake Forest Art,” visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/2009centennial\\_images.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/2009centennial_images.aspx) or contact [Kara Louise](#) at (919) 761-3021.



*You are invited to...*

**Centennial Images:  
An Exhibit of Wake Forest Art**

The Powers-Ludas House  
112 North Avenue

Opening Reception  
Friday, May 1, 2009 • 6 - 9 pm

Exhibit Dates  
May 1-17, 2009  
Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays • 12 - 4 pm  
All other times by appointment only

Featuring twenty of our area artists who generously donated their work to a book commemorating the Town of Wake Forest's centennial, *Connections...100 Years of Wake Forest History*. Their artwork, plus additional drawings, paintings and photographs will be featured at the exhibit.

For more information on the exhibit and on purchasing artwork, please visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/2009centennial.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/2009centennial.aspx)

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

**2009 Wake Forest**  
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION  
Never the Past, Celebrate the Present, Embrace the Future

Sponsored by: Amicus Development Group | CapitalVest  
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### **Experience Instant "Grassification"**

Most lawns in our area are planted with fescue grass. Fescue is a cool season grass that isn't well-suited to surviving our region's long, hot summers. In order to keep it alive, fescue requires approximately one inch of water per week contributing to the depletion of our area's water supply.

In May the Town of Wake Forest introduced an initiative designed to promote water conservation by giving away warm season grass seed for those willing to convert their fescue lawns. As part of the Town's "[Great Grass Giveaway](#)" Wake Forest will provide enough bermuda grass seed to cover up to 8,000 square-feet of lawn to any Wake Forest homeowner willing to plant a new lawn or reseed his/her lawn with bermuda grass seed. Bermuda grass is a more drought-tolerant variety of grass requiring approximately one-third the water of fescue.

To qualify for the free bermuda grass seed, Wake Forest residents must simply agree to remove the fescue grass from their lawn. The program is not designed for residents with existing bermuda or other warm season grass seed lawns.

The "Great Grass Giveaway" will continue on a first come, first served basis until the supply of bermuda grass seed is exhausted.

If you're interested in taking advantage of this opportunity, then don't delay. The Town has already given away nearly two-thirds of its available supply of bermuda grass seed. To schedule a time to pick up your free bermuda grass seed, contact [Betty Pearce](#) at (919) 554-6120.

For more information about the "Great Grass Giveaway," including bermuda grass planting instructions, visit the Town's website at [www.wakeforestnc.gov/greatgrassgiveaway.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/greatgrassgiveaway.aspx).

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

### **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](#)

### **Canoe/Kayak for Water Quality**

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 events will be held from 9 am until noon on May 9, June 13, and 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](mailto:hspring@wakeforestnc.gov).

### **Wake County Law Enforcement Officers Memorial**

The Wake Forest Police Department will join Wake County's other law enforcement agencies on Tuesday, May 12 to honor those law enforcement officers who have given their lives while serving the citizens of Wake County.

The inaugural Wake County Law Enforcement Officers Memorial observance will be held at 1 pm at the Progress Energy Performing Arts Center, 2 East South St., Raleigh, NC. The event is free and open to the public.

The ceremony will pay homage to 19 officers who gave their lives in the line of duty, including three from Wake Forest. Families of the honored officers will also be recognized during the service, which will also feature a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps.

The keynote speaker will be John Dorsey, an attorney with Manning, Fulton & Skinner and the current secretary/treasurer of the 200 Club of Wake County. Raleigh Police Chief Harry Dolan will preside and

Wake County Sheriff Donnie Harrison will read the names of the fallen officers.

For more information about the Wake County Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, contact Lt. T. Coleman at (919) 554-6156.

For more information about the three Wake Forest Police officers who died in the line of duty, visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/police\\_memorial.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/police_memorial.aspx).

### **Holding Park Pool Opens May 23**



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

The pool will be open only on weekends through Sunday, June 7. Beginning Monday, June 8, Holding Park Pool will be 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 will be announced May 18. Classes will be offered for preschoolers (3-5-year-olds) and beginners (ages 6 and above). Swim lesson registration will begin 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 co-mingled paper containers at the Operations Center, which will serve as a permanent 24-hour-a-day drop-off location. A sign at the entrance of the facility will direct residents to the designated receptacles.

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.

### **Town Seeks HRC Applicants**

The Town of Wake Forest is seeking applicants living in Wake Forest or within its extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) to fill two in-town seats on the [Human Relations Council \(HRC\)](#). The term for one seat expires Dec. 31, 2009, while the other ends Dec. 31, 2011.

The 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 advisory board meetings are open to the public.

Any citizen living in Wake Forest or within its ETJ who is interested in serving on the HRC may obtain an application by calling (919) 554-6190, contacting the HRC via email at [hrc@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:hrc@wakeforestnc.gov), or visiting the Town's website at [www.wakeforestnc.gov/Government/AdvisoryBoards.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/Government/AdvisoryBoards.aspx).

Completed applications may be mailed or delivered to the Wake Forest Town Hall, 401 Elm Ave., Wake Forest, NC 27587 or faxed to (919) 554-6195 and must be received no later than 5 pm, Wednesday, May 20, 2009.

The Board of Commissioners will interview candidates during its work session on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at 5:30 pm. Advisory board appointments will be announced during the June 16, 2009, BOC meeting.

For more information about these HRC openings, call (919) 554-6190.

### **The Grass Cats in Concert June 7**

The Grass Cats will perform a free bluegrass concert at Holding Park, 133 W. Owen Ave., on Sunday, June 7, from 3 pm to 5 pm.

Area residents are encouraged to bring a picnic and a blanket or lawn chair and enjoy the music.

According to their website, "The Grass Cats continue to entertain audiences with their exciting live performances and critically acclaimed recordings. Their shows feature lively foot-stomping fiddle and banjo music, bluegrass classics, tight vocal harmonies, acapella gospel quartets and chart-topping original songs. The Cats also perform cleverly arranged 'covers' of songs from artists as diverse as Eric Clapton, Duke Ellington and Johnny Cash."

The concert is offered by Pinecone, the Piedmont Council of Traditional Music and is co-sponsored by the Town of Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department and United Arts of Raleigh and Wake County.

In case of rain, the event will be held inside the Wake Forest Community House.

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

### **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.

### **Memorial Day Holiday Schedule**

The Wake Forest Town Hall and other administrative offices will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. Garbage and recycling services and yard waste collection will be suspended Monday. Police services will not be interrupted.

[Wake Forest bus service](#), including the Wake Forest-Raleigh Express and the Wake Forest Loop, will not be provided May 25 but will resume its normal schedule Tuesday, May 26.

The collection of garbage and recycling for the week of May 25 will change as follows:

<b>Normal Collection Day</b>	<b>Holiday Pick-up Schedule</b>
Monday	Tuesday, May 26
Tuesday	Wednesday, May 27
Wednesday	Thursday, May 28
Thursday	Friday, May 29
Friday	Saturday, May 30

Yard waste collection will resume Tuesday, May 26 at 7 am. Crews will follow the normal collection schedule beginning with Monday's route. Collection of the Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday routes will occur throughout the remainder of the week until all routes have been completed.

Bulk pick-ups will be scheduled for Thursday, May 28. To schedule a bulk pick-up, please call (919) 554-6120 by 2 pm Wednesday, May 27.

Town offices will re-open Tuesday, May 26 at 8 am.

For information throughout the year concerning holiday garbage and recycling schedules, visit the Town's website at [www.wakeforestnc.gov/news\\_index.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/news_index.aspx).

### **New Tunes On Community Channel 10**

The Town of Wake Forest is now airing 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 "Classic Country." 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 ejection (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**

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.

### **Firing Range Training**

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

**Thursday, May 7**

**12 pm - 8 pm**

**Wednesday, May 27**

**8 am - 9 pm**

**Thursday, May 28**

**8 am - 9 pm**

**Friday, May 29**

**8 am - 9 pm**

**Monday, June 1**

**2 pm - 7 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.

### **Town Calendar**

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

**Tuesday, May 5** - [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](http://wake-forest.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2).

**Thursday, May 7** - National Day of Prayer Ceremony, 11:30 am; Municipal Parking Lot, Downtown Wake Forest. (919) 441-6883

**Friday, May 8** - Art After Hours, 5 pm; Downtown Wake Forest. (919) 570-1372

**Saturday, May 9** - [Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour](#), Wake Forest Cemetery. (919) 554-6123

**Sunday, May 10** - Six Sundays in Spring continues, 5 pm; Holding Park, 133 W. Owen Ave. (919) 453-0121

**Sunday, May 17** - [Bicycle Safety Fair](#), 1 pm; Old Wake Forest Plaza. (919) 554-4895

**Sunday, May 17** - Six Sundays in Spring continues, 5 pm; Holding Park, 133 W. Owen Ave. (919) 453-0121

**Tuesday, May 19** - [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](http://wake-forest.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=2).

**Sunday, May 24** - Six Sundays in Spring concludes for the season, 5 pm; Holding Park, 133 W. Owen Ave. (919) 453-0121

**Monday, May 25** - Town Hall Closed. (919) 554-6100

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.](#)

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### **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](http://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](http://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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper                                   | • Gable-top paper cartons, such as milk cartons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> White paper                                 | • Metal food cans                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green, brown & clear glass                  | • Aluminum beverage cans                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrugated cardboard                        | • Aluminum foil (no food residue)               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paperboard, such as cereal boxes, shoeboxes | • Six-pack rings                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bottles                             | • Magazines, junk mail & catalogs               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aseptic juice boxes                         |   |

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

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### **Communications - Keeping You Informed**

#### **Focus on Wake Forest – May 2009**

In the May installment of Focus on Wake Forest, we'll take you to Holding Park for the 2009 Six Sundays in Spring concert series. We'll talk to Wake Forest Cultural Arts Association President Gail Joyner who shares why Six Sundays is one of our area's most popular annual events. The Town of Wake Forest recently held the grand re-opening of Taylor Street Park. We'll take you out to the park and let you see why it's a jewel in the East End Community; and finally, Wake Forest recently introduced the [Great Grass Giveaway](#). Deputy Town Manager [Roe O'Donnell](#) explains how the program is promoting water conservation throughout Wake Forest.

The May 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, 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 cable television but are now being offered online. The Town's web site - [www.wakeforestnc.gov](http://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](http://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](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](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx) or contact Public Information Officer Bill Crabtree at (919) 554-6196 or via email at [bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto: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!

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### **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/>.