Our Town

Holiday events and festive decorations abound in Wake Forest.

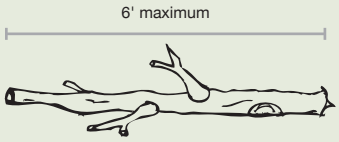
TOWN *of* WAKE FOREST

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011

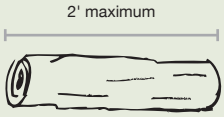
Loose leaf collection

The Town of Wake Forest has resumed its annual loose leaf collection program which runs from October through March. Please make note of these guidelines:

- Leaf piles must be free of limbs, trash, and debris.
- Limbs and brush may be placed at the curb in a pile separate from leaves, but please avoid creating mounds in the street.
- Limbs and brush between one and 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 in length. Logs must not exceed 10 inches in diameter.



Leaf mulch is available upon request from October through March. Each delivery is approximately 20 cubic yards. To request a free leaf mulch delivery, contact Betty Pearce at (919) 435-9570 or bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov.
For more information, visit **www.wakeforestnc.gov/Residents/PublicWorks_YardWaste.aspx**.

BRINGING JOY

Wake Forest Police Department helps area residents in need

The Wake Forest Police Department is accepting donations for two community service projects that benefit families in our area.

5th Annual Turkey Drive

For the past four years, the Wake Forest Police Department has purchased and distributed Thanksgiving turkeys to families in need. Last year, 490 turkeys were handed out. If you would like to make a contribution, please mail a check to the Wake Forest Police Department, attn: Turkey Drive, 221 S. Taylor St., Wake Forest, NC 27587. Checks should be made out to the Wake Forest Police Department.

Turkeys can be dropped off on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m. until noon at the police department behind town hall.

Turkeys will be handed out on a first come, first serve basis on Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. until noon at the Wake Forest Community House, 133 W. Owen Ave. For more information contact Detective M. Sattler at (919) 435-9614.

13th Annual Shop with a Cop

On Wednesday, Dec. 14, approximately 30 area children will visit the police department where they will be paired with their police officer "partners." The kids and their partners will then visit the Wake Forest Super Walmart, where each child will be given $175 to spend on a winter coat and other items of their choice. Parents are encouraged not to accompany their children.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to this year's Shop with a Cop should contact Detective K.C. Warren at (919) 435-9613 or kwarren@wakeforestnc.gov.

Children select a warm coat and other items of their choice when they Shop with a Cop.

Three energy saving tips for winter

As much as 35% of a home's energy load is attributed to outside air penetrating the house. Reduce your load by trying these tips:

- Add weather-stripping tapes that adhere directly to door or window frames for a tight seal.
- Fit foam or rubber weather-stripping into gaps around doors or windows.
- Add a door sweep to seal the gap at the bottom of a door.

For more ideas, visit **www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/winterenergysavings.aspx.**

New billing system brings exciting changes for Wake Forest Power customers

The Town of Wake Forest is introducing important changes for Wake Forest Power customers, including a new look electric bill and a paperless billing option, beginning with the November 2011 billing period. The most significant difference concerns each customer's account number which will change following the billing system conversion.

For more information concerning the Town's billing system conversion, online bill pay service, or new electric bill, contact Customer Service Supervisor Andrew Brown at (919) 435-9466 or abrown@wakeforestnc.gov.

Eagle Scout completes soft trail project at E. Carroll Joyner Park

Residents can now access Joyner Park from Wake Forest-Rolesville High School thanks to the efforts of 18-year-old **Matthew Brown**, a senior at the high school. For his Eagle Scout project he built a half-mile soft trail so that students and surrounding neighbors could have a way to walk to the park.

While constructing the trail, Brown overcame some challenges—the weather didn't cooperate on several trail building workdays and a switchback on a steep hill took more time than expected.

"Being on the cross country team at school motivated me to choose this as my project," says Brown. "The trail will allow us to run to Joyner Park for practice."

Apply now to serve on advisory boards

You can make a difference in our community by applying for one of the many upcoming vacancies on 10 of the Town's advisory boards. The boards were established to give citizens input into what happens in the community and to advise the Board of Commissioners on matters that affect citizens and their town government.

Applications are being accepted through Wednesday, Nov. 16, for appointments to the following boards: Cemetery, Greenway, Historic Preservation Commission, Human Relations Council, Planning, Public Art Commission, Recreation, Senior Center, Urban Forestry and Board of Adjustment.

To obtain a copy of the advisory board application, visit Town Hall or go to **www.wakeforestnc.gov/Government/AdvisoryBoards.aspx**.

For more information, contact Town Clerk Deeda Harris at (919) 435-9410 or dharris@wakeforestnc.gov.

Change Your Clocks. Change Your Batteries.
Daylight savings time ends Sunday, Nov. 6. Remember to set your clocks back one hour and replace the batteries in your smoke detectors.

Congratulations to the 2011 Good Neighbor of the Year winners!
Holden McLemore (Youth), **Albert Barneto** and **Gene Adams** (Adult co-winners)

2011 Holiday Happenings

Lighting of Wake Forest

Friday, Dec. 2
6-8 pm
Town Hall Centennial Plaza

Wake Forest will officially kick off the holiday season with the Lighting of Wake Forest at Centennial Plaza, 301 S. Brooks St. Presented by the Wake Forest Downtown Revitalization Corporation (DRC), the event will feature the lighting of the town's Christmas tree by Mayor Vivian Jones, followed by the eagerly anticipated arrival of Jolly Old St. Nick. The event will also include performances by local choirs, as well as horse and carriage rides, weather permitting. Children can have their picture taken with Santa from 6:30-8 p.m. For more information, call the Wake Forest DRC at (919) 570-1372.

Calls from Santa

Thursday, Dec. 8
6-8 pm

Children ages 3-7 can receive a phone call from Santa Claus. Registration forms will be available at **www.wakeforestnc.gov** beginning Dec. 1. All forms must be returned no later than 5 p.m., Dec. 7. For more information, contact the Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department at (919) 435-9560. Free.

Wake Forest Christmas Parade

Saturday, Dec. 10
1 pm
Downtown Wake Forest

The Wake Forest Christmas Parade is the place to experience community spirit at its best! Watch the parade as it passes through Historic Downtown Wake Forest on S. White Street and S. Brooks Street. Presented by the Wake Forest Downtown Revitalization Corporation. For more information, visit **www.wfdrc.org** or call the Wake Forest DRC at (919) 570-1372.

Pictures with Santa

Friday, Dec. 2
6:30-8 pm
Town Hall Lobby

Saturday, Dec. 3 & Dec. 10
10 am-3 pm
Depot parking lot

Santa will be available for photos on Friday, Dec. 2 during the Lighting of Wake Forest and again on Saturday, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10 at the depot parking lot, 110 S. White St, in downtown Wake Forest. *Please note that pictures will not be taken while the parade is taking place on Dec. 10.* Sponsored by the Wake Forest DRC. Free. For more information, call the Wake Forest DRC at (919) 570-1372.

The Christmas Historic Home Tour is presented every other year. Mark your calendar for the next tour in December 2012!

Downtown Holiday Open House

Saturday, Dec. 3
Beginning at 10 am

The Wake Forest DRC will offer free horse and carriage rides in downtown Wake Forest during the merchant's annual Holiday Open House. Live entertainment and children's activities will be offered throughout the day. Come have your picture taken with Santa and experience the magic of the holidays in the historic district.

For a full listing of holiday events in Wake Forest, visit the Community Calendar at **www.wakeforestnc.gov/communitycalendar.aspx**.

‹‹‹ Christmas Tree Recycling

The Town of Wake Forest will pick up your discarded Christmas tree and recycle it. Last year, the public works department collected 2,225 trees from Wake Forest residents. Place your live tree at the curb and make sure to remove all ornaments.

Holiday schedule Town Hall and all administrative offices wil be closed on Friday, Nov. 11 for Veterans Day, Nov. 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving, and Dec. 26 & 27 for Christmas.

For Wake Forest bus service and sanitation schedules during these holidays, visit **www.wakeforestnc.gov/holidayschedule.aspx.**

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Wake Forest Farmers Market
Saturdays, Nov 5, 12 and 19
8 am-Noon
Holiday Markets:
Sat, Dec 3 and Sat, Dec 17
Depot parking lot, 110 S. White St.
www.wakeforestmarket.org
(919) 671-9269

Art After Hours
Fri, Nov 11 and Fri, Dec 9; 5-9 pm
Downtown Wake Forest
Art openings, live music, free horse & carriage rides (weather permitting). Wake Forest DRC (919) 570-1372.

For a full listing of community events, visit **www.wakeforestnc.gov/communitycalendar.aspx**.

Your Government

Board of Commissioners Work Session
First Tuesday | 5:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

Planning Board Meetings
First Tuesday | 7:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

Board of Commissioners Meetings
Third Tuesday | 7:00 pm
Town Hall Board Room

- Watch meetings live on Community Channel 10.
- Watch re-broadcasts of meetings on Community Channel 10 at 9 am, 3 pm and 9 pm daily for up to two weeks after the meeting.
- Watch meetings live or on-demand in streaming video: www.wakeforestnc.gov/Government/boardofcommissioners.aspx.

Have agendas delivered directly to your inbox. Sign up at: **www.wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx.**

Remember to vote Tuesday, Nov. 8

Wake Forest residents will have the opportunity to elect three town commissioners on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Board candidates participated in a question and answer forum in the town hall board chambers on Oct. 11. The event aired live on Community Channel 10 and is being rebroadcast daily at noon and 7 p.m. You can also watch the Candidates Forum in streaming video at **www.wakeforestnc.gov/government/Granicus.aspx**.

Tag reader: www.gettag.mobi

Be the first to know what's happening in the Town of Wake Forest

Sign up for E-News.

Subscribe to **E-News** and have the Town's electronic newsletter delivered directly to your inbox each month. E-News subscribers also receive ***The Week Ahead***, a weekly email publication that provides information about upcoming events, as well as **E-Alerts** offering urgent notifications and traffic alerts.

Sign up for E-Notifier.

E-Notifier alerts subscribers to the availability of Board of Commissioners and Planning Board meeting agendas, the Town Manager's Weblog, RecConnect, and—our newest offering—a monthly update of new businesses coming to Wake Forest!

*Sign up for both electronic services at **www.wakeforestnc.gov/communications.aspx**.*

New Rental Opportunities

The following Town of Wake Forest parks and facilities can be rented for special occasions. For detailed information and rates, visit **www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/parksrecreation_facilities_rentals.aspx** or call the parks and recreation department at (919) 435-9560.

- **E. Carroll Joyner Park**: amphitheatre and performance garden (available daily)
- **Wake Forest Community House** (available daily)
- **Flaherty Park Community Center**: gymnasium and meeting room (available Saturday and Sunday)
- **Athletic Fields** (no lights, available daily)
- **Open Space Rental**: Holding Park, Flaherty Park and E. Carroll Joyner Park (available daily)

Registration for winter/spring parks & recreation classes begins Dec. 5. Look for *RecConnect* in your mailbox at the beginning of December.

Wake Forest greenway trail contributors

ADOPT-A-TRAIL PARTICIPANTS:
Sanford Creek (*Marshall Farm Rd. to Rolesville Line*) Heritage Wake Forest Two HOA; **Dunn Creek** (*Rogers Rd. to Smith Creek Soccer Center*) Heritage Garden Group; **Dunn Creek** (*Smith Creek Soccer Center to NC Hwy 98 Bypass*) DC Greenway Rangers; **Gateway Commons Shopping Center** Morrison Family; **Smith Creek** *(Creek Moss Avenue to Burlington Mills Road)* Paddle Creek; **Kiwanis Trail** (*S. Franklin St. to White St.)* Kiwanis Club; **Miller Park Trails** Greenup; **Richland Creek** (*Olde Mill Stream section*) Strong Family; **E. Carroll Joyner Park** (*Field & Garden Loop and Farm Loop*) Super Target.

ADOPT-A-TRAIL ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS:
E. Carroll Joyner Park (*trail mileage markers*) Lindsay Emer; **E. Carroll Joyner Park** (*trail directional posts*) Youth Advisory Board; **Smith Creek Soccer Center** (*trail mileage markers*) Dimples BBQ Sauce; **Kiwanis Greenway** *(trail mileage markers, birdhouse construction, and black-eyed susan plantings)* Miller Family; **Smith Creek Greenway-**Burlington Mills Rd. to Neuse River Greenway (*trail mileage markers*) YMCA Princess Guide, Pink Ponies Tribe.

SOFT TRAIL IN KIND DONATIONS:
All trails: Friends of the Mountains–to-Sea Trail, Jeff D. Brewer; Joe Seigler; Stewart Engineering Inc.; Berry Stevens; Jimmy Thrift and Mickey Rochelle; **E. Carroll Joyner Park to WFR-HS**: Mr. and Mrs. Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Progress Energy, B & W Hardware, Home Depot, Matthew Brown; **Rogers Road to Heritage High School**: Nau Engineering Group,Tim Nau; Taylor Land Consultants, PLLC, Jeremy Taylor; TerraTech Engineers, Inc., Brian Hall, Glen Malpass; Adam Blum; Austin Yurtal; Heritage High School, Mark Savage, Camber Starling/AgriScience Classes, Barbara Wiggins/Business Alliance; Wake Electric, Allen Duke; Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Joel Gunn and resident life students; Scott Lane, WF resident.

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