

# Our Town

Good Neighbor Day  
features performances  
by local groups



TOWN of WAKE FOREST

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2011

## Take a stand against littering

The Town of Wake Forest is urging residents to help eliminate unsightly littering and illegal dumping along our streets by reporting such incidents and utilizing proper methods of waste disposal.

### Swat-a-Litterbug

Residents who see a person littering should report the license plate number of the offending vehicle to the NCDOT's Office of Beautification Programs at 1-877-DOT-4YOU (1-877-368-4968). The NCDOT will then notify the vehicle owner of the littering offense; inform the vehicle owner of the penalties for littering; and urge the litterbug to stop littering.

### Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping is the dumping of any waste on any property without the consent of the owner. Most illegal dumping is done to avoid paying disposal fees at landfills or failure to take the time and effort to dispose of items properly.

Anyone who observes a person illegally dumping should report it immediately by calling the Wake Forest Police Department at (919) 554-6150. With adequate information from an eyewitness, the Town can and will pursue prosecution.

For information about Wake Forest's bulk waste pickup, visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/publicworks\\_bulk\\_pickup.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/publicworks_bulk_pickup.aspx) or contact Public Works at (919) 435-9570.

## 6th Annual Good Neighbor Day

On Sunday, Sept. 18, the Wake Forest Human Relations Council (HRC) will host the 6th Annual Good Neighbor Day. This free, family-friendly event will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Holding Park, 133 W. Owen Ave.

By bringing together a mix of cultures, music, ages, and ethnicities, the event celebrates diversity and promotes goodwill among all of Wake Forest's citizens.

Offering free food, dancing, local musicians, a disc jockey, face painting, storytelling, prizes and recreational activities for both children and adults, this family-oriented celebration promises

something for everyone.

In the event of rain, the event will be held Sunday, Sept. 25.

### Good Neighbor of the Year Award

A special part of this year's event will be the presentation of the second annual "Good Neighbor of the Year" Award. The award is the Town's way of recognizing the residents who are committed to preserving and improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods and our community.

For more information, call HRC Member Alecia DySard at (919) 862-6077 or visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/goodneighboraday.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/goodneighboraday.aspx).

## Receive public safety information by phone

Residents now have the option to add additional phone numbers, such as cell phone numbers or work number, to receive urgent messages from Town officials.

Using the DeltAlert system, phone messages are sent to notify residents about planned and unforeseen public safety matters. "We only send alerts by phone when there's a time-sensitive matter or one involving the safety or welfare of our community," says Public Information Officer Bill Crabtree.

Through a single phone call, the Town can quickly alert thousands of residents to everything from severe weather to mobilizing emergency response teams.

For more information about DeltAlert and to add additional numbers visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/deltaalert.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/deltaalert.aspx).

## Lock it or lose it

The number of vehicle break-ins is again on the rise in our area. As a result, the police department is again urging you to do the simplest, yet most important thing you can do to avoid becoming a victim—lock your unoccupied vehicles at all times.

Report suspicious activities by calling the Wake Forest Police Department at (919) 556-9111.



## New budget reflects Town's conservative fiscal approach

At a time when many municipalities are being forced to reduce service levels and lay off staff, the Town of Wake Forest is fortunate to stand apart. While not immune from the effects of the recession, the Town is managing better than most thanks to its time-honored fiscal approach.

For nearly 20 years Wake Forest officials have embraced a conservative economic policy that is again proving there may be something to the old adage about saving for a rainy day. In good times and bad Town leaders have endeavored to establish healthy coffers in both capital reserve funds and fund balance. Such a determined focus has enabled Wake Forest to withstand the current economic storm, while at the same time continuing to provide the exceptional level of service its residents have come to appreciate and expect.

The FY 2011-12 budget offers useful insight into the Town's fiscal policy. It allocates sufficient funds to maintain current service levels and complete only those capital projects already underway. The new budget also highlights the Town's practice of utilizing conservative revenue projections and adhering to a careful use of reserves, while keeping tax and utility rates at reasonable levels.

To view the budget, visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/finance\\_budget.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/finance_budget.aspx).



### Sign up to receive traffic alerts

To receive email notification of road closings in Wake Forest, sign up for E-News at [www.wakeforestnc.gov/enews.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/enews.aspx).



## Wake Forest Unplugged

*Get connected by disconnecting*

The Wake Forest Recreation Advisory Board invites residents to "disconnect" from cell phones, PDAs, and computers, and "re-connect" with their community, friends, and family for an entire weekend this fall. The campaign gets underway Friday, Oct. 7, at 5 p.m. and runs through Sunday, Oct. 9, at 5 p.m.

Residents and families can participate by simply "unplugging" from their televisions, personal computers, phones, and video games for the weekend and instead engaging in healthier, more active pursuits.

### Concert in the Park, Oct. 9

As part of the Wake Forest Unplugged campaign, the parks and recreation department will offer a free concert on Sunday, Oct. 9, at E. Carroll Joyner Park from 3-5 p.m.

Area residents are encouraged to arrive early, bring a picnic lunch, and take part in an array of planned games and activities, including sack and relay races, egg toss, corn hole, and hula hoop, scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.

For more information about Wake Forest Unplugged, visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/unplugged.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/unplugged.aspx).

## Eight candidates running for three available board seats

Wake Forest voters will elect three commissioners in a non-partisan election on Tuesday, Nov. 8. The eight candidates are:

- **Ben Clapsaddle** (919) 761-1257  
Clapsaddle4commissioner@yahoo.com
- **Zachary Donahue** (919) 761-9043  
zadonahue@gmail.com
- **Greg Harrington** (919) 554-0646  
mgregh@embarqmail.com
- **Anne Hines** (919) 556-6304  
anne.hines12@yahoo.com
- **Matthew Reck** (919) 638-7339  
4mattrwf@nc.rr.com
- **Pete Thibodeau** (919) 453-1051  
peter4wf@yahoo.com
- **Jim Thompson** (919) 417-4217  
thompi8255@gmail.com
- **Sherry Ward** (919) 761-9469  
sherry\_309@hotmail.com

## Wake Forest Board of Commissioners Candidates' Forum

**Tuesday, Oct. 11; 6:30-8 pm**  
**Wake Forest Town Hall**  
**301 S. Brooks St.**

Sponsored by the Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce, the forum will feature all of the candidates vying for a seat on the Town's board of commissioners. The event will be broadcast live on Community Channel 10 and rebroadcast daily until election day. The video of the forum will also be available at [www.wakeforestnc.gov/government/Granicus.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/government/Granicus.aspx).

## K9 Maverick back on the beat

Police K9 Maverick who was seriously injured while on duty in March, has returned to work. K9 Maverick was accidentally struck by a patrol car while pursuing a suspect. Following emergency surgery, the K9 spent several weeks in the intermediate care ward at N.C. State's School of Veterinary Medicine.

According to Maverick's handler, Officer D. Hess, the K9's return to full duty status means he will perform the same job functions he did prior to the accident, including narcotics detection, tracking, building and area searches, evidence searches, criminal apprehension, officer protection, and public demonstrations.



## Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

### Wake Forest Farmers Market Saturdays, 8 am-Noon

Depot Parking Lot, 110 S. White St.  
[www.wakeforestmarket.org](http://www.wakeforestmarket.org)  
(919) 671-9269

### Art After Hours

Fri, Sept 9 and Fri, Oct 14; 5-9 pm

Downtown Wake Forest  
Art openings, live music, free horse & carriage rides (weather permitting). Wake Forest DRC (919) 570-1372.

### Good Neighbor Day

Sunday, Sept 18; 1-4 pm

Holding Park, 133 W. Owen Ave.  
Rain date: Sept 25  
[www.wakeforestnc.gov/goodneighborday.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/goodneighborday.aspx)

### Wake Forest Area Artists Studio Tour

Sept 23-25 and Oct 1-2  
[www.wakeforestareaartists.com](http://www.wakeforestareaartists.com)

### Public Power Week

Oct 3-7  
WF Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St.  
[www.wakeforestnc.gov/wakeforestpower.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/wakeforestpower.aspx)

### Wake Forest Unplugged...

#### Get Connected

Oct 7-9  
[www.wakeforestnc.gov/unplugged.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/unplugged.aspx)

### Concert in the Park

Sunday, Oct 9; 3-5 pm  
E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Rd.  
[www.wakeforestnc.gov/unplugged.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/unplugged.aspx)

For a full listing of community events, visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/communitycalendar.aspx](http://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](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/Government/boardofcommissioners.aspx).

Have agendas delivered directly to your inbox. Sign up at: [www.wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx).

**Wake Forest Power**, a division of the Town of Wake Forest, earned RP3 recognition (Reliable Public Power Provider) for providing customers with the highest degree of reliable and safe electric service.



## Know your power

### Q: Who provides my electricity?

**A:** Wake Forest residents receive their power from one of three utilities: Wake Forest Power, Wake Electric or Progress Energy.

### Q: What is public power?

**A:** Public power is municipally-owned and operated electric service. The Town of Wake Forest provides electric service to 6,111 households through Wake Forest Power, a community-owned organization.

### Q: When is Public Power Week?

**A:** Wake Forest Power will host a five-day celebration at town hall Oct. 3-7. For the seventh consecutive year, three Wake Forest Power customers will win a free month's worth of electricity simply by participating in the "Public Power Week Word Search Contest." Contest details will be announced in September.

For more information about Wake Forest Power and the benefits of public power visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/wakeforestpower.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/wakeforestpower.aspx).

## Is your home an energy waster?

Wake Forest Power customers can request a free home energy audit with the Town's residential energy auditor. The program helps Wake Forest Power customers identify ways they can save energy at home.

A Town of Wake Forest Home Energy Audit identifies the home's energy wasters, such as drafty windows, insufficient insulation, humidity problems, inefficient appliances, and poor ventilation.

To sign up for an audit, call (919) 435-9472. Some restrictions apply.

## More residents are riding the bus

Ridership on the Wake Forest Loop exceeded 3,000 in June, setting an all-time record for the Loop. Download the routes at [www.wakeforestnc.gov/busservice.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/busservice.aspx) or pick up a printed bus schedule at Wake Forest Town Hall.

## TOP 5 ENERGY SAVING TIPS

- ▶ **Clean the lint filter** in your dryer after every load to dry your clothes faster and save money
- ▶ A **fan** can make you feel three to four degrees cooler, but remember that fans cool people, not rooms, so turn them off when you leave the room
- ▶ **Switch your central air conditioning to "auto"** instead of keeping the system switched "on" continuously
- ▶ **Insulate your water heater** by wrapping the tank in a blanket of fiberglass insulation
- ▶ Clean or **change your filters** monthly to keep your system running at peak performance

*At its one-year anniversary, the new town hall continues to set a remarkable standard for environmental sustainability.*



## Town hall harnesses solar energy



New solar panels on the roof of town hall are adding clean energy to the building's power supply. In an effort

to reduce the consumption of power and to increase the "greenness" of town hall, the Board of Commissioners approved the installation of the solar panels.

During daylight hours, the panels convert sunlight into electricity. On average, they deliver approximately 9 kW of power to the town hall

which accounts for approximately ten percent of the power demand. The power is used instantaneously as there are no storage batteries.

By using solar panels the Town not only reduces its power bill but also reduces carbon emissions and contributes to the NC Eastern Municipal Power Agency's Renewable Energy Credits requirements per North Carolina law.

The panels began contributing electricity to the new town hall in April 2011 and have performed flawlessly ever since.

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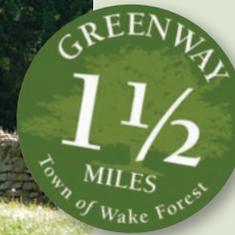
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Subscribe to **E-News** and have the Town's electronic newsletter delivered directly to your inbox each month. E-News subscribers also receive **The Week Ahead**, a weekly email publication that provides information about upcoming events, as well as **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](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/communications.aspx).



*New mileage markers will help trail users measure their distance*

**Wake Forest student finds a way to enhance park trails**

While training for the Franklin Academy Cross Country Team, 16-year-old **Lindsay Emer** noticed the lack of mileage markers on the trails at E. Carroll Joyner Park. Lindsay, also a Girl Scout, approached the Town with her idea of installing quarter-mile markers at the park as her Gold

Award Project, the highest award that can be earned by a Girl Scout.

One year later, her idea is now coming to fruition. With the help of Greenways Advisory Board Chair Jan Ammons and three town staff members, four-inch markers have been ordered and will be adhered to the pavement at the park so that trail

users can measure their distance. As part of her project, Lindsay is also planning a 5K Fun Run scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 11 at the park.



Mile markers will also be installed along other greenway trails throughout the Wake Forest parks system by other volunteer groups. By participating in the

Adopt-a-Trail program, groups can provide trail enhancements ranging from bird houses to stream bank restoration.

Visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/adoptatrail.aspx](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/residents/adoptatrail.aspx) or contact Planner Candace Davis at [cdavis@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:cdavis@wakeforestnc.gov).

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