

Our Town



TOWN of WAKE FOREST

MARCH/APRIL 2012

Public Workshop: Unified Development Ordinance

Thursday, March 1
10 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.
Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St.

Join the Town of Wake Forest Planning Department at an informational meeting concerning the drafting and current status of the UDO design process. The Town's consultant, Craig Lewis, will present information about completed chapters, and the planning staff will be available to answer questions. The workshop will be held at three different times during the day. Future chapters are being developed and will be presented at a later date.

For more details, contact Assistant Planning Director Chad Sary at (919) 435-9514 or csary@wakeforestnc.gov.

Tree Care Class

Saturday, March 24
10 a.m. - noon
Wake Forest Community
House, 133 W. Owen Ave.

The Town of Wake Forest will host a free tree care class. Learn about proper tree care practices, including tree selection, planting, pruning, and fertilization.

Register at Wake Forest Town Hall or call the Parks & Recreation Department at (919) 435-9560.

Tree Seedling Giveaway

Saturday, March 3 ~ 8 a.m.

The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board (UFB) is hosting its sixth annual tree seedling giveaway on Saturday, March 3, in Centennial Plaza, 301 S. Brooks St. The event is scheduled from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. — or until all the seedlings are gone.

UFB members will distribute 3,700 flowering dogwood, eastern redbud, persimmon, and Shumard oak tree seedlings free of charge to Wake Forest-area residents while supplies last. Certified arborists will be on hand to help residents decide which seedlings grow best in their respective yard conditions. Planting instructions, along with useful information about the trees, will be provided on the Town's website at www.wakeforestnc.gov.

The UFB is encouraging residents to help protect the environment and reduce the use of plastic bags by bringing their own reusable shopping tote or other environmentally-friendly bag when they pick up their seedlings. The tree seedlings will be given away on a first come, first serve basis. Sign-ups prior to the event will not be accepted.

For more information, contact Urban Forester Evan Keto at eketo@wakeforestnc.gov or (919) 435-9565.

Pictured above: Cub Scouts helped distribute tree seedlings at last year's giveaway.

There's an app for that

We are pleased to announce the availability of a new Town of Wake Forest app for Apple and Android markets. When downloaded, the free app allows you to easily access information about the Town and to perform Town-related functions from your iPhone, iPad or Android.

By using the app, you can:

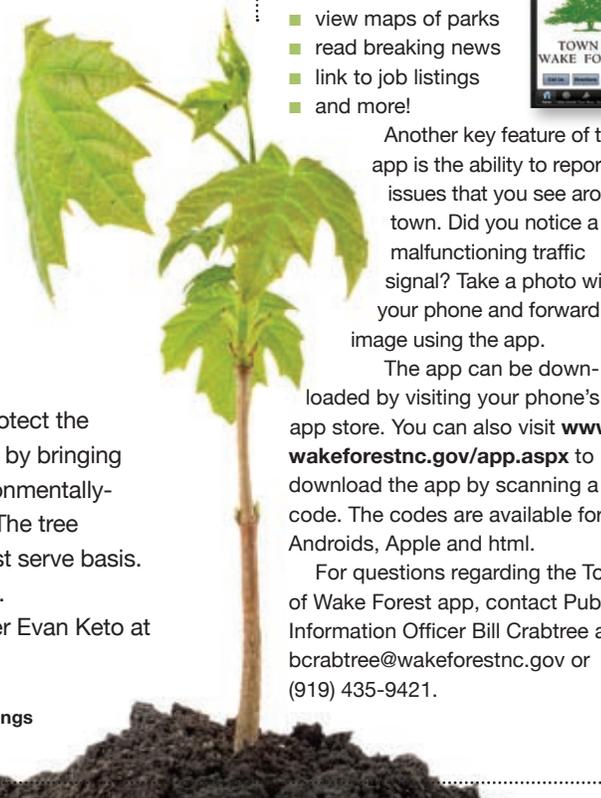
- pay power bills
- access town news
- view maps of parks
- read breaking news
- link to job listings
- and more!



Another key feature of the app is the ability to report issues that you see around town. Did you notice a malfunctioning traffic signal? Take a photo with your phone and forward the image using the app.

The app can be downloaded by visiting your phone's app store. You can also visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/app.aspx to download the app by scanning a QR code. The codes are available for Androids, Apple and html.

For questions regarding the Town of Wake Forest app, contact Public Information Officer Bill Crabtree at bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov or (919) 435-9421.



Glad You Asked

Q: When Town crews trim the branches around electric power lines, why do they trim back so far away from the lines?

All utilities are charged to maintain a certain level of reliability to their customers and downed branches on power lines are one of the main causes for outages and momentary interruptions to service. The Town adheres to requirements for system reliability that are set by the NERC (North American Electric Reliability Corporation), the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission), ANSI (American National Standards Institute) and ISA (International Society of Arboriculture).

The Wake Forest Power crew takes great pride, and rightfully so, when a thunderstorm or wind storm comes through town and no tree related outages occur. This means they are doing their jobs correctly.

Q: What can I do if I see someone littering?

Any resident who observes someone littering is encouraged to 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). Upon receipt of the litterbug information, the NCDOT will notify the vehicle owner of the littering offense; inform the vehicle owner of the penalties for littering; and urge the litterbug to stop littering.

Q: What is the correct thing to do when I hear sirens and see flashers while driving?

Just remember, "Go right for lights and sirens." Move to the right side of the road and allow the emergency vehicle to pass. Do not slam on your brakes, and do not stop while cresting the top of a hill.

Do you have a question for the Town? Email us at gladyouasked@wakeforestnc.gov or call (919) 435-9400. We'll publish questions in each edition of this newsletter. All questions and answers will be posted at www.wakeforestnc.gov/gladyouasked.aspx.



Wake Forest Farmers Market begins regular hours in April:
Saturdays, 8 a.m.-noon in the Depot parking lot at 110 S. White St.

Great Grass Giveaway

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 fact, in order to keep it alive, Fescue requires approximately one inch of water per week. Bermuda grass requires approximately one-third the water of fescue.

If you live inside Wake Forest's corporate limits, and you're willing to convert your lawn from Fescue to Bermuda grass, then you're eligible to participate in this year's "Great Grass Giveaway."

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Grass seed will be given away at the Public Works Operations Center, 234 Friendship Chapel Rd., on Saturday, April 28, beginning at 7 a.m. until supplies run out. We have 1,250 lbs. to give away, but it goes fast! No reservations will be taken. The event is first come, first served. You will be asked to provide your address and the size of your lot. We'll give you enough grass seed to cover up to an 8,000 square-foot lawn.

Please note, the program is not designed for residents with existing Bermuda or other warm season grass seed lawns. For more information, contact Betty Pearce at (919) 435-9570 or visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/greatgrassgiveaway.aspx.

Share the stories of those who have passed

The Wake Forest Cemetery Advisory Board is requesting the community's help in recounting stories at this year's Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour. The free tour is scheduled for Saturday, May 12, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Wake Forest Cemetery, 400 N. White St.

Share your family history. Do you have family members buried at Wake Forest Cemetery? Please consider sharing your family histories and stories. Contact Jackie Revill at jcrevill@nc.rr.com or (919) 761-1863; or Margaret Shearon at mshearon@nc.rr.com or (919) 435-0265.

Volunteer docents are needed on the day of the event to stand or sit at various locations throughout the cemetery and recount the lives, accomplishments, and contributions of our historic and notable cemetery residents. If you are interested, please contact either Alan O'Shaughnessey at (919) 556-5242 or ncalano@aol.com; or Bradley Baker at (919) 435-7613 or bnbaker@wcpss.net.

These places matter (and many others, too)



Wake Forest College Birthplace



South Brick House (circa 1842)



Cooke's Residence (circa 1803)



Carnival for the Kids: April 10-15 in the Home Depot parking lot

Presented by the Wake Forest Police Department, Carnival for the Kids raises money to fund police projects that benefit children in our area. Enjoy carnival rides, games, food and family fun for a great cause!

Improvements to begin on South White Street

Construction for Phase II & III of the South White Street Streetscape Plan is scheduled to begin in mid-March. Improvements will include new pavers, sidewalks, street lights and landscaping. The work will extend from Owen Avenue to Elm Avenue. Improvements will also be made on North White Street north of the Roosevelt intersection. To see the plans, go to www.wakeforestnc.gov/whitestreetplan.aspx. To sign up to receive weekly construction updates by email, send a request to bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov.

Coming soon

Wake Forest will see two new apartment complexes in the coming months. Woodfield Creek Apartments will be located on Caveness Farms Avenue and Ligon Mill Road Extension. Heritage Garden Apartments will be located off Rogers Road on Heritage Farm Drive.

The town's second McDonalds will be constructed on one of the last outparcels in the Heritage Station Shopping Center on Forestville Road.

To receive updates about new businesses, sign up at www.wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx.

Highlights from the 2012 State of the Town Address

Mayor Jones delivered the State of the Town Address on Feb. 20. View the entire speech in streaming video at www.wakeforestnc.gov/2012stateofthetown.aspx. The speech will also be replayed on Community Channel 10 throughout March. Here are some highlights...

“Thanks to the foresight of our commissioners and staff, we have managed to weather this economic storm better than most. 2011 was no exception even though it was again a relatively flat year financially. With other communities facing budget cuts, layoffs, and reduction of services, I think being flat is a step in the right direction!

“One of the ways we are dealing with the economy is to hold up on hiring a couple of positions that have been approved and we have not filled several positions when employees left or retired. We are much leaner in staffing than many other towns in Wake County. We have, through attrition, reduced our Electric Department staff by one whole line crew. With fewer employees, our Electric guys have stepped up and they are doing a tremendous job for the Town. And, they are doing it safely.

“Another resource that is of great value to our Town is volunteers. It is impossible to tell all of the things



that are done by volunteers to benefit our Town each year.

“We have many great things happening in

economic development. The initial funding for the Wireless Research Center of NC was approved by the Town Board in conjunction with the grant for capital expenses from The Golden Leaf Foundation. The Wireless Center will become a national destination for antenna/wireless development, research, and testing.

“This coming year we will complete the White Street streetscape project. We have some design work that we will be doing for Stadium Drive, and for sidewalks around Joyner Park. The sidewalk and greenways to give access to Heritage High School should be completed and the Dunn Creek greenway should be opening soon.

“My focus this year will be on the creative economy in Wake Forest. We need to recognize and promote the arts and entertainment sectors in our community. We plan to work with Wake Forest Arts, the Wake Forest Area Chamber and the DRC to coordinate all the creative groups and lead the way on arts-and-culture based economic development activities.”

On the Calendar

MARCH & APRIL

Art After Hours

Friday, Mar. 9 and Friday, Apr. 13; 5-9 p.m. in downtown Wake Forest. Art openings, live music, free horse and carriage rides (weather permitting). Wake Forest DRC, (919) 570-1372.

Six Sundays in Spring

Sundays, Apr. 29-Jun. 3; 3-7 p.m. Free concert series at the amphitheater in E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Rd. (919) 435-9560.

Wake Forest Farmers Market

Winter schedule continues through March: Open Saturday, Mar. 3 & 17; 10 a.m.-noon. Regular schedule begins in April: Open Saturday, Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28; 8 a.m.-noon. Depot parking lot, 110 S. White St. www.wakeforestmarket.org (919) 671-9269.

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

Your Government

Board of Commissioners Work Session

First Tuesday | 5:30 p.m.
Town Hall Board Room

Planning Board Meetings

First Tuesday | 7:30 p.m.
Town Hall Board Room

Board of Commissioners Meetings

Third Tuesday | 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall Board Room

- Watch meetings live on Community Channel 10.
- Watch re-broadcasts of meetings on Community Channel 10 at 9 a.m., 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. 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.

In observation of Good Friday, town hall and other administrative offices will be closed April 6, 2012. Police service will not be affected, but bus service and sanitation schedules may be altered. Any changes to the operating schedule will be posted at www.wakeforestnc.gov/holidayschedule.aspx approximately one week prior to the holiday.

The hardcover limited edition of **Connections...100 Years of Wake Forest History** is now \$30. Purchase your copy at town hall or at www.wakeforestnc.gov/marketplace.aspx.

The Wake Forest Historic Preservation Commission asked the community to photograph the “places that matter.” The response was outstanding! To see all the photos, go to www.wakeforestnc.gov/thisplacematters.aspx. A slideshow featuring all the photos airs daily on Community Channel 10 at 7:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., and 8:30 p.m.



Old Medlin Store (1905)



Keith's Grocery (1931)



Wake Forest-Rolesville High School (1959)

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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.

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EASTER EGG HUNT



Saturday, March 24 E. Carroll Joyner Park

The Parks and Recreation Department will host its annual egg hunt for children ages 12 and younger on Saturday, Mar. 24 at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Rd. Over 3,000 eggs will be hidden, including several golden eggs which

will bring a special prize.

In the event of rain, all hunts will be relocated to Flaherty Park Community Center, 1226 N. White St.

Start times are divided by age group: 10 a.m. for ages 3 and younger, 11 a.m. for ages 4-6, 1 p.m. for ages 7-9, and 2 p.m. for ages 10-12. The event is free.

For more information, call (919) 435-9560.

Community Channel 10



Tune in to Community Channel 10 for information about Town of Wake Forest's programs and services. *Focus on Wake Forest* airs at the top of the hour. To see a programming schedule, visit www.wakeforestnc.gov/channel10_schedule.aspx.

Add your mobile number to Town's urgent message service

To receive text messages from the Town regarding urgent matters, sign up at www.wakeforestnc.gov/deltaalert.aspx.

Arbor Day Ceremony

The Town will host its annual Arbor Day celebration on Thursday, March 15, beginning at 10 a.m. The event will be held at the Wake Forest Community House, 133 W. Owen Ave. Wake Forest's Arbor Day observance will include a musical performance by Wake Forest Elementary School first graders and several award presentations by the Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board.

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