

Our Town

July/August 2016

TOWN of WAKE FOREST



Join Uncle Sam & Lady Liberty at the annual Children's Parade on July 4.

FOURTH of JULY

Wake Forest serves up two days of fun

Fireworks, a children's parade, games and a whole lot more await you at this year's Fourth of July celebration!

Now in its 43rd year, Wake Forest's Independence Day celebration captures the best of patriotic spirit.

Fireworks

Spectacular:

Sunday, July 3, at Wake Forest High

School, 420 W. Stadium

Dr. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and admission is \$5 per person. Children ages six and under are admitted free. Tickets may be purchased at the gate, but only cash is accepted. Advance tickets may be purchased online at wfjuly4th.com and at select locations in Wake Forest. See website for full list of ticket outlets. Advance ticket buyers are eligible for a

special discount of five tickets for \$20.

The Band of Oz will headline this year's celebration and will take the stage at 6:30 p.m.

The fireworks show begins at dusk – typically between 8:30 and 9 p.m. – but there is no official start time.

Concessions will be available including offerings from Lumpy's, Charlie's Kabobs and Fuzzy's Empanadas.

Picnic baskets and coolers are allowed but will be inspected by the police department before being permitted inside the stadium. Alcoholic beverages are strictly prohibited on the Wake Forest High School campus. Families are welcome to tailgate in the parking lot, but everyone that comes onto the campus must be a paying spectator.

Children's Parade: Monday, July 4.

The lineup begins at 10 a.m. at the intersection of North Main Street

see **FOURTH OF JULY** on next page

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News highlights

Nominate a good neighbor » Do you know a person who helps to enhance your neighborhood? Maybe they have provided a service that you feel deserves recognition.



You can honor them with a nomination for the "Good Neighbor of the Year" Award.

Nominees are sought in two divisions: adult and youth (ages 13-18) for contributions that were made between Sept. 1, 2015 through Aug. 31, 2016.

The Wake Forest Human Relations Council will select the winners. All finalists will be honored during Good Neighbor Day on Sunday, Sept. 18, at Holding Park.

For a nomination form, visit wakeforestnc.gov and search for "good neighbor." Nominations must be received no later than Aug. 31, 2016.



Concert in the Park on Aug. 7 » Enjoy a free concert at E. Carroll Joyner Park on Sunday, Aug. 7 at 5 p.m. Christiane & the Strays will perform a broad range of music from bluegrass to alternative rock to neo-soul.

Concert in the Park is presented in partnership with PineCone and Wake Forest ARTS.



Christiane & the Strays will perform at Joyner Park



Leave the fireworks to the professionals. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is by viewing display fireworks – those used in public shows.

Most fireworks illegal in North Carolina

As Americans prepare to celebrate our country's independence, the Wake Forest Police Department is reminding area residents that the possession or discharge of most fireworks that explode, spin, fly, jump in the air, or leave the ground in any way are prohibited by North Carolina law. Illegal explosives include but are not limited to firecrackers, ground spinners, Roman candles, bottle rockets, and mortars.

Residents are also reminded that explosive fireworks, which are sold legally in South Carolina and several other states, are illegal in North Carolina.

In North Carolina, fireworks that are available for personal use are those marked as 1.4G. Novelty items, including sparklers, caps for toy pistols, snake and glow worms that emit a snake-like ash when burning, and trick noisemakers, are legal but still can cause injury if not properly handled. In all cases, these items should be kept away from young children and pets.



Fourth of July Holiday Schedule

Town hall and all administrative offices will be closed Monday, July 4, for Independence Day. Garbage and recycling will not be collected on July 4. Instead, the week's collection schedule will operate one day later than normal and extend into Saturday.

The Wake Forest Loop and the Wake Forest-Raleigh Express will not operate on July 4.

Fourth of July

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and West Juniper Avenue, near the Wake Forest College Birthplace. No registration is required.

The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. along North Main Street. All area youngsters are invited to hop on their bicycles or be pulled along in a wagon. Participation is free, but bicyclists must wear their helmets. The parade will end at the Wake Forest Community House, 133 W. Owen Ave.

Art & Games in the Park: Beginning at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 4, children of all ages will have the opportunity to create a variety of arts and crafts projects, join in a slew of games and activities, and enjoy giant inflatables. All festivities will take place at Holding Park, 133 W. Owen Ave. and R.H. Forrest Field, 123 W. Owen Ave.

Game activities will take place at Holding Park and include sack races, a watermelon seed spitting contest and a pie eating contest. Arts and crafts activities will include

decorating a sun visor, patriotic magnet, cupcake, and treat bag.

In addition, Wake Forest police will offer a K9 unit demonstration, while the Wake Forest Fire Department will have a fire truck on display.

All activities at Art & Games in the Park are free.

In case of inclement weather, updated information will be posted on the town's Facebook page. Smartphone users who have downloaded the town's app will receive a push notification message informing them of any schedule changes.

■ wfjuly4th.com



All activities on Monday, July 4, are free and open to the public.

Storyfest features the art of live storytelling

The Renaissance Centre for the Arts will host the "2016 Forest of Wake Storyfest" on Saturday, Aug. 6. Featuring renowned professional storytellers, along with workshops and family-friendly concerts for all ages, Storyfest will bring the art of live storytelling to Wake Forest, while celebrating one of mankind's oldest art forms.

Audiences ages six and older will relate to the colorful, humorous and inspirational music and stories shared by the lineup of storytellers, featuring Donna Washington, Lona Bartlett and Daniel M. Blaisdell.



Additional activities will include an open mic session for budding storytellers and their families. Two workshops will be offered: So You Want to be a Storyteller? led by Donna Washington and Simple Puppets for Storytelling led by Lona Bartlett.

Storyfest begins at 1 p.m. with an official welcome and concludes with the evening concert from 7-9 p.m. This

year's event will also feature a free storytelling hour for special needs students and families at 11 a.m.

Storyfest is sponsored by Drew and Lauren Bridges, and Wake Forest ARTS. Tickets can be purchased online at wakeforestrencen.org or at the Renaissance Centre Box Office, 405 S. Brooks St., 919-435-9458.

■ wakeforestnc.gov, search "Storyfest"



*Pictured top: Donna Washington
Left: Daniel Blaisdell and Lona Bartlett*



The live music of Jim Quick & Coastline is sure to get everyone dancing in the street.

BEACH NIGHT

Celebrate summer with a beach bash like no other in downtown Wake Forest

Beach music will fill the air on Saturday, Aug. 20, when Wake Forest Downtown, Inc. presents Beach Night on White. Scheduled from 5-9 p.m., this free event will take place along South White Street.



Ronnie White's Towing & Tire and Ted Wilder State Farm Insurance are the grand sponsors of this year's Beach Night on White.

Come early and visit the merchants, shops and businesses in our historic downtown to experience all that is special and unique about Wake Forest.

Live Beach Music

Jim Quick & Coastline will perform beach music favorites again this year. Quick has been touring the Southeast for more than 15 years, playing nearly 300 shows per year, and has



released more than 11 albums.

Known for his all-out performances, Quick has been a gracious recipient of the Carolina Music Awards "Entertainer Of The Year Award"—nine times.

Beer Garden & Concessions

This year's event will include a beer garden sponsored by the Wakefield Rotary Club. Beer may only be consumed within the beer garden. Proceeds from beer sales will support the Wake Forest Boys & Girls Club. Food trucks will also be available.

For information, contact Downtown Development Director Lisa Hayes at 919-435-9415.

■ wakeforestnc.gov, search "Beach Night"

DOWNTOWN

Friday Night on White returns July 8 & Aug. 12



The Town of Wake Forest's outdoor music series continues on July 8. Presented by White Street Brewing Co., "Friday Night on White" takes place along South White Street from 6-9 p.m. on the second Friday night of each month through September.

Stone Age Romeos will perform on July 8, followed by The Remedy on Aug. 12, and Crush on Sept. 9. Admission is free.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase at several downtown restaurants. A variety of food and dessert trucks will also be on site in the parking lot of Fidelity Bank, 231 S. White St. and along Owen Avenue.

No outside coolers will be permitted during Friday Night on White, but beer and wine will be available for purchase. All attendees wishing to purchase beer or wine will be required to show age identification and wear the provided wristband. All transactions for beer and wine sales are with White Street Brewing Co. tokens. Tokens may be purchased during the event or in advance at White Street Brewing Co.

Free parking will be available along several side streets and parking lots in downtown Wake Forest and at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Friday Night on White will take place rain or shine.

This is a Wake Forest LIVE event.

■ wakeforestnc.gov, search "Friday Night"



Memorial Flag Raising Ceremonies continue » The public is invited to attend memorial flag raising services held on the first Monday of each month at 11 a.m. in town hall's Centennial Plaza. The ceremonies, held from April through October, honor the sacrifices of deceased Wake Forest veterans and their families.

Neck of the Woods

July 15 ■ 7:30 p.m.

The variety performance series features emerging local artists. Each show is different and may include actors, dancers, musicians and comedians. Enjoy a truly unique and entertaining event and support your local artists! Wine, beer and other refreshments will be available for purchase. Presented and sponsored by Wake Forest ARTS. *Tickets \$5.*



Country Fried Caper

July 23 ■ 6:30 p.m.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre: Put on your cowboy boots and grab some fringe, it's time to sample true Americana. Meet the country music stars of tomorrow but beware, in the event of an untimely death, it will be up to you and your table of fellow sleuths to discover who could commit such a crime. *Tickets \$35 plus tax, includes dinner.*



Malpass Brothers

Aug. 27 ■ 7 p.m.

Steeped in traditional country music, the Malpass Brothers feature a smooth vocal blend and skillful musicianship, while performing in the styles of Johnny Cash, Marty Robbins and Hank Williams Sr.

The duo promotes the work and music of classic country artists they treasure, while creating new music and making their own mark in the lineage of a rich American cultural heritage. *Tickets \$15 plus tax.*

For tickets and complete event information visit wakeforestrecen.org or call the Renaissance Centre box office at 919-435-9458.



The Wake Forest Home & Garden Show will showcase home improvement products and services.

Find inspiration and ideas for your HOME & GARDEN



The Wake Forest Renaissance Centre for the Arts will host the inaugural Wake Forest Home & Garden Show on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 13-14.

Showcasing the latest in home improvement products, services, and features, the show is scheduled to take place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 1-6 p.m. on Sunday.

Whether you are looking for a complete home remodel, a kitchen or bath makeover, a newly landscaped yard, or just like to shop

for your home, you will find it all at the Wake Forest Home & Garden Show.

Meet the Experts

A variety of exhibits and workshops will be offered both inside and outside the Renaissance Centre featuring an array of local home improvement experts. Talk with home design and products experts. Learn from local landscapers and explore the newest ideas in interior design.

The Wake Forest Home & Garden Show is free and open to the public.

■ wakeforestnc.gov, search "home & garden"

Unattended pets should not be left in cars

The temperature inside a vehicle can get dangerously hot within a few minutes. The following tips are provided for pet owners and for those who see animals left unattended in vehicles:

■ If you see a pet inside a vehicle, call the Wake Forest Police Department at 919-554-6150. Officers will attempt to track down the pet owner but will break a window if they find an animal in distress.

■ Experts say once a dog has an internal body temperature of 102 degrees it is hard for them to cool themselves down. The only two ways they can cool themselves is by panting and sweating through their feet.



■ A few symptoms of animals suffering from heatstroke are bright, red gums and heavy and thick salivation. Boxers and bulldogs are especially susceptible to the heat because their short noses are not as effective at cooling their bodies.

To help prevent heatstroke in dogs:

■ Don't take a dog for a walk when it's 95 degrees or hotter.

■ If a healthy dog (not an older dog) is kept outside in warm weather, make sure the pet has lots of shade, fresh water and preferably a child's pool if needed.

■ Seek medical help if you are concerned your pet is overheated.



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2. Lethargic
3. Disoriented
4. Lack of appetite
5. Diarrhea
6. Vomiting
7. Lifting the skin on your dog's head. If your dog is hydrated enough, the skin will have elasticity and immediately spring back. If it doesn't, your dog could be dehydrated.

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PUBLIC WORKS

Residents urged to follow bulk waste guidelines

The Town of Wake Forest provides free bulk waste pickup service on Tuesdays by appointment only. Bulk waste is defined in the town's code of ordinances as "refuse weighing in excess of 75 pounds each." It includes items that do not fit in the town-issued roll-out garbage cart, such as furniture, lawn mowers and book shelves.

Schedule a Collection

Bulk waste must be scheduled for collection. Items placed at the curb without scheduling or that do not meet the ordinance will not be collected. To schedule a pickup, call 919-435-9570 before 2 p.m. Monday. Residents who call after hours may leave a voicemail message. Residents may also request a bulk pickup by emailing Betty Pearce at bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov.

Voicemail and email requests for service must include the resident's name, physical address, and telephone number, along with a description of bulk waste items to be collected.

Bulk Waste Collection Guidelines

- Place bulk waste behind the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day.
- Place bulk waste within six feet of the curb and at least three feet away from other collection items and obstacles, such as mailboxes, phone poles, and vehicles.
- Do not place bulk waste inside the roll-out carts.

Non-Bulk Waste Items

Items that are not considered bulk waste include gasoline, oil, tires, hazardous materials, and electronics, such as TVs and computers. Residents must contact a private waste hauler or drop off these materials for proper disposal at one of Wake County's convenience centers. Visit wakegov.com and search "convenience centers."

For more information about bulk waste collection, call 919-435-9570 or visit wakeforestnc.gov and search "bulk waste."

FINANCE

Annual budget focused on meeting the community's growing needs

Wake Forest's quality of life and small town atmosphere continue to attract people and businesses to our region. With a population that has now surpassed 40,000, the town's annual budget addresses the needs of our growing community.

Highlights from the approved budget include:

- The addition of an economic development division that will play a direct role in the development and retention of jobs.
- An update to the town's Transportation Plan.
- The addition of a traffic unit within the police department. This new unit will free up the patrol division for other calls for service.
- Improvements to transportation connectivity and maintenance of the town's sidewalk system and greenways.
- 16 new positions including six police officers.

The property tax rate in Wake Forest remains at \$0.52 per \$100 of assessed property valuation. To view the 2016-17 budget, visit wakeforestnc.gov and search "budget."

For questions, please contact Finance Director Aileen Staples at astaples@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9461.

PARKS & RECREATION

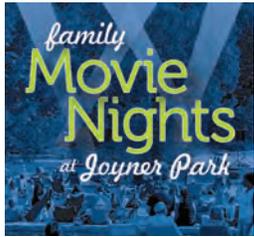
Register for flag football, kickball and pickleball in August

The PRCR department offers adult flag football, adult co-rec kickball and adult pickleball leagues. Registration is accepted between Aug. 1-31 at Wake Forest Town Hall or online at wakeforestnc.recdesk.com.

For more information, call the PRCR department at 919-435-9560 or visit wakeforestnc.gov and search "adult leagues."

PARKS & RECREATION

Watch a movie under the stars at E. Carroll Joyner Park



The PRCR department hosts monthly outdoor movie showings at Joyner Park throughout the summer. Upcoming movie nights will be held on July 30 and Aug. 13 beginning at 8:30 p.m. Admission is free and assorted food vendors will be on site selling snacks and beverages.

Joyner Park is located at 701 Harris Road. Visitors are reminded that alcoholic

beverages, smoking, and unleashed pets are prohibited. To hear the title of the movie, call 919-556-7063.

COMMUNICATIONS

Promote your business through town events and publications

The Town of Wake Forest offers numerous advertising and sponsorship opportunities to assist with marketing and promoting local businesses and organizations. Whether you choose to advertise in a town publication, or sponsor a specific town event, you will reach a large audience of local consumers.

By partnering with us, you will experience the benefits of positive public relations and make a difference in our community. Contact Marketing & Business Relations Specialist Anna Bolton at 919-435-9422, abolton@wakeforestnc.gov or visit wakeforestnc.gov and search "advertising and sponsorship opportunities."

DMV's Mobile Driver's License Unit offered on first and third Mondays



The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles offers a mobile driver's license unit at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre Arts Annex, 407 S. Brooks St., on the first and third Mondays of each month.

Featuring two driver license examiner stations, the new mobile office offers all the services provided in brick-and-mortar offices, including driving tests.

Since the first Monday in July is a national holiday, the mobile unit will only operate on the third Monday, July 18. In August, the mobile unit will be open Aug. 1 and Aug. 15. The mobile unit's hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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PLANNING

Transportation Project Updates

The following projects are currently underway:

Streets & Sidewalks

Ligon Mill Road Operational Improvements

LOCATION: US-1A to Walmart
STATUS: Right-of-way negotiations are currently underway
CONSTRUCTION: Begins Fall 2016

Stadium Drive Complete Streets

LOCATION: Glencoe Drive to North Wingate Street
STATUS: Right-of-way negotiations are currently underway
CONSTRUCTION: Begins Fall 2017

Priority Pedestrian Corridors

LOCATION: West Oak Avenue and Wait Avenue
STATUS: Right-of-way negotiations are currently underway
CONSTRUCTION: Begins late 2016

Greenways

Dunn Creek Greenway-Downtown Connector

LOCATION: Ledgerock Road to Cardinal Crest Drive
CONSTRUCTION: Begins Summer 2016 and ends Fall 2017

Smith & Sanford Creek Greenway and Heritage Lake Road Sidewalks

LOCATION: Soccer Center to Heritage South neighborhood
CONSTRUCTION: Begins Summer 2016 and ends Fall 2017

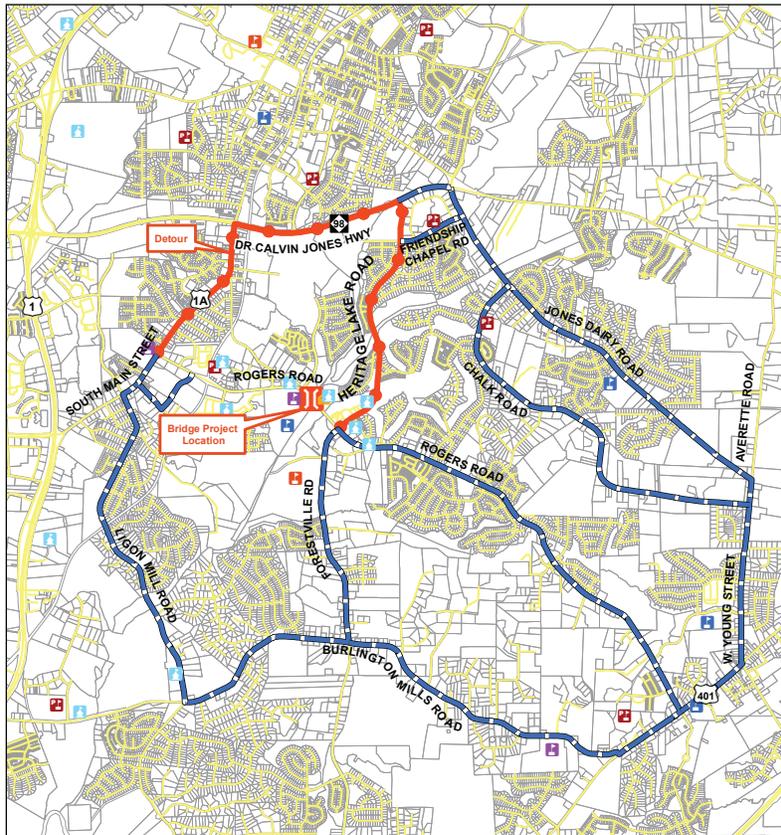
Comprehensive Wayfinding Plan (Phase 1)

LOCATION: Joyner Park, Flaherty Park, Smith Creek at Burlington Mills, Sanford Creek Greenway, Dunn Creek Greenway, Smith Creek at Smith Creek Soccer Center
CONSTRUCTION: Begins Fall 2016

Smith Creek Greenway

LOCATION: Burlington Mills Road to Smith & Sanford Creek greenway junction
DESIGN: Begins Fall 2016

■ wakeforestnc.gov, search "transportation projects"



Detour alternatives for the Rogers Road construction area

The N.C. Department of Transportation bridge replacement project on Rogers Road bridge is now underway. If you anticipate having to travel near the Rogers Road area, please make note of alternate routes shown above and allow yourself extra time to reach your destination.

NCDOT is replacing the existing two-lane bridge with a five-lane bridge and widening the portion of Rogers Road from Hope Lutheran Church to Forestville Road.

Construction is expected to end in November 2016. Once completed, the project will improve capacity and safety and relieve the bottlenecks that occur in the area during school rush hours.

The Town of Wake Forest and the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce encourage you to continue supporting the many merchants and restaurants whose businesses are in the Rogers Road construction area.

■ wakeforestnc.gov, search "Operation Bridge"



YOUR GOVERNMENT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

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

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

- Watch meetings live on WFTV 10.
- Watch meetings live or on-demand in streaming video: wakeforestnc.gov/government-boardofcommissioners.aspx.
- Watch re-broadcasts of meetings on WFTV 10 at 9 a.m., 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. daily for up to two weeks after the meeting.



WFTV 10 can be found at digital channel 97.5. Watch it live online at wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10.aspx.

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Sept. 24
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Sept. 24-25
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