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FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION TO GO ON AS SCHEDULED

WAKE FOREST, NC – May 11, 2010 – Despite the decision by a growing number of communities to cancel their Independence Day observances this year due to the poor economy, the chair of the committee responsible for producing Wake Forest’s celebration announced recently that the town’s festivities will go on as scheduled.

A popular annual event since 1973, Wake Forest’s Fourth of July celebration is organized and produced by the Fourth of July Planning Committee – a volunteer-based organization. Funding is provided from a variety of sources, not just the Town of Wake Forest.

According to Fourth of July Planning Committee Chair Rhonda Alderman, diverse financial backing is one of the keys to the event’s perseverance.

“Our celebration is a wonderful community tradition, but we’re not entirely funded by the Town,” said Alderman.

“Our gate receipts, along with the financial support we receive from local businesses and the Town, are making it possible for us to move forward with our event at a time when so many other communities are being forced to cancel theirs.”

This year’s fireworks spectacular is scheduled for Saturday, July 3, at Heritage High School, 1150 Forestville Road. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each and children six and under are admitted free.

The Band of Oz will once again headline the evening’s festivities, which will also include skydivers from Don Carrington’s Skydiving Team and an unforgettable fireworks display.

The Children’s Parade and Art-in-the-Park & Games-in-the-Park return this year on Monday, July 5. The parade lineup begins at 10 a.m. at the intersection of North Main Street and West Juniper Avenue. The parade route extends along North Main Street and ends at Holding Park, 133 W. Owen Ave.

Games-in-the-Park & Art-in-the-Park get underway at Holding Park at 11 a.m. Admission is free to all of the activities offered on July 5.

The Wake Forest Fourth of July Planning Committee is an all-volunteer organization formed for the purpose of coordinating and producing Wake Forest's annual Fourth of July celebration. The event is funded by gate receipts from the previous year's celebration, along with the generous contributions of area businesses and the Town of Wake Forest.

Enthusiastic volunteers are needed to make this year's Fourth of July celebration a success. Anyone interested should contact Rhonda Alderman at (919) 556-4436 or fireworklady@aol.com.

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