

# Our Town

March/April 2018

TOWN of WAKE FOREST



The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at E. Carroll Joyner Park on March 24.

## Springtime brings WAKE FOREST OUTDOORS

Wake Forest loves spring! Not only does this colorful, sunny season close the door on Old Man Winter, it also introduces a variety of local events guaranteed to help you shake the winter blues and experience “Wake Forest Outdoors.”

We’ve compiled a list of upcoming events that celebrate the

outdoors – from the Easter Egg Hunt to the Charity Car Show, and everything in-between. All of the events are great for the entire family, and best of all – most don’t cost a thing!

Visit [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov) and search for “Wake Forest Outdoors” to get all the details for an event-filled season in Wake Forest.



**Wake Forest Town Hall closed on Good Friday:** Town hall and all administrative offices will be closed Friday, March 30, for Good Friday. For a complete list of town holidays and any changes to town services, visit [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov) and search for “holiday schedule.”

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## News Highlights

### Carnival for the Kids March 13-18 »

The Wake Forest Police Department’s 2018 Carnival for the Kids begins Tuesday, March 13, and runs through Sunday, March 18. The carnival will take place in the parking lot of the Wake Forest Home Depot, 11915 Retail Dr.

The carnival will be open Tuesday through Friday from 5-10 p.m.; Saturday from 1-10 p.m.; and Sunday from 1-8 p.m.



### Loose leaf collection ends March 9 »

Loose leaf collection service which is offered during the fall and winter months will end Friday, March 9. Beginning Monday, March 12, all leaves and grass clippings must be bagged for collection.

Bags can be clear or opaque but they must be at least 13 gallon – the size of a standard kitchen garbage can liner or larger. Please do not put yard waste in grocery store shopping bags or inside your roll-out carts.

Loose leaf collection will resume in October. [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search “yard waste” 919-435-9570

### Meet Georgie! The Town’s new mascot »

Thirteen-pound Georgie will be making appearances throughout Wake Forest as a way of highlighting all the great things that our town offers. Look for him in person and on social media!



WAKE FOREST DOWNTOWN

# Get up and get out for Dirt Day

Promising something for the entire family, the fifth annual Dirt Day will be held along South White Street on Saturday, April 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A variety of demonstrations and activities will be offered on gardening, landscaping, camping and exercise. Entertainment, music and a children's area with free activities will also be offered.

Kids will have a blast playing in a giant sandpile. Attendees can also rub elbows with Master Gardeners and meet the owls from American Wildlife Refuge.

[wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search "dirt day"



PARKS & RECREATION

## Six Sundays in Spring kicks off April 29

Bring a picnic and settle in for some great live music at the Town's most popular park. The 2018 Six Sundays in Spring concert series will be held on consecutive Sundays from April 29 through June 3.

Sponsored by Wake Forest ARTS, the free concerts get underway at 5 p.m. and are held at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road.

[wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search "six sundays"



RENAISSANCE CENTRE

## Save the date for Beach Music & BBQ

Enjoy live music with the Band of Oz on June 2 to celebrate the grand re-opening of the Renaissance Centre. Tickets \$25 plus tax. BBQ dinner included.

[wakeforestrencen.org](http://wakeforestrencen.org), ☎ 919-435-9458



JOE MARTINSON

Love Tribe returns to downtown Wake Forest on May 11.

Downtown concert series begins April 13

# FRIDAY NIGHT ON WHITE



The Town of Wake Forest is pleased to announce a power-packed band lineup for the 2018 Friday Night on White concert series.

Presented by White Street Brewing Co., "Friday Night on White" takes place along South White Street on the second Friday night of each month from April through September. Each concert begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m.

The Magic Pipers will kick off the series on April 13, followed by Love Tribe on May 11, Bull City Syndicate (pictured at right) on June 8, Sleeping Booty on July 13, Big Love on Aug. 10,

and Crush on Sept. 14. Bands will play rock and roll covers from classic to modern rock, with a little funk and some original music thrown in.

No outside coolers are permitted during Friday Night on White, but beer and wine will be available for purchase. Anyone wishing to purchase beer or wine will be required to present age identification.

Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles during Friday Night on White. Volunteers

must be at least 18 years old and will receive training and a commemorative t-shirt.

Civic groups and community organizations are especially encouraged to participate.

[wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search "friday night on white"



## Thank you to our 2018 Friday Night on White Sponsors!

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## Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, March 24

Presented by Bumgarner & Martin Orthodontics and Primrose School of Heritage Wake Forest, the 2018 Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 24, at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road. Over 10,000 eggs will be hidden.

Geared for children 12 and younger, the egg hunt begins at 10 a.m. starting with the youngest participants (0-3 years) and will continue at approximately 15-minute intervals for different age groups ending with ages 10-12 at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Following the first round of Easter egg hunts, the town will host the Egg-ceptional Egg Hunt at 11:30 a.m. for children with disabilities. Bring a buddy to help if needed.

In the event of rain, all hunts will be relocated to Flaherty Park Community Center, 1226 N. White St. Call the Wake Forest Weather Line at 919-435-9569 for updates.

[wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search "easter egg hunt"

## Take a guided tour of the historic district

The Town of Wake Forest will continue offering free Wake Forest Historic District Walking Tours in spring. Tour dates are March 21 and 28; April 4, 18 and 25; May 3, 10, 17 and 24.

Led by architectural historian and Town Historic Preservation Planner Michelle Michael, these two-hour walking tours include areas along North Main Street, North Avenue, Front Street, and South Avenue. Along the way, each group will discuss the developmental and architectural history of the area,

## Celebrate Arbor Day, the tree planters holiday

The Town of Wake Forest and the Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board will host the annual Arbor Day Expo & Tree Seedling Giveaway on Saturday, April 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at E. Carroll Joyner Park.

The expo will feature various booths and vendors, free tree seedlings, tree photo booth, face painting and activities for the kids. At noon, Mayor Vivian Jones will accept the Town's 39th Tree City USA Award and Wake Forest Power will accept their fourth Tree Line USA Award.

In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Flaherty Park Community Center, 1226 N. White St. Any change in location will be announced by 3 p.m., Friday, April 20. For updated information, call the Weather Line at 919-435-9569.

[wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search "arbor day"



along with the significant men and women who lived in the homes. Please note that tours do not include individual homes.

Space is limited to the first 12 participants to sign up. Pre-registration is required by visiting [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov) (search "historic district walking tours") and filling out the online form.



### PUBLIC WORKS

## All power. No bull.

### Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo coming to Wake Forest April 28

The Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo is the nation's foremost showcase of public power lineworker skill and knowledge - and its coming to Wake Forest on Saturday, April 28.

At the rodeo, apprentice and journeyman lineworkers from across the United States will compete for professional recognition and display essential job skills - 30 feet above ground!

The Lineworkers Rodeo will take place in Wake Forest's Holding Village, located off South Franklin Street via Rogers Road. The event is free and open to the public.

### Lineworkers Rodeo 101

At the lineworkers rodeo, apprentices (lineworkers who have less than four years of experience) and teams of journeymen (lineworkers with more than four years of experience) compete in events that mimic tasks they perform on the job. There's no live electricity involved, but the competitors must use procedures as if there is.

The goal of each competitor, whether solo or team, is completing each event perfectly, with no deductions for mistakes. Competitors who score the highest in the fastest time win! Winners are declared for each event and for overall apprentice and overall journeyman team.

[wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search "lineworkers rodeo"



**FOREST FACTS: 2,641 Christmas trees were collected during this season's tree-cycling program.**



*"This year we will make much-needed updates to our Transportation Plan...everyone will need to be involved so we can have a plan that reflects everyone's ideas and desires."* —MAYOR VIVIAN JONES, 2018 STATE OF THE TOWN ADDRESS

If you missed Mayor Jones' State of the Town Address, you can watch it on Wake Forest TV 10 throughout March at 8 a.m., noon, and 6 p.m. It can also be viewed in streaming video on the Town's website at [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov).



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

# New wayfinding signs help guide the way

If you have visited E. Carroll Joyner Park recently, you may have noticed new signs along the trails. These signs are designed to help visitors navigate their way throughout the Wake Forest parks and greenways.

Each trail at Joyner Park is identified by a symbol. Follow the symbols to complete the trail:



**Farm Loop.** 2.2 miles. Circling the perimeter of the property, the park's longest trail allows you to experience a variety of spectacular views.



**West Meadow Loop.** 1.6 miles. The West Meadow Loop circles the farm buildings and allows you an upclose view of the stunning stone wall. Enjoy shaded stretches of trail through the heavy tree canopy.



**Garden Loop.** 0.5 mile. Perfect for a short stroll, this half-mile route takes you around the landscaped center of the park.



**Field & Garden Loop.** 1 mile. This gentle one-mile loop takes you to the highest spot in the park where on a clear day you can see the tall spire of Binkley Chapel rising above the treetops.



**East Meadow Loop.** 1.4 miles. Wrapping around the eastern edge of the park, this loop provides a view of the East Meadow.

A map of the trails at Joyner Park is posted in the information kiosk located between the bathrooms and the parking lot. Visitors can also access greenway and park information through the Town of Wake Forest app and on the Town's website.

## New signs identify the various trails.



Construction of the Joyner Park Community Center will begin this spring.

# CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY

*Major Town initiatives are in the building phase*

Work is progressing on four major Town projects, three of which were approved by voters as part of the 2014 bond referendum. Expect to see building activity at the following sites:



### Wake Forest Renaissance Centre

This project consists of renovating the Grand Hall and second level of the Renaissance Centre. Interior construction includes removing the ceiling, installing new audio equipment and theatrical lighting, extending the stage platform, and adding a family restroom. Exterior construction consists of a new canopy over the main entrance and new signage.

Construction is currently underway. The Town anticipates construction will be complete by the end of spring 2018.

### Northern Wake Senior Center

This project consists of additions totaling 8,807 square feet to the center. Interior renovations will be made to approximately 80% of the existing center and interior redecoration in 100%. Parking will expand from 48 spaces to 109 with more accessible spaces located close to the building.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2018.

### Stadium Drive Complete Streets

Stadium Drive is currently two lanes with a center left-turn lane in some areas. This project will extend the center turn lane

for the full length of the corridor, add curb and gutter, and pave wider shoulders on both sides of the road. A roundabout is planned at the intersection of N. Wingate Street. Pedestrian and bicycle

improvements will be made from Glencoe Drive to the bridge including a 10-foot wide multi-use path on the south side and a 5-foot wide sidewalk on the north side. From the bridge to N. Wingate Street, sidewalks will be installed on both sides of the road. Shared-lane bicycle markings, pedestrian refuge islands, crosswalks, and accessible transit stops will also be included.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2018.

### Joyner Park Community Center

This project consists of a new 31,962 square foot, two-story community center. A full size gymnasium with an elevated walking track is the primary function of the facility, also included is a multi-purpose room, restrooms, classroom, studio, offices, and supporting spaces.

Construction is anticipated to begin in spring 2018.



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### PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES

## Register now for ball leagues

The Wake Forest Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department will accept registrations for the **Church Men's Softball League** from March 1-31.

Registrations for **Girls Volleyball** (ages 9-16) will be accepted from April 1-30.

Registrations are accepted online at [wakeforestnc.recdesk.com](http://wakeforestnc.recdesk.com).

[wakeforestnc.recdesk.com](http://wakeforestnc.recdesk.com), ☎ 919-435-9560

### FINANCE

## Wake Forest earns Distinguished Budget Presentation Award

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) recently named the Town of Wake Forest as the recipient of the GFOA's Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its fiscal year 2017-18 annual budget. This marks the fourth consecutive year Wake Forest has earned the GFOA honor.

The award represents a significant achievement by the Town and reflects the commitment of the governing body and staff to meeting the highest principles of governmental budgeting.

[wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search "budget", Chief Financial Officer Aileen Staples, ✉ [astaples@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:astaples@wakeforestnc.gov), ☎ 919-435-9461

### COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

## Memorial flag raising ceremonies resume in April

After a break for the winter months, the Town's memorial flag raising ceremonies will resume Monday, April 2. From April through October, the Town joins with local veterans organizations to pay tribute to the service of deceased Wake Forest veterans. The public is invited to attend the services held on the first Monday of each month at 11 a.m. in Centennial Plaza at Wake Forest Town Hall.



[wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search "flag raising"

### COMMUNICATIONS

## How to stay informed

Stay up to date on Town news and connect with the community through these communication tools:

- **App:** Download the Town of Wake Forest app to access information at your fingertips.
- **Facebook, Twitter & Instagram:** Find (and like!) the Town of Wake Forest on social media.
- **Nextdoor:** Has your neighborhood joined Nextdoor? Connect with us there.
- **E-Notifier:** Subscribe to one or more categories to receive traffic alerts, police advisories, *The Week Ahead* and more.
- **Phone Notifications:** Add your cell phone number to the Town's phone notification system to receive time sensitive messages.

[wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search "communications"

**INSPECTIONS**

## New Electronic Plan Review eases review process

In February, the Town of Wake Forest launched EPR – a digital permitting and building plan review system. The initiative allows anyone who needs to have a plan reviewed by the Town to submit the plan electronically, and then see comments left by plan reviewers in real time.

EPR saves time and money for architects, developers, planners, residents and anyone else planning a residential or commercial project. In addition, it saves paper and eliminates the cost of printing multiple sets of plans for review. EPR also allows applicants to access the plans they submitted and monitor the status of their plan review anywhere internet service is available. Finally, EPR effectively reduces the amount of time applicants must spend at Town Hall, while also shortening wait times.

🌐 [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search “electronic plan review”, Commercial Plans Reviewer/Senior Code Enforcement Official Tim Edwards, ☎ 919-435-9523, ✉ [tedwards@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:tedwards@wakeforestnc.gov)

**ADVISORY BOARDS**

## Apply now to serve on the 2018-19 Youth in Government Advisory Board

High school students can gain valuable experience by serving on the Youth in Government Advisory Board. Only high school students are eligible to serve on the board which consists of nine and up to fifteen members – five of whom must live in the town limits. The Youth in Government Advisory Board meets on the third Saturday of each month at 9 a.m. at the Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St. The year for the board coincides with the school year – August through May.

Applications are available at [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search “advisory boards,” and at town hall. Completed applications must be submitted by Monday, April 30.

🌐 [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search “advisory boards”, Town Clerk Deeda Harris, ☎ 919-435-9413, ✉ [dharris@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:dharris@wakeforestnc.gov)

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## Police Department fingerprinting service update

In February, the Wake Forest Police Department suspended live scan fingerprinting service to complete an upgrade of its fingerprinting equipment. The service is expected to resume in early spring and when it does, the police department will issue an announcement notifying the public.

In the meantime, area residents have two other local fingerprinting service options, including the Raleigh/Wake City-County Bureau of Identification (CCBI) at 3301 Hammond Road in Raleigh, and the Franklin County Sheriff’s Office at 285 T Kemp Road in Louisburg.

For updates on fingerprinting service, visit [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov) and search “fingerprinting.”

🌐 [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search “fingerprinting”, ☎ 919-554-6150

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### Shred-It returns April 23

The Town of Wake Forest is hosting its third annual paper-shredding event on Monday, April 23. Free and open to the public, "Shred-It" will take place in the parking lot of the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre, 405 S. Brooks St., from noon to 6:30 p.m. – or until the four Shred-it trucks are full.

The occasion offers area residents and businesses the opportunity to protect themselves from identity theft and dispose of confidential documents in an environmentally responsible manner.

There is a limit of four "banker-box" sized boxes or four large bags of paper per household or business and a limit of one trip per household.

🔗 [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search "shred it"

### Daylight Saving Time begins March 11



Remember to move your clocks forward one hour and change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

#### PUBLIC WORKS

## Cemetery Advisory Board seeks docents

The Cemetery Advisory Board (CAB) is seeking local history buffs and storytellers who can help local history come alive during the Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour.

This year's Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour will be Saturday, May 12, from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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.

The CAB also wants to hear from area residents who have personal stories to share about the history of Wake Forest but are not interested in serving as a docent or participating personally in the tour.

Anyone who has a story to tell or insight to share about bygone eras is urged to complete the Individual History Form at [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search "individual history form."



### Coming to Wake Forest in October

## THE WALL THAT HEALS

The Wake Forest Purple Heart Foundation will host The Wall That Heals, along with its Mobile Education Center, at the Wake Forest Historical Museum, 414 N. Main St., from Oct. 18-21.

Wake Forest has the honor of being the only town in North Carolina slated to host the traveling exhibit in 2018. The exhibit features a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial honoring the Americans who served in the U.S. Armed Forces in the Vietnam War. It bears the names of the more than 58,000 men and

women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial is one of the most visited memorials in our nation's capital, with nearly 5.3 million visitors each year. However, many Americans have not been able to visit what has become known to many as "The Wall." The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the nonprofit that built The Wall in 1982, wants to give all veterans and their family members across America an opportunity to see the Memorial.

🔗 [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search "the wall that heals"

## YOUR GOVERNMENT

### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

Third Tuesday | 7 p.m.  
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### 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

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May 5  
*Meet in the Street*

May 10-31  
*Midday Music*

May 12  
*Cemetery Walking Tour*