

Our Town

January/February 2019

TOWN of WAKE FOREST



If you're unsure whether an item can be accepted as a recyclable, find out quickly by typing the name of the item into the Waste Wizard.

Stay informed about waste collection with the WASTE WIZARD

Download collection schedules and sign up for weekly reminders

The Waste Wizard is making it easier than ever for residents to stay informed about Town of Wake Forest garbage, recycling and yard waste collection programs.

Available on the Town's website at wakeforestnc.gov, the "Waste Wizard"

is an interactive tool that allows users to sign up for waste collection reminders and download collection schedules.

The Waste Wizard also allows users to type in key words related to disposable household materials and receive valuable disposal tips. From aluminum cans and phone books to popcorn bags and plastic beverage bottles, the search tool helps residents determine which items can be recycled and which ones should be thrown away.

As a bonus, the Waste Wizard is provided as a function on the Town of Wake Forest app. For more information or to download the Town's app, visit wakeforestnc.gov and search "app."

🔍 wakeforestnc.gov, search "waste wizard", Public Works Department
☎ 919-435-9570



MLK Holiday Schedule: Wake Forest Town Hall and all other administrative offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 21, for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. For a complete list of Town holidays and any changes to Town services, visit wakeforestnc.gov and search "holiday schedule."

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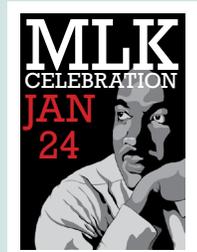
News Highlights

New Multicultural Day planned for March 23 » To celebrate the local flavor of Wake Forest, the Human Relations Council is planning a free event on Saturday, March 23, from 1–4 p.m. at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre. Multicultural Day will showcase various ethnic foods by providing samplings from area restaurants. Residents are invited to try a sampling and view student artwork depicting their family's origin. Multicultural Day will also include a fashion show and musical talent.



Community invited to MLK Celebration

» A free, public celebration honoring the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be held on Thursday, Jan. 24, at Friendship Chapel Baptist Church. A light meal will be served at 6 p.m. followed by the program at 7 p.m.



Free performance of *The Struggle for Freedom*

» In celebration of Black History Month, Bright Star Theater will present *The Struggle for Freedom: The Life of Dr. King* on Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Alston-Massenburg Center, 416 N. Taylor St. Performances are at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Geared for grades 3 to adult, the show highlights the triumph and tragedy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and how the rights won by the American civil rights movement came with a heavy price.

Sponsored by the United Arts Council of Raleigh & Wake County.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police thank public for its generosity

The Wake Forest Police Department wishes to thank the community for donations to the 2018 Turkey Drive and Shop With A Cop. Through your generosity, police were able to provide 806 turkeys, 307 bags of side item groceries and a few thousand pounds of sweet potatoes.

In addition, Shop With A Cop provided over 30 underprivileged children with a holiday shopping spree at Walmart.



RENAISSANCE CENTRE

Wake Forest Film Festival scheduled for March 28–30

Mark your calendars for the debut of the Wake Forest Film Festival at the Renaissance Centre for the Arts. This inaugural event aims to spotlight passionate, creative and thought-provoking movies by some of today's most promising and accomplished local, national and international filmmakers.

The festival is a three day film showcase that will engage audiences with films of all lengths and genres that include short and feature, documentary, horror, animation, narrative and student. This festival is intended for both the general public and film professionals. Please review the screening schedule for movie titles, times and film ratings.

wakeforestrencen.org, Renaissance Centre Box Office ☎ 919-435-9458



A drone image offers a birds eye view of the Joyner Park Community Center under construction. Once the project and landscaping is completed, the facility will match the park's natural beauty and rustic feel.

Town makes progress on

MAJOR INITIATIVES

The Town of Wake Forest has recently completed – or is in the process of completing – the following major initiatives. Three projects were financed by voter-approved bonds from the 2014 Bond Referendum.

■ **Holding Park Aquatic Center** opened in September 2018. The \$3.2 million project includes a six-lane, 25 yard lap pool, two water slides and a children's pool with a sprayground.

■ The second phase of renovations at the **Wake Forest Renaissance Centre** totaling approximately \$744,500 was completed in June 2018. Improvements include a raised ceiling, extended stage, theater lighting and upgraded sound system. The project was made possible through a grant from the Wake County Board of Commissioners.

■ The Town purchased **353 S. White Street** (former SunTrust building) for \$1.5 million in May 2018. Located in the Renaissance area of downtown, the property was acquired for the purpose of economic development.



To meet the growing needs of the community, the Northern Wake Senior Center is expanding by almost 9,000 square feet.

■ Construction of the **Joyner Park Community Center** is underway and expected to be complete by summer 2019. Estimated at \$12 million, the project includes a 32,000 square foot facility with walking track, gymnasium, multi-purpose rooms, dance studio and kitchen.

■ Expansion of the **Northern Wake Senior Center** is underway. The \$3.1 million project consists of adding almost 9,000 square feet. Interior renovations are being made to approximately 80% of the existing center.

■ Construction commenced for **Royal Mill road connection**, street rehabilitation and pavement resurfacing in addition to the Owen Avenue parking lot. Street rehabilitation was completed in June 2018 and others are expected to be complete by early 2019.

■ **Stadium Drive Complete Street project** construction is underway and completion is expected in late 2019.

■ **Priority Pedestrian Corridor project** includes Wait Avenue and Oak Avenue. Construction started during the fiscal year and expected completion date is late 2019.

■ The purchase of **5031 Unicon Drive** located in South Forest Business Park for \$2.9 million was finalized in October 2018. Wake Forest Power will relocate from 234 Friendship Chapel Road to this site in early 2019.

wakeforestnc.gov, search "projects and initiatives"



Public invited to State of the Town Address

The 2019 State of the Town Address & Dinner is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre for the Arts, 405 S. Brooks St.

Hosted by the Wake Forest Rotary Club, the occasion offers Wake Forest citizens the opportunity to reflect on the Town's accomplishments during the previous year and learn about its goals in the coming months.

In addition to Mayor Vivian Jones' State of the Town address, the evening will include a catered meal and dinner music by a local high school ensemble.

Tickets are \$15 per person (including dinner) and can be purchased online at wakeforestnc.gov (search for "state of the



town") or at the Renaissance Centre Box Office.

Anyone not interested in eating dinner is welcome to attend the State of the Town address without purchasing a ticket. Non-ticket buyers should arrive between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. at the conclusion of the dinner portion of the program.

Mayor Jones' address is expected to begin between 6:45 and 7 p.m.

Watch the State of the Town Address

The State of the Town Address will be recorded and replayed on Wake Forest TV 10 throughout March. It will also be available in streaming video on the Town's website, wakeforestnc.gov.



When you shop local, more of your money helps the local economy. For every dollar you spend at locally-owned businesses, 68 cents are reinvested into the community.

Wake Forest Downtown introduces Downtown Dollars

Downtown Dollars are the gift for every occasion. Recipients can use them exactly as they would use cash at participating merchants in downtown Wake Forest. There are no expiration dates, so Downtown Dollars are the perfect gift for birthdays, anniversaries, employee recognitions, appreciations, promotional items and prizes.

Downtown Dollars can be purchased in \$10 increments with cash, check or credit card at the following locations:

- B&W Hardware, 232 S. White St.
- Cotton Company, 306 S. White St.
- Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S.

Brooks St.

Downtown Dollars can also be purchased online at wakeforestdowntown.com.

com. Orders will be sent via US mail within two business days of receipt of order.

There are no service fees at time of purchase (unless purchased online) or time of redemption.

To view a complete list of participating merchants, visit wakeforestnc.gov.

📧 wakeforestnc.gov, search "downtown dollars", Downtown Development Director Lisa Hayes ✉ lhayes@wakeforestnc.gov



Four out of every five child seats are installed incorrectly by parents and caregivers.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police offer free child seat inspections

Keeping children safe is an important priority for the Wake Forest Police Department. That's why the department is taking aggressive action to reduce the incidence of car seat and safety belt misuse by establishing a free child seat inspection and education program in Wake Forest through BuckleUpNC. The free program includes a permanent inspection station at the Wake Forest Police Department, 225 S. Taylor St., with regular hours of service and annual community outreach events.

At the inspection station, a nationally certified technician will assist and educate parents and caregivers on the right way to buckle-up children.

All child seat inspection and education program activities are by appointment only. For more information or to make an appointment, contact Sgt. J. Jefferson at 919-554-6150.



PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES

Ball league registration held in February

Registrations for youth baseball, softball, T-ball, dream league baseball and men's recreational softball will be accepted online from Feb. 1-28. To register, visit wakeforestnc.recdesk.com.

Also, look for the new edition of the program guide, *RecConnect*, scheduled to arrive in your mailbox by the end of January. Online registration for recreational programs begins Friday, Feb. 1 at wakeforestnc.recdesk.com.

Back to the '50s Sock Hop

Jan 12 ■ 7 p.m. Put on your blue suede shoes or pink poodle skirt and get ready to rock around the clock at the Renaissance Centre.



Dance the night away to your favorite fifties tunes spun by DJ Randy "Sting" of 1st Choice Customized DJ Services. Ice cream floats and other special treats will be available

for purchase at the concession stand. *Advance Tickets: \$10; Day Of: \$13.*

Happy Dan the Magic Man

Jan 16 & Feb 20 ■ 11 a.m. Everyone laughs louder when Happy Dan is in the house! Children are quickly drawn into his tale of magical fantasy as they perform various feats of magic and more. The laughter never stops as Happy Dan struggles with his misbehaving props and the children fly to his rescue.

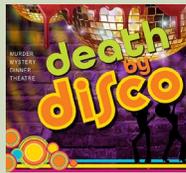
Tickets: \$5.

Neck of the Woods

Jan 25 ■ 7 p.m. Presented by ARTS Wake Forest. Neck of the Woods is a variety performance series that features emerging local artists. An evening may consist of several performing arts acts. Come out and enjoy a truly unique and entertaining event and support your local artists! Bar will be open for wine, beer and other refreshment purchases. *Tickets: \$5.*

Murder Mystery Dinner Theater: Death by Disco

Feb 2 ■ 6:30 p.m. It's 1978 and it should be a night of disco, dancing and...possibly death! The highlight of the evening is the huge Disco Dance Contest. This is an opportunity that could make someone a star – it could also be a motivation for murder! So, put on your plat-forms, unleash your leisure suit and hustle to the beat...we're going to have a party tonight! *Tickets: \$40, includes dinner.*



I Never Saw Another Butterfly

Feb 8-17 ■ Presented by Forest Moon Theater. At the height of Hitler's campaign to rid the world of Jews, children of the condemned arrive in Terezin where they are assigned to a teacher, Raja, who watches over them until they are separated and sent to concentration camps. Raja survives to tell their story – a story about children who bring light to the dark, hope to the abject, and love to a place surrounded by hate. *Advance Tickets: \$15 individual, \$13 student/senior; Day Of: \$18 individual, \$16 student/senior.*



☞ wakeforestrencen.org, Renaissance Centre Box Office ☎ 919-435-9458



The Legacy Motown Revue brings back the sounds from an extraordinary musical era.

ROCKIN' THE FOREST

Energizing performances – right here in Wake Forest

Assembling some of the top musical acts in the area, the Rockin' the Forest music series features a variety of bands that play rock and roll covers from classic to modern rock, with a little funk and original music thrown in. The Wake Forest Renaissance Centre is the perfect place to enjoy a fun-filled night of great music and dancing. The bar will be open for wine, beer and other refreshment purchases. Tickets are \$10 per concert.

moving, from the classics to current hits including jazz, disco, pop, funk, R&B and beach.



March 15 – The Catalinas (above) are an American beach music band from the late 1950s. Their classic song *Summertime's Callin' Me* was originally recorded in 1975 and continues to be played by bands and DJs all over the world.

☞ wakeforestrencen.org, Renaissance Centre Box Office ☎ 919-435-9458

Jan. 18 – The Legacy Motown Revue pays tribute to the legendary icons of Motown. Backed by a horn band, the four talented performers dance, sing and transport you back to one of the most influential periods of musical history.

Feb. 22 – Big Love (right) is a six-piece dance band based out of Raleigh. They play a variety of great music that gets people



The Wake Forest Renaissance Centre and the Arts Annex are available for special event rentals.

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BAND LINEUP

APRIL 12

Magic Pipers

MAY 10

Sleeping Booty

JUNE 14

Love Tribe

JULY 12

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AUGUST 9

Big Love

SEPTEMBER 13

Crush

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ADMINISTRATION

Edward Austin honored as Town's Employee of the Year



Athletics & Aquatics Superintendent Edward Austin is the Town of Wake Forest's "2018 Jon Ray Employee of the Year." Town Manager Kip Padgett made the announcement in December.

Austin was nominated for the award by several co-workers who praised his nearly three decades of service to the community. Most notably, he steered a three-year-long process to attain national accreditation for the Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources

Department. This accomplishment puts Wake Forest in an elite group of parks and recreation agencies throughout the country.

COMMUNICATIONS

8 ways to stay informed during severe weather

In the event severe weather occurs, the Town issues regular updates through a variety of means. To stay informed residents are urged to:

- Visit the Town's website at wakeforestnc.gov and search "Severe Weather Updates"
- Visit the Town of Wake Forest Facebook page
- Follow the Town of Wake Forest's Twitter feed
- Download the Town of Wake Forest's app
- Sign up for Town alerts and email notifications (wakeforestnc.gov, search "e-notifier")
- Sign up to receive phone call notifications (wakeforestnc.gov, search "phone notifications")
- Call the Wake Forest Weather Line at 919-435-9569
- Sign up for the social network Nextdoor and check for severe weather updates posted by the Town.

🔍 wakeforestnc.gov, search "severe weather updates"

FINANCE

Town earns another favorable audit report

The Board of Commissioners received the results of an independent audit report from Cherry Bekaert LLP for the period July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2018. In addition to not revealing any audit findings or problems, the report acknowledged that the Town is in compliance with all of its financial policies and operating with strong internal controls in place.

Financial performance highlights in the report include a net change increase of \$356,000 in the Town's general fund balance.

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Aileen Staples said this year's favorable audit report is especially encouraging considering all the Town accomplished without raising taxes.

🔍 wakeforestnc.gov, search "finance", Chief Financial Officer Aileen Staples: ✉ astaples@wakeforestnc.gov, ☎ 919-435-9461

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Area residents urged to guard against tech support scams

The Wake Forest Police Department is urging area residents to guard against becoming the victim of fraud following several recently reported tech support phone scams.



According to Microsoft, tech support scams are an industry-wide issue where scammers use scare tactics to trick you into paying for unnecessary technical support services that supposedly fix contrived device, platform, or software problems.

It is important to keep the following in mind:

- Microsoft does not send unsolicited email messages or make unsolicited phone calls to request personal or financial information, or to provide technical support to fix your computer.
- Any communication with Microsoft must be initiated by you.
- If a notification appears with a phone number, don't call the number. Error messages from Microsoft never include a phone number.
- Download software only from official Microsoft partner websites or the Microsoft Store. Be wary of downloading software from third-party sites as some of them might have been modified to bundle scam malware and other threats.

🌐 wakeforestnc.gov, search "crime prevention", Wake Forest Police Department ☎ 919-554-6150

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Operation Safe Sale offers a safe zone for residents to make transactions

Wake Forest residents who are selling or purchasing items advertised online may come to the police department, 225 S. Taylor St., to complete their transaction. Transactions may be made in the police department parking lot or inside the lobby, either with or without an officer present.

At the request of either party, a police officer will be available to check the serial number to determine whether the item has been entered through state or national databases as stolen property. Anyone wishing to have an officer present will be required to schedule an appointment by calling 919-554-6150.

🌐 wakeforestnc.gov, search "operation safe sale"

PUBLIC WORKS

Use "SeeClickFix" to report street light outages

Wake Forest officials are urging residents to use "SeeClickFix" to report street light outages and other non-emergency issues as soon as they notice them.

Town crews cannot repair a faulty street light unless they know about it. By reporting the outage immediately through SeeClickFix, citizens can help ensure a prompt resolution to the problem.

Wake Forest's SeeClickFix website is available at wakeforestnc.gov/report-a-problem.aspx while the mobile platform is offered as a function on the Town app.

🌐 wakeforestnc.gov, search "report a problem", Administrative Specialist Betty Pearce: ☎ 919-435-9570, ✉ bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov

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- Set your thermostat to 68 degrees or lower. Every degree above 68 increases your energy use by 3-5 percent.
- Install a programmable thermostat and set it to turn down your heat at night.
- Traditional fireplaces lose more heat than they produce, so only use them on mild days.
- Avoid using space heaters for long periods of time. Use of one small heater in your home could add more than \$100 to your monthly electric bill.



Sponsorship opportunities

Sponsorship and advertising opportunities are now available for 2019. Interested businesses should contact Marketing & Business Relations Specialist Anna Bolton at abolton@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9422.



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BUS SERVICE

Connects you to Wake Forest and beyond

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express bus to downtown Raleigh. What a great way to relax, get work done or read the paper while the bus gets you there in about an hour for only \$3.

Routes and rates: wakeforestnc.gov, search "bus service"



Citizens Financial Report now available

The Town of Wake Forest is pleased to present the 2018 *Citizens Financial Report*. The document is an abbreviated summary of the Town's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR)*.

Offering financial and operational information in a summarized format, the 16-page report provides an overview of the Town's financial results in a manner that is easy to understand by those without a background in public finance or accounting.

The *Citizens Financial Report* also highlights information about Wake Forest's demographics, ongoing initiatives and the Town's strategic plan.

The report is available on the Town's website and on the Town's Open Data Portal. A limited number of hard copies are available at Wake Forest Town Hall.

wakeforestnc.gov, search "citizens financial report", Chief Financial Officer Aileen Staples: ☎ 919-435-9461, ✉ astaples@wakeforestnc.gov

Save these DATES



April 6
Dirt Day



April 12
Friday Night on White



April 13
Easter Egg Hunt

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

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- live at wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10.aspx and on-demand in streaming video



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