

# Our Town

March/April 2019

TOWN of WAKE FOREST



The Mardi Gras Street Festival on Saturday, March 2, is one of many great reasons to head outdoors this spring.

*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  
OUTDOORS**

MARCH 2-JUNE 15

**Wake Forest Town Hall closed on Good Friday:** Town hall and all administrative offices will be closed Friday, April 19, for Good Friday. For a complete list of town holidays and any changes to Town services, visit [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov) and search “holiday schedule.”

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### News Highlights

#### **Loose leaf collection ends March 8 »**

Loose leaf collection service which is offered during the fall and winter months will end Friday, March 8. Beginning Monday, March 11, all leaves 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 resumes Monday, Oct. 7.  
[wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search “yard waste” 919-435-9570



#### **Job & Resource Fair for ages 15–21 yrs.**

» Meet with area employers on Friday, March 29, 2–4:30 p.m. at the Alston-Massenburg Center, 416 N. Taylor St. to learn about internships and job opportunities. A job readiness workshop will be offered from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Call the center at 919-554-6189 to pre-register.



#### **Take a guided tour of the historic district**

» The Town of Wake Forest will once again offer free Wake Forest Historic District Walking Tours in spring. Tour dates are March 7, 14 and 28; April 4, 17 and 23; May 2, 9 and 16. 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.



WAKE FOREST DOWNTOWN

# Let the good times roll at Mardi Gras

Make plans now to join your friends in downtown Wake Forest Saturday, March 2, for the Seventh Annual Wake Forest Mardi Gras Street Festival. Presented by Thomas G. Walters Allstate Insurance and Primrose School of Heritage Wake Forest, this family-friendly celebration is scheduled from 11 a.m.–3 p.m., and admission is free.

The Mardi Gras Street Festival will include face painters, strolling entertainers, live music, an inflatable playground, contests and much more.

One of the day's highlights promises to be the Mardi Gras Walking Parade. The lineup begins at 12:45 p.m. in Town Hall's Centennial Plaza, 301 S. Brooks St., and the parade gets underway at 1 p.m. The walking parade is open to both children and adults.

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



PARKS & RECREATION

# Six Sundays in Spring kicks off April 28

Bring a picnic and settle in for some great live music at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road. The 2019 Six Sundays in Spring concert series will be held on consecutive Sundays from April 28 through June 2.

Sponsored by ARTS Wake Forest, the free concerts get underway at 5 p.m.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase or bring your own picnic.

In the event of rain, the concerts may be relocated to the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre, 405 S. Brooks St.

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



Friday Night on White takes place on the second Friday of each month, April through September.

Downtown concert series begins April 12

# FRIDAY NIGHT ON WHITE



The Town of Wake Forest is pleased to announce a power-packed band lineup for the 2019 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 once again kick off the series on April 12, followed by Sleeping Booty (pictured at right) on May 10, Love Tribe on June 14, Soul Psychedelique on July

12, Big Love on Aug. 9, and Crush on Sept. 13. 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 2019 Friday Night on White Sponsors!

**Exclusive Title Sponsor:** White Street Brewing Company. **Stage Sponsor:** Gladwell Orthodontics. **Dance Floor Sponsor:** McPherson Family Eye Care. **Cooling Station Sponsor:** Mitchell Heating & Cooling. **Wristband Sponsor:** Orangetheory Fitness Wake Forest. **Sound & Light Sponsor:** ProAudio & Light, Inc. **Radio Partner:** Foxy 107.1/104.3. **Premier Sponsors:** Capital Powersports, Nu Image Surgical & Dental Implant Center, Wells Family Dental Group, Local Charm Home & Gifts, Benchmark Community Bank, O2 Fitness Clubs, Fonville Morisey Realty,

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PARKS & RECREATION

## Hunt for eggs at Joyner Park on April 13

Presented by Bumgarner & Martin Orthodontics and Primrose School of Heritage Wake Forest, the 2019 Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, 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"



Celebrate the many cultures that make up Wake Forest's vibrant and diverse community.

HUMAN RELATIONS COUNCIL

## HRC to host Multicultural Day

The Wake Forest Human Relations Council (HRC) will host the inaugural Multicultural Day on Saturday, March 23, from 1-4 p.m. at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre, 405 S. Brooks St.

Themed "Celebrating the local flavor of Wake Forest," this free event will feature a variety of multicultural foods available in our community. Several local restaurants, food vendors, caterers and grocery stores will showcase their culturally diverse foods and desserts by providing free samples.

Residents are also invited to come out and view artwork from local students depicting their family's various countries of origin. Attendees will have the chance to cast their vote for best artwork based on age categories. Several musical acts will also perform throughout the afternoon.

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



WAKE FOREST DOWNTOWN

## Dirt Day returns for another year of earthy fun

Presented by Wake Forest Downtown, Inc. and sponsored by Whole Foods Market, Wake Forest's sixth annual Dirt Day will take place along South White Street in downtown Wake Forest on Saturday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kids will have a blast planting seeds, painting rocks and exploring trucks from S.T. Wooten Corporation. Adults will have the chance to learn about the newest



techniques in gardening and composting, check out the newest in outdoor activity gear, and visit with vendors offering an array of products and insight.

Dirt Day participants can also make a craft from recycled materials with the Scrap Exchange, meet owls and other rescued wildlife, shop for bug lollipops and rub elbows with Master Gardeners and other outdoor educators.

Offering music, free outdoor exercise classes and culinary delights from downtown's wonderful assortment of restaurants and food vendors, Dirt Day offers the perfect opportunity to shake off the winter blues.

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



*"I say it all the time but I don't believe I can say it too much—the main thing that makes Wake Forest such a great place is the people—people who care about one another and take care of each other and work to make a difference wherever and whenever they can."*

—MAYOR VIVIAN JONES, 2019 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. The address can also be viewed in streaming video on the Town's website at [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov).



COMMUNICATIONS

## Ad space available in Town's official guide

The Town of Wake Forest will publish an updated version of the **Official Guide to Wake Forest** later this year. The guide will be mailed to all residents in Wake Forest and Wakefield.

A limited number of ad spaces are available for purchase. The deadline to reserve an ad is April 5.

[wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search "Guide to Wake Forest", Marketing & Business Relations Associate Amanda Cochrane, ☎ 919-632-3482, ✉ [acochrane@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:acochrane@wakeforestnc.gov)

## The Catalinas – Rockin’ the Forest

**March 15 ■ 7:30 p.m.** Rockin’ the Forest is a live concert music series featuring some of the top musical acts in the area. The Catalinas are an American beach music band from the late 1950s known for their classic song *Summertime’s Callin’ Me*. *Tickets: \$10.*

## Rapunzel

**March 16 ■ 2 p.m.** Presented by Raleigh Little Theatre’s “Players to Go Ensemble”. Did you ever wonder how Rapunzel ended up in a tower? Get ready to find out and have a lot of fun learning about the characters in this twisted tale of Rapunzel. Performed by students in grades 5–8. *Free admission.*



## Celtic Angels Ireland

**March 18–19 ■ 7 p.m.** Also featuring the Celtic Knight Dancers & the Trinity Band Ensemble of Dublin. A joyous celebration of everything Irish will touch American soil this spring when the energetic, exciting young stars of Celtic Angels Ireland tour the U.S. *Tickets: \$25.*

## Happy Dan the Magic Man

**March 20 & April 17 ■ 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. The laughter never stops as Happy Dan struggles with his misbehaving props and the children fly to his rescue. *Tickets: \$5.*

## GRITS The Musical

**April 6 ■ 6:30 p.m.** Perfect for a girls night out, this lively musical is based on the book *Friends are Forever* by Deborah Ford. *Tickets: \$40, includes a big ole Southern comfort foods dinner.*



## Your Alien

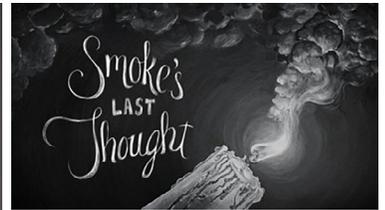
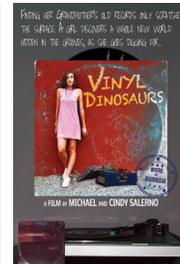
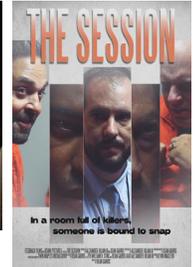
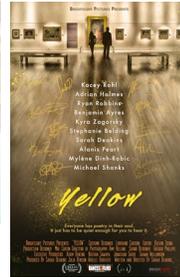
**April 26 ■ 11:00 am & 6:30 p.m.** Presented by ArtsPower National Touring Theatre. ArtsPower’s newest musical touches down with a stranded alien who strikes up a fabulous friendship with a boy. This funny and uplifting new musical shows how the power of true freindship can last a lifetime. *Tickets: \$15.*



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# FILM FESTIVAL

Wake Forest rolls out the red carpet March 28–30



Featuring 21 selected films by  
local, national and international filmmakers

Mark your calendars for a cinematic tour de force—the debut of the Wake Forest Film Festival from March 28–30 at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre, 405 S. Brooks St. 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.

**Content Advisory:** The majority of the Wake Forest Film Festival selections for this year are classified for mature audiences. Some films may not be suitable for children under 13.

**Tickets:** A variety of passes are available ranging from a single day pass to a film fest package which includes the opening reception and awards ceremony. Students are eligible for a special rate on the film fest package.

Ticket sales, screening schedule and film ratings can be viewed at the Renaissance Centre’s website.

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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

**ADVISORY BOARDS**

## Apply now to serve on the 2019–20 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 from 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 Tuesday, April 30.

[wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov), search “advisory boards”, Executive Assistant Cathi Pope, ☎ 919-435-9467, ✉ [cpope@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:cpope@wakeforestnc.gov)

**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 1. 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 & PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

## 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”, Communications & Public Affairs Director Bill Crabtree, ☎ 919-435-9421, ✉ [bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:bcrabtree@wakeforestnc.gov)

POLICE

## Park in the direction of traffic flow or risk a fine

Police officials are urging Wake Forest motorists to park in the direction of traffic flow or risk a \$25 fine.

Wording in Sec. 30-251 of the Town's *Code of Ordinances* addresses "Parking in direction of traffic flow:"

"Parking shall be established in the direction of traffic flow on all streets within corporate limits of the Town of Wake Forest with passenger side (right) tires to the curb on two-way streets."

In summary, on a two-way road, you must park with the right-hand wheels next to the right-side curb. Otherwise, you are parked illegally.



The grey vehicle is parked illegally.

Beginning March 1, officers will begin enforcing the ordinance. That means anyone observed by law enforcement to be parking against the flow of traffic will be subject to a \$25 fine.

The initiative is designed to reduce the potential for traffic accidents caused when illegally parked motorists pull head-on into oncoming traffic.

POLICE

## No parking in "access aisles" of handicap parking spaces

Wake Forest officials are urging area motorists to pay attention to an updated "no parking" ordinance or risk a hefty fine.

Sec. 30-53 of the Town's *Code of Ordinances* pertains to "No Parking & Safety Zones:"

"Whenever authorized signs or markings are placed, erected or installed indicating no parking or safety zones, no driver of a vehicle shall disobey the regulations in connection with such signs or markings."



Drivers who park illegally on yellow hatched lines are subject to a \$250 fine.

During its regular monthly meeting on Jan. 15, the Board of Commissioners adopted an addition to the law that addresses the growing problem of vehicles parking in the access aisles of handicap parking

spaces. Those access aisles are painted with diagonal hatch marks to discourage parking in them.

The updated ordinance specifically prohibits all motorists, regardless of whether the driver and/or the passenger(s) have a disability plate or placard, from parking in the access aisles of handicap parking spaces:

Anyone observed by law enforcement parking in an access aisle is subject to a \$250 fine.

Public Infrastructure Engineer Scott Miles, ☎ 919-435-9442, ✉ smiles@wakeforestnc.gov

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### Shred-It returns April 29

The Town of Wake Forest is hosting its fourth annual paper-shredding event on Monday, April 29. 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 p.m. — or until the 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 10



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 is on Saturday, May 11, from 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. at Wake Forest Cemetery, 400 N. White St.

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 residents who have personal stories to share about the history of Wake Forest but are not interested in serving as a docent.

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.”



The new amphitheater cover will provide shelter for performers.

## Cover for Joyner Park amphitheater under construction

Barnhill Construction Co., a contractor working on behalf of the Town of Wake Forest, has begun the initial phase of construction on the cover for the E. Carroll Joyner Park amphitheater.

Designed to blend in with current Joyner Park structures and the natural habitat, the new shelter will provide full stage coverage offering performers both shade from the sun and protection from the rain.

Projected for completion in the spring, the facility will be constructed in a manner consistent with the park’s natural beauty and rustic feel.

Officials strongly urge park visitors to obey the posted signage and avoid the construction site.

*Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Director Ruben Wall,*  
📞 919-435-9561, ✉ [rwall@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:rwall@wakeforestnc.gov)

#### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

Third Tuesday | 7 p.m.  
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#### BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

First Tuesday | 5:30 p.m.  
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#### PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

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

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- live on **WFTV 10** and re-broadcast at 9 a.m., 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. daily for up to two weeks after the meeting
- live at [wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/wftv-10.aspx) and on-demand in streaming video



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## Save these DATES



May 4  
*Meet in the Street*

May 25  
*Movie Night at Joyner Park*

June 1  
*National Trails Day*

June 15  
*Charity Car Show*