Good Neighbor Day will be held at E. Carroll Joyner Park on Saturday, Sept. 21.

It’s a great time to meet your GOOD NEIGHBORS

The Wake Forest Human Relations Council will sponsor the 14th Annual Good Neighbor Day on Saturday, Sept. 21. This free, family-friendly event is scheduled from 1-4 p.m. at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road.

Good Neighbor Day assembles people from all walks of life for a day of food, fun, and family entertainment. By bringing together a mix of cultures, music, ages, and ethnicities, the event celebrates diversity and promotes goodwill among all of Wake Forest’s citizens.

A special part of this year’s Good Neighbor Day will be the presentation of the “Good Neighbor of the Year” Award.

wakeforestnc.gov, search “good neighbor day”

Thank you to our Good Neighbor Day sponsors!


Free wall calendar available in late September » Pick up your free 2020 Wake Forest wall calendar during Good Neighbor Day on Saturday, Sept. 21, at E. Carroll Joyner Park. Beginning Monday, Sept. 23, calendars will be available at Wake Forest Town Hall.

Police stress importance of securing vehicles & firearms » Since nearly all the reported car break-ins in Wake Forest involve unlocked vehicles, police officials constantly plead with residents to lock their car doors. Now, those pleas are taking on an even greater sense of urgency. Since Jan. 1, 2019, the police department has received over 65 reports of motor vehicle break-ins totaling over $25,000 in stolen property—including nine handguns.

Every firearm owner is responsible for ensuring that their gun is always under their control and when it is not, that it is placed in locked storage and out of sight. Additionally, a firearm should be stored in such a manner that it is inaccessible to children or other unauthorized persons. Hiding a gun in a closet, drawer or unlocked vehicle is not safe storage. Safe storage involves employing precautions and multiple safeguards that provide an additional barrier against unauthorized use.

For more information about proper firearm storage, visit www.projectchildsafe.org.
Music at Midday returns in September

Residents are invited to enjoy great music during the lunch hour at the Music at Midday weekly concert series. Presented by ARTS Wake Forest and the PRCR Department, the free music series begins Thursday, Sept. 5, and continues on consecutive Thursdays through Sept. 26. Scheduled from noon to 1 p.m., the concerts feature a variety of local performers and take place in Centennial Plaza, the gateway to town hall.

wakeforestnc.gov, search “music at midday”

2019–20 public art exhibits now open


The Wake Forest Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit features six three-dimensional works of art in publicly-accessible spaces including the Wake Forest Town Hall campus, the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre, Miller Park, Holding Park, Smith Creek Soccer Center and the Depot Parking Lot.

The Spotlight on Local Artists exhibit features five original paintings reproduced in large format and applied to local buildings in brick vinyl wrap. The buildings include the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre, Public Facilities Building, Flaherty Park Community Center, Taylor Street Park Sprayground and the Alston-Massenburg Center. The featured artists are Dr. Jane D. Steelman, Aline Long, Linda Hauser, Maureen Seltzer and Clina Polloni.

Brochures highlighting the locations of the works are available at the Renaissance Centre and town hall.

wakeforestnc.gov, search “public art”

WATCH YOUR WASTE
Collection guidelines now in effect

The Town of Wake Forest and Republic Services crews are now “tagging” residents that violate trash, recycling and yard waste collection guidelines. Town sanitation customers may receive a “Non-Collection Notice” tag for a variety of reasons, including:

- Trash/recycling carts that are overfull, too close to another cart or blocked
- Trash/recycling placed in the wrong cart or improper container
- Trash/recycling carts that contain hazardous materials, soil, concrete or brick
- Recycling carts that contain plastic bags or wrap
- Bulk trash that includes cardboard that needs to be broken down
- Items that must be scheduled for bulk collection
- Electronics that are not eligible for curbside pickup
- Yard waste that exceeds four cubic yards permitted per household
- Limbs, leaves and trash that must be separated
- Leaves containing soil, rocks, limbs, concrete or brick

Complete information about Town sanitation guidelines is available online and in the Resident's Guide to Trash, Recycling & Yard Waste Pickup.

wakeforestnc.gov, search “residents guide to trash”

We’ll come speak to your group
Public Works Department staff are available to speak to local civic groups, homeowners associations and other organizations about Town sanitation guidelines. For more information, contact Assistant Public Works Director Allison Snyder at 919-435-9585 or asnyder@wakeforestnc.gov.

Bi-monthly leaf collection set to begin in October

Beginning in October, the Town of Wake Forest will transition from providing weekly to bi-monthly (twice a month) loose-leaf collection service.

During its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 16, the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners approved the new schedule, which calls for crews to service each town street twice each month.

For years, the Town has attempted to provide weekly loose-leaf collection service with mixed success. Several factors, including weather, mechanical issues and the sheer volume of leaves, have made it difficult, and sometimes impossible, to honor such a schedule.

wakeforestnc.gov, search “leaf collection” 919-435-9570

Visit the interactive Waste Wizard at wakeforestnc.gov to learn how to dispose of specific items.
Wake Forest Dance Festival returns to Joyner Park

The event will feature international, national and regional professional dancers from the Wake Forest dance community and beyond, along with local rising advanced dance performers.

The festival will begin with an educational technical rehearsal at 9:30 a.m. and culminate with a staged performance at 5:30 p.m.

wakeforestdancefestival.org

Friday Night on White wraps up Sept. 13

Join your friends for the last concert of the 2019 Friday Night on White series on Friday, Sept. 13, from 6-9 p.m. Popular band Crush will perform a wide range of classic and current hits.

Friday Night on White takes place along South White Street on the second Friday of each month from April through September. Admission is free. No outside coolers are permitted at Friday Night on White, but beer and wine are available for purchase.

Best places to park include Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary parking lots, South Franklin Street, South Taylor Street, South Brooks Street and East Holding Avenue. wakeforestnc.gov, search “friday night”

Thank you to our 2019 sponsors!


Unplugged & Concerts in the Park:
First two Sundays in September

Enjoy two free outdoor concerts at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road, on Sunday, Sept. 1 and Sept. 8. Concerts begin at 5 p.m. and are sponsored by the Wake Forest Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department.

Sensory Expressions will perform on Sept. 1 featuring the sensual sounds of steel drums to soothe your soul. Their music ranges from reggae, jazz, calypso and R&B. Come early and take part in Wake Forest Unplugged.

On Sept. 8, the Legacy Band will perform hit oldies, Motown, rock & roll, top 40 and more.

wakeforestnc.gov, search “concerts in the park”

Wake Forest Unplugged

On Sunday, Sept. 1, from 4-6 p.m., the Wake Forest Recreation Advisory Board will provide an array of organized games and activities as part of the annual “Wake Forest Unplugged...Get Connected.” This free, family-friendly event offers residents a unique opportunity to “disconnect” from their cell phones, computers and other electronic devices and “reconnect” with their community, friends and family by engaging in healthier, more active pursuits.

wakeforestnc.gov, search “unplugged”

National Night Out is Monday, Oct. 7

The Wake Forest Police Department is encouraging area residents, businesses, neighborhood groups, and homeowners’ associations to show their support for police-community crime prevention partnerships by participating in Wake Forest’s National Night Out (NNO) on Monday, Oct. 7.

The event will take place from 5-7:30 p.m. in the Renaissance Centre parking lot, 405 S. Brooks St. The occasion promises something for everyone, including a DJ, food and special prizes, and fire, police, and EMS vehicle displays, along with a variety of booths highlighting crime prevention and safety.

Wake Forest Police officers will be on hand distributing information on topics such as vehicle security, home security and personal safety. The police department will also offer a K-9 demonstration and D.A.R.E. presentation and share information on Neighborhood Watch, Special Olympics and more.

Although NNO is offered nationally on the first Tuesday in August, the WFPD schedules its event each year on the first Monday in October to take advantage of cooler temperatures.

wakeforestnc.gov, search “national night out” Office S. Graham, 919-761-3132, sgraham@wakeforestnc.gov
NC Symphony Instrument Zoo
The North Carolina Symphony will offer the Instrument Zoo on Tuesday, Oct. 22, at 10 a.m. at the Wake Forest Renaissance Centre. Geared for preschoolers through second graders, the program combines music and storytelling for our youngest audiences.

As part of PNC’s Grow Up Great initiative, NC Symphony musicians travel to libraries, museums, community and art centers, and Head Start classrooms across the state to share favorite storybooks and introduce children to their instruments. Bring the kids to meet these musicians and try out different instruments at the instrument zoo! Admission is free.

Vital Theater presents
ANGELINA BALLERINA
The Musical
The Wake Forest Renaissance Centre for the Arts will present Angelina Ballerina The Musical on Friday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Angelina and her friends, Alice, Gracie, AZ and Viki, and even their teacher, Ms. Mimi, are all aflutter because a special guest is coming to visit Camembert Academy! Angelina and her friends will perform all types of dance, including hip-hop, modern dance, the Irish jig and of course, ballet and they are excited to show off their skills to their famous visitor. Angelina is the most excited of all, but will she get the starring moment she hopes for?

Based on the CG-animated series, Angelina Ballerina The Next Steps, Angelina Ballerina The Musical is a family-friendly show that will have the entire audience dancing in the aisles.

Tickets are $10 plus tax for the 11 a.m. show and $12 plus tax for the 6:30 p.m. performance.

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PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES

Register now for youth basketball

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- Trains cannot stop quickly to avoid people or vehicles on the railroad tracks.
- It is difficult to determine a train’s speed from a distance. Trains typically overhang the track by at least three feet.
- Never assume railroad tracks are abandoned or inactive.
- Due to new technology, approaching trains are much quieter than you’d expect, so don’t assume you’ll hear one coming.

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Wake Forest named state’s first “Monarch Town USA”

Monarch City USA, a non-profit that advocates for cities and town to actively recover their monarch butterfly populations, has named Wake Forest the first “Monarch Town USA” in North Carolina. The designation means Wake Forest is committed to preserving and growing the monarch butterfly population.

Monarchs rely on the milkweed and nectar plants for their food and home. According to the Monarch City USA website, monarchcityusa.com, nearly a billion monarch butterflies have vanished since 1990 because those plants are disappearing across America. Monarch City USA encourages municipalities across the nation to reverse the trend and support the monarch butterfly population by planting monarch milkweed and nectar plants.

Wake Forest’s butterfly garden, which features the monarch-attracting milkweed and nectar plants, is in E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Road. Town crews recently installed signage at the park identifying the butterfly habitat.

WAKE FOREST POWER

Learn ways to save at the annual Energy Expo

The Town of Wake Forest invites all residents to learn about energy and electric safety at the annual Energy Expo during Public Power Week. The expo is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 10, from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. and 6–7:30 p.m. at Wake Forest Town Hall.

Learn from hands-on demonstrations and see how energy is created. Learn how to make your home more energy efficient and save money on your electric bill. Wake Forest Power linemen will offer on-demand electric safety demonstrations in Centennial Plaza. Participants can register to win a variety of prizes.

wakeforestnc.gov, search “public power week”

ADVISORY BOARDS

Apply now to serve on Town’s advisory boards

Make a difference in our community by serving on an advisory board. The following Town advisory boards will have available seats in 2020: Cemetery, Cultural Resources, Design Review, Greenways, Historic Preservation, Human Relations, Planning, Public Art, Recreation, Senior Center, Technology, Urban Forestry Board and the Board of Adjustment. Only citizens that reside in the Town’s corporate limits (extraterritorial jurisdiction) are eligible for the Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Board and Board of Adjustment openings.

To be considered for the upcoming year, please submit an application by Thursday, Oct. 31.

Applications are available at wakeforestnc.gov (search “advisory boards”) and at Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St.

wakeforestnc.gov, search “advisory boards”, Executive Assistant Cathi Pope, ☎ 919-435-9467, cpope@wakeforestnc.gov
Fall foliage tours offered in October

Residents are invited to enjoy the vibrant colors of autumn while also learning about native trees during two fall foliage tours Wednesday, Oct. 30, at E. Carroll Joyner Park. The Town of Wake Forest will offer the free, one-hour tour at 10 a.m. and again at 2 p.m. In the event of rain, the tours will be rescheduled for Friday, Nov. 1.

Parents and children are welcome and no registration is required. Please meet at the information kiosk located near the Joyner Park parking lot. ☎ 919-435-9570

Halloween Spooktacular

TRICKS & TREATS

The PRCR Department will host its annual Halloween Spooktacular on Thursday, Oct. 24, from 4:30 to 8:00 p.m. This year’s Spooktacular will be held at the Joyner Park Community Center at 701 Harris Road.

Presented by O2 Fitness Clubs and Capital Chevrolet, this year’s event will include a costume contest, face painting, a haunted maze and cupcake walk, along with a variety of other ghostly games and activities. Free pumpkins will be given away while supplies last. Admission to the event is free.

Thank you to our Spooktacular sponsors!


Trick-or-treating is always on Oct. 31

In Wake Forest trick-or-treating always occurs on Oct. 31 regardless of the day of the week Halloween falls on – this year it’s on a Thursday. The Wake Forest Police Department encourages trick-or-treating between 6–8 p.m. and reminds parents to make sure their little ghosts and goblins observe all safety precautions.

Applications now accepted for participation in the Christmas Parade

The parade application is available at wakeforestnc.gov (search “wake forest christmas parade”) and at Wake Forest Town Hall. Entries must be postmarked by Friday, Nov. 1.

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Survive the Zombies!

Can you survive a zombie apocalypse? Find out by playing Zombie Survival at E. Carroll Joyner Park on Oct. 19 from 5:30–7 pm.

Teams of 2–4 people will have one hour to retrieve items needed to survive a night in a containment zone. But be careful, zombies will try to steal your “life flags.” If you make it back to base camp with all your supplies and with at least one “life flag” your team will be eligible for a prize!

Registration fee is $35 per team. Wake Forest residents are eligible for a discounted rate of $20 per team.

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