



The circa 1820 Calvin Jones House

# WAKE FOREST

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## March is Women's History Month

In honor of Women's History Month approaching, the Historic Preservation Commission is encouraging residents to share a story about a significant woman in Wake Forest's history on the Wake Forest History Exchange. The Wake Forest History Exchange is an interactive GIS-based program that allows citizens and staff to share information about Wake Forest's history. You can submit a story at <https://wake-forest-history-exchange-wakeforestnc.hub.arcgis.com/>. Please contact Paige Regna, Planner I- Historic Preservation, at [pregna@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:pregna@wakeforestnc.gov) with any questions.

As a reminder, the COA application deadline for the March 24, 2026 meeting is February 23, 2026 at 5:00pm. All applications must be submitted electronically. A full schedule of all deadlines for 2026 is on the back page of this newsletter.

### Around Town

#### Wake Forest Historical Museum Event

Join historian Dr. Craig Thompson Friend for a lecture about his new book, *Becoming Lunsford Lane*. Dr. Friend will discuss Lunsford Lane's early life and experiences in Wake County, exploring how local communities, institutions, and racial hierarchies shaped his journey toward self-emancipation. The event will be at 414 N. Main St on Tuesday, March 3 at 6:00pm. This event is free and open to the public. A book signing will follow the presentation. To RSVP, visit <https://wakeforestmuseum.org>.

#### Planning 101 Registration

The Town of Wake Forest's Planning Department is now accepting applications for the 2026 session of Planning 101 through Feb. 23. Wake Forest Planning 101 educates residents of Wake Forest on fundamental topics in planning and development in Wake Forest with an emphasis on planning, zoning, state and local regulations, and trends in growth. Participants will be expected to attend all four sessions held on May 6, 13, 20, & 27 from 5:45-8:30pm. Applications must be completed & submitted online at <https://bit.ly/WFPlanning101>.

### REGULAR MEETING AGENDA TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026 at 6:30 PM BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CHAMBERS

2nd Floor, Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks Street, Wake Forest

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**
2. **Approval of the Agenda**
3. **Approval of Minutes** of the November 19, 2025 Regular Meeting.
4. **Public Comment** (limited to 3 minutes per person) The HPC is interested in hearing your concerns. However, speakers should not expect HPC action or deliberation on subject matter brought up during the Public Comment segment. Topics requiring further investigation will be referred to the appropriate Town Staff and may be scheduled for a future agenda.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
6. **Public Hearing: COA 25-06:** A request from Bridgette E. (Liz) Gauthier, owner of 507 N. Main Street, Wake Forest, being Wake County Tax PIN 1841-54-5170, to replace siding and porch columns.
7. **Old Items**
  - A. Certified Local Government Training Requirements
8. **New Items**
  - A. Election of Officers
  - B. Staff Updates
  - C. Member Updates
9. **Adjourn**



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## 2026 Wake Forest Film Festival

The Wake Forest Renaissance Centre will host the 2026 Wake Forest Film Festival on Friday and Saturday, March 6-7. Intended for filmmakers, film enthusiasts, and anyone who enjoys a good story, the film showcase will engage audiences with films of all lengths and genres. Over 150 films were submitted for consideration, while 22 vibrant and diverse works were selected to be featured during this year's event. Tickets are \$25 (plus tax) and can be purchased online at <https://bitly/WFRenCenTix>, in person at the RC Box Office, or by calling 919-435-9458.

## Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Calendar 2026 All meetings are at 6:30 pm.

Meeting Date	<i>COA Application Deadline</i>
<del>January 27, 2026</del>	<del>December 29, 2025</del>
February 24, 2026	<del>January 26, 2026</del>
March 24, 2026	February 23, 2026
April 28, 2026	March 30, 2026
May 26, 2026	April 27, 2026
June 23, 2026	May 25, 2026
July 28, 2026	June 29, 2026
August 25, 2026	July 27, 2026
September 22, 2026	August 24, 2026
October 27, 2026	September 28, 2026
November 18, 2026*	October 20, 2026
December 16, 2026*	November 17, 2026

*\*The November and December meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday due to holidays.*