



*The circa 1820 Calvin Jones House*

# WAKE FOREST

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## Wake Forest Historical Museum Walking Tour

The Wake Forest Historical Museum will host a walking tour of N. Main Street on Friday, October 23, at 1p.m. The tour will last approximately 90 minutes. The tour will include sites along N. Main Street, North Avenue, and South Avenue. It will highlight the area's architectural history and discuss the lives of those who lived and worked in the neighborhood.

The tour will start at the Wake Forest Historical Museum, 414 N. Main Street. Walking tours are free and open to the public, but pre-registration is required. Visit [wakeforestmuseum.org](http://wakeforestmuseum.org) to register.

## Historic Home Tour

The Wake Forest Woman's Club will host the 2026 Historic Home Tour on Saturday, December 5 from 12-5p.m. Tickets are \$23 each, and 500 tickets are available for purchase. There will be 7 properties on the tour, including 3 private residences.

Music, a bake sale, and a handmade craft sale will be at select stops on the tour. Tickets are available for purchase at [www.wake-forest-womans-club.com](http://www.wake-forest-womans-club.com)

## Downtown Traffic Study

The Town of Wake Forest is conducting a study to recommend strategies that improve downtown mobility for people walking, biking, taking transit, and driving. Due to the future redevelopment and infrastructure activity planned for Downtown, including the S-Line rail corridor project, the Wake Forest Board of Commissioners authorized the study to commence in 2026.

The Downtown Traffic Study Open House will be on **Wed. Oct. 28, from 6-8p.m.** in the Town Hall lobby at 301 S. Brooks Street.

A survey is available on Engage Wake Forest until Friday, Nov. 6 at <https://engagewakeforest.org/downtown-traffic-study>.

As a reminder, the COA application deadline for the November 18, 2026, meeting is October 20, 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.

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 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 the Minutes**  
of the September 22, 2026  
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. **Old Items**  
A. UDO Updates
7. **New Items**  
A. Staff Updates  
B. Member Updates
8. **Adjourn**



301 S. Brooks Street  
Wake Forest, NC 27587



## Warm Your Hearts with Coats Drive

The Wake Forest Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources (PRCR) Department will accept new and/or clean, gently used coats and jackets Monday, Oct. 19 through Saturday, Oct. 31 as part of its annual "Warm Your Hearts with Coats Drive." Coats of all shapes and sizes are welcome and may be dropped off at one of the following PRCR facilities during normal operating hours:

- Alston-Massenburg Center, 416 N. Taylor Street (Monday-Friday, 12-8p.m.; Saturday, 8a.m.-4p.m.; closed Sunday)
- Flaherty Park Community Center, 1226 N. White Street (Monday-Friday, 8a.m.-9p.m.; Saturday, 8a.m.-4p.m.; closed Sunday)
- Joyner Park Community Center, 701 Harris Road (Monday-Friday, 6a.m.-9p.m.; Saturday, 8am-4pm; closed Sunday)

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

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

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