



The circa 1820 Calvin Jones House

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Northeast Community Walking Tours in February

Historic Preservation staff will lead walking tours of the Northeast Community on Fridays in February for Black History Month. Walking tours will be held on February 6th, 13th, and 20th from 1pm-2:30pm. To register, visit <https://www.wakeforestnc.gov/event/black-history-month-walking-tours>.

On Friday, February 27th from 2-4pm, the Ailey Young House at 320 N. White Street will be open to the public for tours. Registration is not required. More information will be available on the Town's website.

As a reminder, the COA application deadline for the February 24, 2026 meeting is January 26, 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, JANUARY 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 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. Staff Updates
 - B. Member Updates
- 9. Adjourn**

The Wake Forest Historical Museum is hosting a *Strolling White Street* Happy Hour on Thursday, January 29th from 5-7pm. Unwind on White will be serving drinks. This event is free to attend. Registration is encouraged but not required. Visit wakeforestmuseum.org/events to register or learn more.

Sustainability Plan Survey

The Town of Wake Forest is in the process of creating a Sustainability Plan to serve as a guide for both Town operations and community-wide sustainability initiatives. Community input is the cornerstone of this initiative aimed at reducing Wake Forest's environmental impact, preparing for the effects of climate change and extreme weather, and embracing cost-saving opportunities.

Community members are invited to share their perspective and experiences by taking a 5-10 minute survey available through Friday, January 30th at <https://engagewakeforest.org/sustainability-plan>.



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	COA Application Deadline
January 27, 2026	December 29, 2025
February 24, 2026	January 26, 2026
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.*