



The circa 1820 Calvin Jones House

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Around Town

Renaissance Centre Art Exhibits

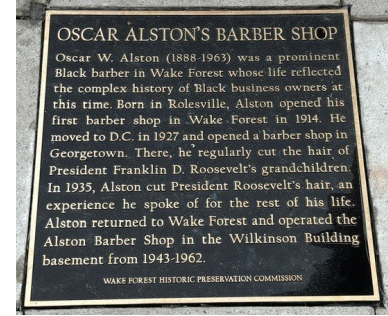
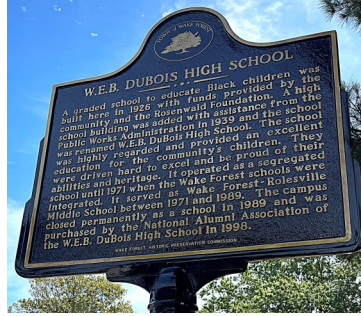
The Wake Forest Renaissance Centre encouraged artists of all ages, abilities, and mediums to submit an original work of art that answers the question, “What does America mean to you?” for its America 250 Art Exhibit. The last day to view the America 250 Art Exhibit is Friday, July 17. Selected works of art are now on display in the Renaissance Centre Annex (405 S. Brooks Street) through Friday, July 17.

The next art exhibit theme is More Than Work— featuring Town of Wake Forest staff and family members, which will be on display from July 20—August 28.

Wake Forest Woman’s Club Seeking Volunteers

The Wake Forest Woman’s Club is seeking volunteers to open their homes for the 2026 Christmas Home Tour. Please contact Marilyn Bonnett at bonnettm@hotmail.com if you are interested or for more information about the Home Tour.

Two More Historic Markers Unveiled!



The Town’s Historic Preservation staff unveiled historic markers for W.E.B. Dubois High School (518 N. Franklin St. & N. Allen Rd.) and Oscar Alston’s Barber Shop (111 S. White St.) in June.

As a reminder, the COA application deadline for the August 25, 2026 meeting is July 27, 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, JULY 28, 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 May 26, 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. **Public Hearing**
 - A. **COA 26-02:** A request from Gwen K. Bennett, owner of 316 Rock Spring Road, Wake Forest, being Wake County Tax PIN 1841-43-1748 to demolish the house and build a new house.
 - B. **COA 26-04:** A request from Mark Hawkins, owner of 427 N. Main Street, Wake Forest, being Wake County Tax PIN 1841-53-4971, to install a fence.
6. **Old Items**
 - A. Event Planning Updates
7. **New Items**
 - A. Staff Updates
 - B. Member Updates
8. **Adjourn**



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Wake Forest, NC 27587



Dive-In Movie: Zootopia 2

You're invited to enjoy a movie under the stars—from your poolside lounge chair!

The Wake Forest Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department is pleased to offer Zootopia 2 as a Dive-In Movie at Holding Park Aquatic Center on Saturday, August 22nd.

Tickets are \$7/person regardless of age and will be available for purchase beginning August 1. Gates open at 8pm for pre-show crafts, and the movie will begin at approximately 8:30pm.

Concessions will be available for purchase, but no outside food or beverages are permitted.

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.