

Our Town

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TOWN of WAKE FOREST

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CELEBRATING SPRING Over 3,000 eggs will be distributed at the park, several will bring a special prize. FILE PHOTOS 2010

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 16
E. Carroll Joyner Park

The Wake Forest Parks & Recreation Department will host its annual egg hunt for children ages 12 and younger on Saturday, March 16 at E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Rd. Over 3,000 eggs will be hidden including several golden eggs which will bring a special prize.

Start times are divided by age group: 10 a.m. for

ages 3 and younger, 11 a.m. for ages 4-6, 1 p.m. for ages 7-9, and 2 p.m. for ages 10-12. In the event of rain, all hunts will be relocated to Flaherty Park Community Center, 1226 N. White St.

Due to the Arbor Day festivities also taking place at Joyner Park on March 16, parking will be limited. If possible, please make plans to carpool, walk or

bike to the event.

In the event of rain, all hunts will be relocated to Flaherty Park Community Center, 1226 N. White St. So, if rain or inclement weather threatens, call the Wake Forest Weather Line at 919-435-9569 for updates.

The event is free. For more information, call 919-435-9560.

News highlights

New girls volleyball league to begin in May »

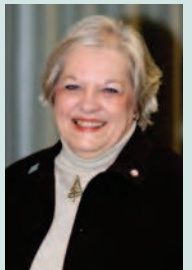
Registrations for the new youth volleyball league for girls ages 9-16 will be accepted April 1-30 at town hall. Team practices will begin in May. Games are played through early July.

For a registration form, visit wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation.aspx, see your copy of *RecConnect*, or stop by town hall to pick up a form. For more information, call the Parks & Recreation Department at 919-435-9560.



2013 State of the Town Address available online

» If you didn't have the chance to attend the 2013 State of the Town Address, you can catch it online or on the town's government access channel. Mayor Jones' address will air on WFTV 10 throughout March at 8 a.m., noon and 6 p.m. It's also available in streaming video on the town's website at wakeforestnc.gov.



Graham named N.C. D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year »

The Wake Forest Police Department is pleased to announce that Officer Scott Graham has been recognized as the "2012 North Carolina Ralph Robinson D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year" by the N.C. D.A.R.E. Officer's Association.



Graham has taught and graduated over 1,000 elementary school students during his tenure as a D.A.R.E. instructor in Wake Forest-area schools. D.A.R.E. instructors teach kids the skills they need to avoid drugs, gangs and violence.



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Proud to be a Tree City
Community for 33 years

Rogers Road bridge to be replaced in 2014

The N.C. Department of Transportation (NCDOT) recently announced plans to improve two bridges in Wake Forest—one on Rogers Road that spans Smith Creek and another on Forestville Road.

Beginning in early 2014, contractors will replace the existing two lane bridge on Rogers Road with a five lane bridge. The new bridge is expected to improve capacity and safety and relieve the bottlenecks that occur in the area during school rush hours.

The construction will require the road to be closed in the vicinity of the bridge and a traffic detour for approximately four months. NCDOT made the decision to close the road completely (instead of building the bridge in stages over 12 months) after consulting with the principals of the three public schools in the area and the Wake County School System bus coordinator.

The bridge on Forestville Road is scheduled to be replaced in 2015.

As part of Wake Forest's Capital Improvements Plan or CIP—a five-year, \$88 million plan for physical and economic developments that starts this year—both bridges will be rebuilt to include pedestrian underpasses that extend the town's greenway system.

Two other bridges, one on Purnell Road and another on West Oak Avenue, are also scheduled to be replaced as part of the town's planned transportation projects.

The Town of Wake Forest has launched an interactive map on its website that provides useful information about transportation projects in our area. Visit wakeforestnc.gov/residents/transportationmap.aspx.



Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Seedling Giveaway Saturday, March 16 E. Carroll Joyner Park

For the first time ever, the Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board is hosting its annual tree seedling giveaway and Arbor Day celebration on the same day. This year, both events—along with an Arbor Day Expo—will be held Saturday, March 16, at the E. Carroll Joyner Park Amphitheater, 701 Harris Road.

As part of the tree

seedling giveaway, over 3,000 tree seedlings will be distributed from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or until supplies run out. Available species include eastern redbud, river birch and Southern catalpa. To help reduce waste, please bring your own bag to carry your seedling.

After picking up your seedlings, you'll have the opportunity to learn more about gardening, tree care and other related topics during our first-ever Arbor Day Expo. Organizations scheduled to participate in-

clude Wake County Master Gardeners offering soil test kits and advice on gardening and horticulture; a NC Forest Service ranger discussing the environmental, economic and social benefits of healthy trees and forests; and Triangle J COG Regional Appearance Committee distributing plant and animal trading cards. Members of the Urban Forestry Board will also be on hand passing out temporary tattoos for kids with the "Trees are Good" logo, along with the Wake Forest Garden

A NOTABLE NUMBER: **1,875** Christmas trees were collected and recycled during Wake

calendar of EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 16
E. Carroll Joyner Park,
701 Harris Rd.

Hunts begin at 10 a.m. (ages 3 & younger), 11 a.m. (ages 4-6), 1 p.m. (ages 7-9) and 2 p.m. (ages 10-12).



Rain location: Flaherty Park Community Center, 1226 N. White St. 919-435-9560. Free.

Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Seedling Giveaway

Saturday, March 16, 10 am-2 pm, E. Carroll Joyner Park Amphitheater, 701 Harris Rd.

The Urban Forestry Board will begin distributing seedlings at 10 a.m. Arbor Day program begins at 11:30 a.m. Rain location: Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S.



Brooks St. 919-435-9560. Free.

Great Grass Giveaway

Saturday, April 27, 7 am, Public Works Operations Ctr. 234 Friendship Chapel Rd.

Over 1,200 lbs. of Bermuda grass will be given

away while supplies last. 919-435-9570.

Six Sundays in Spring

Sundays, April 28-June 2, 3-7 pm, E. Carroll Joyner Park, 701 Harris Rd.

Bring a lawn chair and



Call the Weather Line before heading to a town-sponsored outdoor event. A recorded message will indicate if the event has been relocated or cancelled due to weather.



Download the Town of Wake Forest app to receive weather related updates on your smartphone! See back page for details.

Club and the Wake Forest Woman's Club serving snacks and drinks.

A highlight of the March 16 Arbor Day celebration will be the planting of a new tree donated by Woodmen of the World.

At 11:30 a.m., the Arbor Day program will begin in the park amphitheater. During the program, Mayor Vivian Jones will accept Wake Forest's 34th consecutive Tree City USA award and Urban Forester Evan Keto will announce the winners of the Green Medal Awards of Excel-

lence and Arbor Day poster design contest.

Parking at E. Carroll Joyner Park is limited. If possible, please make plans to carpool, walk or bike to the event. In the event of rain, all Arbor Day Celebration & Tree Seedling Give-away events will be moved to Wake Forest Town Hall, 301 S. Brooks St.

For more information and to view a parking map, visit wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation_urbanforestry_arborday.aspx or call Urban Forester Evan Keto at 919-435-9565.

Become a Wake Forest Tree Steward

Residents are invited to join the Tree Stewards volunteer program sponsored by the Town of Wake Forest. Tree Stewards receive free classroom and outdoor instruction and materials in topics including: proper planting techniques, tree identification, pruning, fertilization and more.

After receiving the designation, Tree Stewards can assist in planting and maintaining trees throughout Wake Forest and provide information to their friends and neighbors about proper tree care.

Training is scheduled to begin in mid-spring. If you are interested in becoming a Tree Steward, please contact Urban Forester Evan Keto in the Parks and Recreation Department at eketo@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9565 on or before Thursday, March 28.



New full day summer camp offered

The Wake Forest Parks and Recreation Department is introducing a new full day summer camp program for children ages 6-12. Day Park Summer Camp will operate from June 17-Aug. 16 at the Wake Forest Community House. The program will enhance your youth's summer experiences through arts and crafts, education, nature, and recreational and sporting activities. Fees are \$100 per week or \$900 for the full summer session.

Registration will be held Mar. 11-April 5 at town hall. Spaces are limited. For details, see the summer edition of *RecConnect*, visit wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation.aspx or call 919-435-9560.

Glad You Asked

TOWN OF WAKE FOREST Q & A

Q: My wife and I walk the greenway trails regularly at Joyner Park. Recently, we've noticed several electric poles set up in the back of the property. What are these for?



A: Wake Forest Power installed the poles as a temporary training facility for the N.C. Association of Municipal Electric System (NCAMES) rodeo team that will compete in the 13th Annual Public Power Lineworkers Rodeo March 22-23 in Kissimmee, Florida. Scott Abbott and Hugo Mier will represent Wake Forest Power on the NCAMES team which has been practicing at the facility. If you walk on Tuesdays or Wednesdays, you might even see them practicing.

Forest's holiday "Treecycling" program.

www.wakeforestnc.gov/communitycalendar.aspx

enjoy the free concert series sponsored by Wake Forest Parks & Recreation, Wake Forest ARTS and United Arts of Raleigh & Wake County.

33rd Annual Meet in the Street

Saturday, May 4, 10 am-4 pm
Downtown Wake Forest

Food, live music, children's activities and artisans booths. Presented by the Wake Forest Chamber of Commerce. 919-556-1519. wakeforestnc.gov/meet-in-the-street.aspx.



Historic Wake Forest Cemetery Walking Tour

Saturday, May 11, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Wake Forest Cemetery, 400 N. White St.

Gain insight into the lives of residents from generations past. Sons

of Confederate Veterans will be wearing authentic uniforms. Sponsored by the Wake Forest Cemetery Advisory Board. 919-435-9570. wakeforestnc.gov/cemeterytour.aspx. Free.





Watch it live online

Anyone with internet access can watch WFTV 10 at www.wakeforestnc.gov/channel10.aspx.

Residents that subscribe to Time-Warner Cable TV service receive the channel.

Mar/Apr Schedule

2013 State of the Town Address

March, 8 am, 12 pm, 6 pm

Mardi Gras Street Festival Music Video (4-min)

March, top of the hour

Wake Forest: The Most Rewarding Things

daily, 7 am, 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:30 pm, 10:30 pm

This Place Matters

daily, 7:30 am, 12:30 pm, 8:30 pm

Wireless Research Center of NC (3-min)

daily, 8:30 am, 2:30 pm, 6:30 pm

Board of Commissioners Meeting

live, 3rd Tuesdays, 7 pm; rebroadcast daily 9 am, 3 pm, 9 pm

Board of Commissioners Work Session

live, 1st Tuesday, 5:30 pm

Planning Board Meeting

live, 1st Tuesday, 7:30 pm; rebroadcast for 2 weeks daily 9 am, 3 pm, 9 pm

Four great reasons to download the town's free app

The Town of Wake Forest's smartphone app provides instant access to useful information. Among its many functions, the app allows you to:

1 Receive breaking news messages and updates about local events.

2 Receive notifications about parks and recreation game cancellations.

3 Locate town parks using Google maps.

4 Access the town's job postings.

The Town of Wake Forest app is available for download at iTunes, the iPhone app store, or at Google Play.

For more information, visit wakeforestnc.gov/app.aspx.

Great Grass Giveaway

If you live inside Wake Forest's corporate limits and you're willing to convert your lawn from fescue to Bermuda grass, then you're eligible to participate in this year's "Great Grass Giveaway." Fescue is a cool season grass that is not well-suited to survive our long, hot summers. In order to keep it alive, it requires about one inch of water per week. Bermuda grass requires much less water to survive.

Bermuda grass seed will be given away at the Public

Works Operations Center, 234 Friendship Chapel Rd., on Saturday, April 27, beginning at 7 a.m. until supplies run out. We have 1,250 lbs. to give away, but it goes fast! No reservations will be taken. The event is first come, first served.

Please note, the program is not designed for residents with existing Bermuda or other warm season grass seed lawns. For more information, contact Betty Pearce at 919-435-9570

or visit wakeforestnc.gov/greatgrassgiveaway.aspx.

Honor your family by telling their story

The Wake Forest Cemetery Advisory Board is seeking family members or friends to tell the history of loved ones that are buried in the Wake Forest Cemetery. If you or a family member



are interested in speaking with guests at the Historic Wake Forest Cemetery

Walking Tour on Saturday, May 11, or would be willing to provide information for others to represent the family, please contact Betty Pearce at bpearce@wakeforestnc.gov or 919-435-9570.

To access online burial records and to learn more about the cemetery tour, visit wakeforestnc.gov/residents-publicworks_cemetery.aspx.



Easter Holiday Schedule

Town hall and all other administrative offices will be closed Friday, March 29, for Good Friday.

Recycling and garbage will be collected as usual.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETINGS

Third Tuesday | 7 pm
Town Hall Board Room

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORK SESSION

First Tuesday | 5:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

PLANNING BOARD MEETINGS

First Tuesday | 7:30 pm
Town Hall Board Room

Have agendas delivered directly to your inbox. Sign up at: www.wakeforestnc.gov/enotifier.aspx.

- Watch meetings live on WFTV 10.
- Watch meetings live or on-demand in streaming video: www.wakeforestnc.gov/Government/boardofcommissioners.aspx.
- Watch re-broadcasts of meetings on WFTV 10 at 9 am, 3 pm and 9 pm. daily for up to two weeks after the meeting.

STAYING INFORMED

SIGN UP FOR E-NEWS

Subscribe to E-News and have the Town's electronic newsletter delivered directly to your inbox each month. E-News subscribers also receive *The Week Ahead*, a weekly email publication that provides information about upcoming events, as well as E-Alerts offering urgent notifications and traffic alerts.

SIGN UP FOR E-NOTIFIER

E-Notifier alerts subscribers to the availability of Board of Commissioners and Planning Board meeting agendas, *Our Town*, and *RecConnect*. Subscribers also receive *New Businesses Coming to Wake Forest*.

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2013 Mardi Gras Street Festival Costume and Mask Contest Winners

1. Best Costume (King) — Nolan Heinrich, second from left
2. Best Costume (Queen) — Skyla Woodard
3. Best Masks — Taylor Sferrazzo (ages 14-17), Julianne Rowan (adult) and Jordan Jamison (ages 13 and younger)



View the Mardi Gras video on the town's homepage: wakeforestnc.gov. More pictures are posted at wakeforestnc.gov/mardi-gras-street-festival.aspx.