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# Jack Warren Park Ribbon-Cutting and Dedication Event

You're invited to a special ribboncutting ceremony and dedication event to celebrate the updates and added features to Jack Warren Park! This will be held on Saturday, March 22, from 9-11 a.m. at 7788 Warren Park Dr. In the event of rain, festivities will be held inside the Mary Alice Warren Community Center at 7632 Warren Park Dr.

Attendees will enjoy demonstrations from the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Development Committee. There will also be a dedication of the Mike Horn Amphitheater at this event. Named in honor of Mayor Mike Horn, the new amphitheater recognizes his steadfast leadership and commitment to the Lewisville community.

"We hope these types of projects will continue to nourish our residents and be yet another place where the community can thrive," Town Manager Stacy Tolbert said about the park expansion. "The park improvements were funded by a matching grant from the North Carolina Parks & Recreation Trust Fund. We are grateful for the opportunity this grant has given us and excited about this new space and activities." One of the updates in the expansion is a wonderfully wooded nature trail that provides a relaxing and eventually informative stroll. The 18-hole "Ace Place" disc golf course now threads through the park, offering a unique and exciting challenge for disc golfers and discgolfistas of any level. The Mike Horn Amphitheater also establishes another community gathering spot for events and celebrations.

We hope residents and visitors join the festivities and experience the new additions firsthand.



Newly installed disc golf basket at Jack Warren Park

Mike Horn

# **Town Survey Open in March**

The Lewisville Resident Survey will be open from March 1-31



This is your opportunity to share your thoughts, priorities, and feedback on key issues that shape our community. Help us plan for the future and address the needs of our town and residents. Scan the QR code or visit lewisvillenc.net/survey to complete the survey digitally. If you would prefer a hard copy, please visit Town Hall at 6510 Shallowford Rd. or call 336-945-5558.

# Spring Bulky Item Pick-Up Begins April 28

The next Bulky Item Pick-Up event will begin Monday, April 28. Lewisville residents wishing to participate in the pick-up should have all acceptable bulky items curbside by 6 a.m. on that day. Waste Management will only make one pass through Town for this pick-up.

Bulky item collection events are held twice a year and provide Lewisville residents with an easy and convenient way to dispose of unwanted. large items that would otherwise need to be taken to the landfill. This event is intended for the disposal of items too large to fit within a trash cart. All items must be in plain view, within three feet of the curb, and can not be bagged or boxed for Bulky Item Pick-Up. This and more information can be found on the Town website at lewisvillenc.net/bulky

# From Your Mayor Human Kind

Recently, I was in line at one of our Lewisville grocery stores. You know the routine, going in for two items and coming out with a bag full. Well anyway, when it was my turn to check out, the nice lady cashier asked me a question to which all of humankind wants an answer, "Did you find everything you were looking for?"

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I answered in the affirmative, which seemed to please her, and then as usual entered my gas buddy points number and inserted my credit card to wait for the customary "Remove Card Now" message.

Finished scanning and bagging, the lady cashier joined in the wait for the "Remove Card Now" message. In fact, at this point, everyone in the checkout line behind me, which had grown considerably, was also waiting for the "Remove Card Now" message.

Fumbling as we do when things go slightly awry, I reinserted my card, then reinserted it again, hoping for a positive outcome.

What happened next caught me totally off guard.

A somewhat unkempt young man, who could have easily been someone you might see holding a sign at a busy intersection, reached his hand out to me with a twenty-dollar bill in it. He smiled and said, "Here, let me help you."

Whether he was taking pity on a "slightly" older gentleman having trouble using the simplest of technologies or was attempting to spare me the humiliation of not being able to pay for my groceries, it really didn't matter.

It was an unexpected act of kindness occurring between two total strangers.

I have written many times about compassion and kindness. But my context has always been about showing kindness to others,

not necessarily receiving it ourselves. Yet, in this one instance, I found myself as the recipient of a kind gesture. It was a very different experience giving me a completely new perspective on the act of giving.

While giving is a virtuous act of kindness, receiving is a most humbling experience.

Nearly every day we witness acts of kindness of some measure. Maybe it's as insignificant as holding a door open, or sometimes it's a larger kindness that can mean the world to someone else. Of course, either is worth practicing.

Mark Twain said, "Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see."

Similarly, I find it amazingly ironic that throughout my professional career, I most admired those who were successful, but as I have grown older, it is now those who are the kindest that I admire most.

As spring approaches in our little town, I hope your days are filled with the joy of kindness.

We all have the choice

to make it so.



Like Mike on Facebook at Lewisville Mayor Mike Horn.

# **Annual Art Show Features Local Artists**

The Lewisville Public Art Advisory Committee is hosting it's second annual art exhibit, themed "Loving Life in Lewisville". The show will be open to the public at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center until April 6, 2025. Congratulations to the artists featured in the show!

Ken Baker Tara Barr Emma Bernard Reese Betson Rachael Bliss Bob Campbell Barbara Campbell Lawson Carruthers Annmarie Chancev **Teondre Chappelle** Richard Clabaugh

Ally Conner Georgia Heard Sophia Craver Jack Heard Will David Amanda Holcomb Paul Delaney **Danielle Hoover Charlie Howard** Zyler Dennihan Teresa Everhart Nell Howard Cynthia Franke Theresa Hudson Carolyn Fulton William Huffman Linda Grace Michael Jones William Gramley Amy Lanning Maggie Lee Marianne Hale

Rita Long **Fiona Maher** Kristen Mareadv Kristen Martin Elijah McCoy Liz Miller Susan Morris Andrea Ostberg Susan Pilbeam Ella Reed

Sean Reid

IN LEWISVILLE

Rebecca Scherbak

Bill Scherbak Maria Senkel Cathy Shelor Sandy Sink Nancy Stewart

Josi Sutton Franklin Thacker Jim Tobias Betty Tysor Addy Waters Sandra Kimzev Wimbish

Acceptable Items: Household furniture, lawn furniture, carpet, extra large rugs, carpet, bicycles, toilets,

grills (no propane), mattresses, box springs (limit of 2 box springs per household), stoves, refrigerators, freezers (doors must be removed), water heaters, and dishwashers.



# **Partisan Municipal Elections in 2025**

In preparation for this year's upcoming elections, candidates are reminded that the process will be partisan. Those intending to align with a political party must take action well in advance of the filing deadline.

According to the Forsyth County Board of Elections, candidates must affiliate with a political party at least 90 days before filing their Notice of Candidacy. Individuals opting to run as unaffiliated candidates must go through the petition process to have their names on the ballot.

As the electoral season approaches, prospective candidates are urged to adhere to these time lines to ensure their eligibility and participation in the electoral process. Visit forsyth.cc/Elections/ or scan the QR code for more information.





- Please fill out one survey per household.

# Prohibited Items:

Televisions, computers, mirrors or any glass, household waste, yard waste, dead animals, tires, hazardous waste, chemicals, paint, microwaves, electronic waste, car motors, clothing, shoes, books, general recycle items, liquid waste, batteries, motor oil and any equipment containing oil or gas, lumber scraps, construction debris, bagged trash, cardboard, and cardboard boxes.





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March – April 2025

Jack Warren Park

7788 Warren Park Dr.

# 2025 CREEK WEEK EVENTS

## **Creek Week Jamboree MAR** Winston Lake Park, 2-4 PM

Join us for an array of activities ranging from crafts, fish identification, food trucks and fishing (license requirements waived at this event) to kick off this year's Creek Week! There will be something for everyone and fun for all ages!

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### **MAR** Shoreline Garden Kit Giveaway Mary Alice Warren Community Center

Lewisville is helping out by offering shoreline garden kits for stream banks. Kits include instructions and specific plugs of vegetation to plant along stream banks. Each sign up will be picking up one full kit.

### Stream Watch @ JWP MAR Jack Warren Park, 10 AM - 12 PM

NC Stream Watch is a fun way for families and community groups to enjoy time outside and learn about the amazing creek and stream systems. This free, education water quality program offers both "wet" and "drv" activities.

# Lewisville Yadkin River Paddle **MAR** with Yadkin Riverkeeper 421 River Park, 1-4 PM

Enjoy Lewisville's short but beautiful local stretch of the Yadkin River by kayak! We'll be paddling from 421 River Park to the Shallowford Bridge. Bring your own boat or use a kayak and life jacket provided by the Yadkin Riverkeeper.

Visit forsythcreekweek.org for the full list of events and activities!

# Lewisville Acquires Public Works Building

The Town of Lewisville has acquired a new Public Works Building as of October 14, 2024 to better provide services and maintenance for our residents.

The facility is located at 6524 Shallowford Rd. You may recognize the building as the previous Lewisville Post Office.

This new space will be an investment in the town and support road maintenance, community infrastructure, stormwater activities, park upkeep, and so many more essential services provided by our Public Works Department.

"It's a pay-as-we-go project, so we'll work on it as we're able to," Public Works Director Jon Hanna said. "In the next year I'd like to resurface the parking lot and add paved area in the back, and fence in a large portion for secure storage. On the building itself, we're going to add insulated doors to the back, replace the HVAC, and

improve plumbing and lighting. The interior will remain mostly an open flex-space for multiple maintenance uses."

Currently, the inside of the building is being stripped and repainted.



Spring is almost here! Time to rake out winter debris and watch the miracle of nature in action. Wait a bit before mowing and see what wild blooms pop up in your yard. Instead of using weed killer, search online for dandelion recipes and start harvesting. Does this seem like too much to do? Then, join us on April 12 for Lewisville Earth Day from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. to learn more about other sustainable opportunities. This event will be held for the first time on the Jack Warren Park multi-use fields.

We know you've been saving the weird recyclable items listed on the poster from your last newsletter. Drop them off with volunteers at our drive-thru during the Earth Day event, then park and visit these amazing, sustainable displays: Elderberry Farms, SereneScapes, The Red Group (solar), Sierra Club, GreeNest, James River Equipment, Yadkin River Keepers, Unifi and more. Meet Smokey the Bear, join ten-minute Yoga workouts, grab some snacks and learn what you can do to preserve our planet. See you there!

# Scoop the Poop, Protect Our Water! Picking up pet waste keeps bacteria

and viruses out of our drinking, fishing, and swimming water.

When it comes to stormwater, we all live downstream.





### March – April 2025

# From the Firehouse

Sound the Alarm: The Life-Saving Power of Smoke Alarms

Your safety is the Lewisville and Vienna Fire Departments' top priority! Smoke alarms are your first line of defense against house fires. Make sure yours are in working order with these simple tips:

### **Smoke Alarm Awareness**

• Placement Matters: Install smoke alarms inside every bedroom, outside each sleeping area, and on every level of your home, including the basement.

• Be Alert: Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in a home fire by half.

### How to Check Smoke Alarm Batteries

 Monthly Testing: Press the test button on your smoke alarm. If you hear the beep, it's working!

• Keep It Quiet: If your alarm chirps, it's a sign that the batteries are low and need replacing.

### When to Change Smoke Alarm Batteries

· Replace batteries at least once a year, or whenever the alarm signals a low battery.

Consider using long-life batteries for fewer replacements.

### Need Assistance? We're Here to Help!

If you need help testing, changing batteries, or installing your smoke alarm, your local fire department can assist!

Call our non-emergency line at:

Lewisville Fire Department: (336) 945-5983 Vienna Fire Department: (336) 945-5631 Stay proactive to keep your family safe.



# Lewisville Safety

## Don't Fall for the Call — Stay Scam-Smart

When it comes to phone scams. it's important to be aware and protect yourself from scammers. Here are tips from Lewisville Community Policing's Sergeant Preston Stringer to help you recognize phone scams and how to report scams and fraud.

### **Recognizing Phone Scams**

Scammers will impersonate all levels of law enforcement and other businesses or government organizations.

Scammers can use the real names of Law Enforcement Officers from public records/websites.

Scams often include missing jury duty, failing to pay a fine from a ticket/accident, and more.

Scammers will ask for cash, gift cards, and money apps (Venmo, Cash App, Zelle, PayPal, etc.). These methods of exchange are harder to trace.

HANG UP! If you think someone is trying to scam you over the phone, hang up. Scammers try to use urgency and threats of legal action to scare you, but if you're suspicious of a potential scam, verify with the Sheriff's Office.

Contact the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office for assistance by calling their non-emergency number at 336-727-2112 or visiting forsyth.cc/sheriff/.

### What Should You Do

### **Report Scams**

# From the Desk of Jon Hanna Getting Some Spring in Our Step

I realize it is not unique to say I'm looking forward to spring. Even in our special little spot on the map where winter isn't all that bad, it's great to see days get longer and the leaves come out.

This year, though, I'm especially excited about some Spring events going on here in Lewisville. We've talked a lot recently about the Jack Warren Park expansion, and finally this spring we get to break it in. Come to the grand opening on March 22 and help me learn how to play disc golf. We'll compete to see who makes the worst possible throw and the winner gets a really cool Lewisville license plate. Additionally, over the winter we have planted over 80 trees in the new part of the park. These will contribute to the nature trail and eventually provide shade for the area around the new amphitheater, and in the spirit of a true arboretum, we've incorporated as much species diversity as possible. These various varieties will eventually be labeled and you can peruse the inventory to find something that may work for your yard. In the meantime, I'm happy to walk around and nerd out with anyone who wants to talk trees.

Also, in conjunction with Creek Week this year, the Town is partnering with Yadkin Riverkeeper to hold a paddle trip on our little Lewisville section of the Yadkin River. We'll put the kayaks in at 421 River Park and take out at the Shallowford Bridge. We hope you'll come experience and touch this piece of the Yadkin, which has been so important to us historically and continues to be a resource worth paying attention to. We'll have a few kayaks available and you're welcome to bring your own. The first person to spot a Bald Eagle gets a really cool Lewisville license plate. Happy Spring!

are children's activities, photos with

the Easter Bunny, a chance to ex-

plore a fire engine, and face painting.

Please bring a canned food donation

for the event. For more information

contact swdean1107@gmail.com or

**APRIL 27** 

**Ride for Shalom** 

community to join the Ride for Sha-

lom event on Sunday, April 27, from 9

a.m. to 2 p.m. at Shallowford Square.

This charitable event will feature live

music, food trucks, local vendors,

community information, and bever-

ages from Incendiary Brewing. Those

wishing to participate in the 20, 41, or

Shalom Project provides essential

services to those in need. Enjoy a fun

day while supporting a great cause.

For more information, please visit

theshalomprojectnc.org or contact

List Non-Profit Public

Events in the Community Calendar

Submit articles to

vleasure@lewisvillenc.net

**Deadline:** April 9

admin@theshalomprojectnc.org.

The

65-mile bike rides can register at

bikereq.com/ride-for-shalom.

The Shalom Project invites the

geneblackwelder50@gmail.com.

# Lewisville Branch Library News

## MARCH 5 **Community Pancake Supper**

Join the Concord Methodist Church (CMC) at 8955 Concord Church Rd. for their "Fat Tuesday" Community Pancake Supper. There will be pancakes and all the trimmings, fun, and fellowship in the Family Life Center. Donations accepted. For more information, call 336-782-2628.

### MARCH 10 Lewisville Historical Society Great Wagon Road Program

The Lewisville Historical Society invites the public to enjoy a program on the history of the Great Wagon Road presented by Carol Fuller on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center, 7632 Warren Park Dr., Lewisville, NC. Ms. Fuller who runs the Piedmont Trails website will be talking about her Great Wagon Road Project, researching and preserving the frontier migration route. Light refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public. Co-sponsored by the Lewisville Historical Society and the Lewisville Branch Library. For more information. call 336-766-5842.

### MARCH 22 **Community Wide BINGO**

The Concord Methodist Church (CMC) invites you to their Communi-

ty-Wide BINGO event on March 22 from 3-5 p.m. at their Family Life Center at 8955 Concord Church Rd. This event is open to adults and children of all ages. There will be food. prizes, and fellowship. For more information. call 336-782-2628.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** 

### **APRIL 5 Stations of the Cross**

The Concord Methodist Church (CMC) invites you to visit the "Stations of the Cross" from April 5 - May 3 at CMC, 8955 Concord Church Rd. This is a walking path through the gravevard with different stations that serve as visual reminders of Jesus' passion. His death, burial, and resurrection. The historic CMC is the oldest Methodist Church in Forsvth County and on the historical register. For more information. call 336-782-2628.

# **APRIL 12** Spring Extravaganza

The Rotary Club of Western Forsyth will hold its annual Spring Extravaganza for the children of the community Saturday, April 12, 2025, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Lewisville Town Square. There will be egg hunts by age group with candyfilled plastic eggs starting at 12 noon. The eggs are provided by Sessions Specialty Company. Also scheduled



# Lewisville Civic Club Annual Scholarship

The Lewisville Civic Club will be accepting scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors until March 28. Three leadership scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,500, are provided to recognize graduating high school seniors who have distinguished themselves in leadership and volunteer service to the Town of Lewisville. Club/organization and school activities, as well as academic success, are reviewed as part of the selection process. Financial need may be considered a factor when considering scholarship awards. Applications are required and online applications are preferred. The top candidates selected must participate in an interview with the Lewisville Scholarship Committee. Seniors from any public or private school in Forsyth County are eligible AS WELL AS SE-NIORS THAT ARE HOME SCHOOLED. For more information, visit Lewisville Civic Club's website at www.lewisvillecivicclub.com.

All Forsyth County Public Libraries will be closed on: April 18 for Good Friday.

<u>Youth Programs</u>: Book Babies on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Toddler Time on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime on Tues-days at 10 a.m. D&D for Teens (ages 12-17) on March 3 & 17 and April 7 & 21 at 4 p.m. STEAM for **Tweens** (ages 8-12) on March 12 and April 9 at 4:30 p.m. to explore science, technology, engineer-ing, art, and math. Builders' Club (ages 6-12) on March 19 and April 16 at 4 p.m. using LEGOs, K'Nex, and more. Make & Take Crafts for Kids on March 3-8 and April 7-11. Search & Find activity on March 17-22 and April 21-25. Youth Special Interest: National Library Week April 6-12 includes trivia games, library selfies, leaving the library some love and a

<u>Adult Programs</u>: Yoga for Beginners on March 6 & 20 and April 3 & 17 at noon. Belly Dancing for Beginners on March 7 and April 4 at 11 a.m. Tuesdays at Two Book Club on March 4 and April 1 at 2 p.m. Books for Dudes Book Club on March 13 and April 10 at 6 p.m. Color and Coffee on March 14 & 28 and April 11 & 25 at 10 a.m. Lewisville Historical Society Presents ... History of the Great Wagon Road on March 10 at 6 p.m. (Mary Alice Warren Community Center). Witchy Washi & Whatnot Crafting on March 19 & April 16 at 10 a.m. (registration required). Hook & Loop Group (needle crafts) on March 5 & April 2 at 11 a.m.

Special Interest: Personal Finance Series: Disasters - Protecting Your Identity and Other Assets is on March 11 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (registration required).

# **Blood Donors Needed**

Mark your calendars! The Town of Lewisville is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Wednesday, April 9 from 1-5:30 p.m. at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center, located at 7632 Warren Park Dr., Lewisville. Donate blood. Save lives.

Register to be a donor at lewisvillenc.net/blooddrive or call 1-800-733-2767.

Donate blood and help save lives.

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\*A council member seat is temporarily vacant

Maternal Mental Health is on March 15 from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (registration required). Pollution Solutions: How We Can Improve Our Water and the Water Next Door is on March 25 at 6 p.m. Computer Training Bridge Series has a class on March 26 at 1 p.m. (Creating a Gmail Account) and (Introduction to Google Drive) on April 23 at 1 p.m. (registration required for both). **Reading Food Labels** is on April 1 from 12-1:30 p.m. National Library Week Movie Matinee on April 9 at 5:30 p.m.

Other: Family Films are on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The annual Lewisville Branch Reading Contest continues until Dec. 13.

Call the branch at 336-703-2940 for more information or to register for a program.



Deputies Sgt. P. J. Stringer Daxton Bodenheimer Eric Hammonds Ethan Goings Alexander O'Shields John "Cody" Stephens Ryan Tomlinson

Board & Committee Chairs Aaron Hutmacher Parks, Recreation & Cultural **Resources** Committee Tom Lawson Planning Board Phil May Willow Run MSD Kenneth Wernick Zoning Board of Adjustment Donor David Matthews laughs with a nurse

Christi Ritter Beautification Committee Kay Smitherman Environmental Conservation & Sustainability Committee Barbara Campbell Public Art Advisory Committee

## Interested in joining a Board or Committee?

*Email:* townclerk@ lewisvillenc.net



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# **TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE**

### **TOWN COUNCIL**

Town Council Briefing and Action Agenda Meeting is held the 1st Thursday of the month. Town Council regular meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month.

# **BOARDS**

Planning Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Willow Run Municipal Service District Board meets quarterly. Zoning Board of Adjustment meets the 4th Tuesday, if there are cases to be heard.

# **COMMITTEES**

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Committee meets the 2nd Monday of the month, if needed.

Beautification Committee meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

Environmental Conservation & Sustainability Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Public Art Advisory Committee meets the 1st Monday of the month.

Unless otherwise noted, meeting times will be 6:00 p.m. Please visit <u>www.lewisvillenc.net</u> to verify meeting times, dates, and locations.

# Mary Alice Warren Community Center Programming Continues

For a full class listing, visit <u>www.lewisville.recdesk.com</u> & click on classes For more info, visit <u>www.lewisvillenc.net/MAWCC</u>