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UPCOMING CLOSINGS

New Year's Holiday

Town Hall Closed

MONDAY, JANUARY 1

Trash/Recycling Service Delayed One
Day All Week

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Town Hall Closed

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

Trash/Recycling Service
Will Not Be Delayed

WHAT'S NEW

Christmas Tree Collection

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

(See page 3 for details)

Lewisville Art Show

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Mary Alice Warren
Community Center

(See page 2 for details)



Town Council Takes Oath of Office

In November 2023, Lewisville residents had the opportunity to vote for their elected leadership that will serve them for the next two years. The Town's newly elected Council Members were sworn in to begin their service to the Town of Lewisville on December 14, 2023. Those elected to lead our community are Mayor Mike Horn (incumbent) and Council Members Ivan Huffman, Melissa Hunt (incumbent), Monte Long, Julie Puckett, Ken Sadler (incumbent), and Jane Welch (incumbent). Our community relies upon the dedication of those who serve our Town in elected and appointed positions, and we look forward to a great two years.

Lewisville's Annual Tree Lighting





From Your Mayor The Year of Kindness

More than 2,000 years ago the Chinese Zodiac was first recorded. It consists of 12 animals that were used to determine a child's birth year during the North Zhou Dynasty. According to the Chinese calendar, 2024 is the year of the dragon. Don't be impressed. I Googled it because I needed a lead in for this issue's column.

Over the centuries various cultures have established when and how they celebrate the start of a new year. We celebrate on January 1st with way too much food, an overindulgence of fortified beverages and a plethora of college football games played by teams we've never heard of. James Madison Dukes?

This is also a time when some of us will make resolutions with the best of intentions for self-improvement. Generally, these last about 20 days. So rather than make a resolution to lose weight, stop smoking, start exercising or bathing your dog more often, I'd like to suggest a resolution that we actually may be able to keep.

Be kinder to ourselves and to each other.

I think we can agree that we are in a time of propagated divisiveness in our country. Most of it is stoked by those who wish to advance their own political fortunes or individual self-interests at the expense of civil discourse, collaboration for the greater good and compassion toward each other.

But you know what? This isn't who we really are. I truly believe we're better.

Yet somehow, our national consciousness has allowed the tail to wag the dog as my Grandfather Cecil would say. Although he never had a dog.

We've let the few with the loudest voices and the most divisive rhetoric affect the way we relate to each other. Even though there are so many more of us who share common philosophies, hold similar values and walk our paths through life, together.

It just doesn't seem right that for the short time we're here on this earth, our purpose would be to harbor so much

anger and disrespect toward those with whom we may not agree.

So Mike, what do you suggest?

Well, my hope is that we will embrace 2024 as The Year of Kindness. Let's tune out all of the meanness and negativity and not let it co-opt our natural proclivity as humane species to get along, to love and respect each other, and to celebrate our commonality as well as our diversity.

So, here's a New Year's resolution with three parts that I'm asking you to practice every day.

First - Find something or someone that makes you laugh or gives you joy. It's impossible to be mad and smile at the same time.

Next - Try to learn something new, no matter how trivial, that enriches your understanding and appreciation for life and our existence on this planet.

And Third - Extend an act of unexpected kindness toward another person or beast (don't forget the dogs and cats). It's hard to predict what form of kindness this will be, but you will know it afterward because your heart will sing.

And of course, it goes without saying, hug your family and treasure your friends because these are the things that truly bring joy and meaning to life.

How do I think we'll do? I have great hopes for us and our little town, so I'll check back with you in December, but I'm confident our community will be kinder and stronger.

Finally, to you and your family my sincerest wish for a prosperous, healthy and kinder New Year. And please do bathe your dog more often.

As always, I welcome your comments.



Mike Horn

Mayor Mike Horn

Like Mike on Facebook at [Lewisville Mayor Mike Horn](https://www.facebook.com/LewisvilleMayorMikeHorn).



Public Art Show

Calling all Lewisville artists! The Lewisville Public Art Committee is excited to announce its inaugural art exhibit: *Lewisville: "The Town I Love"* on Friday, February 9 to March 9, 2024, at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center. An opening reception will be held February 9 from 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This show will have artworks representing the artists' appreciation for Lewisville.

The deadline to submit art is January 25, 2024, at 1 p.m. Artists wishing to participate in the exhibit can find the submission form and more information at lewisvillenc.net/public-art.

If you have questions, please email publicart@lewisvillenc.net.



2024 Board and Committee Openings

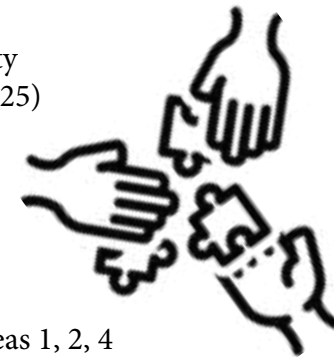
Would you like to have a more active role in your community? Do you have specific areas of interest or expertise in which the Town could use your talents? Serving on a Town-appointed committee or board may provide you this opportunity. The Town is currently accepting applications for the board and committee positions noted below. Applications will be accepted through January 31, 2024 with appointments being made by the Town Council on March, 14, 2024 and appointments effective April 1, 2024.

Committee Openings – Two-year term (unless otherwise noted)

- Beautification
- Environmental Conservation & Sustainability
- Public Art - 1 unexpired term (ends 3-31-2025)
- Public Safety

Board Openings – Three-year term

- Parks & Recreation - 3 positions
- Planning - 2 positions
- Willow Run Municipal Service District - Areas 1, 2, 4
- Zoning Board of Adjustment - 1 Permanent, 1 Alternate



Visit lewisvillenc.net/boards-committees to apply! You can submit your application online, or you can download the form and send it to Town Clerk Dora Moore at townclerk@lewisvillenc.net or PO Box 547, Lewisville, NC 27023. If you have any questions, please contact Dora at 336-945-1022 or townclerk@lewisvillenc.net.

Lewisville Town Council

- Mike Horn
Mayor
- Ivan Huffman
- Melissa Hunt
- Monte Long
- Julie Puckett
- Dr. Kenneth Sadler
- Jane Welch
- Town Staff*
- James Ayers
Town Manager
- Stacy Tolbert
Assistant Town Manager/
- Planning Director
- Pam Orrell
Finance Director
- Dora Moore
Town Clerk

- Veronica Leasure
Communications Specialist
- Jon Hanna
Public Works Director
- Stacy Howard
Office Manager/
- Events Coordinator
- Brian Moore
Community Center
- Operations Manager
- Adam Barr
Planner I
- David Matthews
Facilities Manager
- Leslie Nations
Accounting Clerk
- Hal Bodenhamer
Maintenance Technician
- Savannah Younts
Maintenance Worker

- Deputies*
- Sgt. P. J. Stringer
- Daxton Bodenheimer
- Chris Faw
- Ethan Goings
- Lucas Manning
- Alex Mills
- Alexander O'Shields
- Chairs*
- Aaron Hutmacher
Parks, Recreation & Cultural
- Resources Board
- Tom Lawson
Planning Board
- Jeffrey Rawls
Willow Run MSD
- Kenneth Wernick
Zoning Board of Adjustment
- Holli Conger
Beautification Committee

- Harlan Cobert
Public Safety
- Advisory Committee
- Kay Smitherman
Environmental Conservation
- & Sustainability Committee
- Barbara Campbell
Public Art
- Advisory Committee

Interested in joining a Board or Committee?

Email: townclerk@lewisvillenc.net

WHAT'S NEW

Christmas Tree Collection

Christmas tree removal begins on January 8. Please remove lights and decorations before placing trees curbside by 6 a.m. There will only be one pass through town to collect trees, so mark your calendar!



February Blood Drive

The Town of Lewisville is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on February 14, 2024, from 1-5 p.m. at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center, located at 7632 Warren Park Dr., Lewisville.

Register to be a donor:

- Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
- Visit RedCrossBlood.org and use Sponsor Code: *Lewisville*

CPR Class Empowers Residents

The Town sponsored an inaugural CPR class led by the Lewisville Fire Department on November 3, 2023, at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center.

The class was taught by American Heart Association certified instructor Douglas Fanning, with the Lewisville Fire Department.

Instruction covered several life-saving techniques that included activating the emergency response system and providing chest compressions and ventilation to adults, children, and infants. Participants in the class were able to practice these techniques on new state-of-the-art manikins provided by the Lewisville Fire Department.

This ensured that participants both understood the steps

and were able to perform them. Participants were also trained in using Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). AEDs are portable, life-saving devices that can assist with CPR efforts by detecting and interpreting a person's heart rhythm and can deliver an electrical shock if one is needed.

Anyone interested in joining a future class can email their name, age, phone number, and address to vleasure@lewisvillenc.net. Please note that classes have a limited number of participants due to space and instructional capacity.

Be sure to check the March/April newsletter for the upcoming class dates!



Photos Courtesy of Chief Darin Needham

Lewisville Civic Club Annual Scholarship

The Lewisville Civic Club will be accepting scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors until March 29.

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 as a factor in 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.

For more information, visit Lewisville Civic Club's website at www.lewisvillecivicclub.com.



Lewisville AED Additions

The Town of Lewisville purchased three Automated External Defibrillator (AED) units in October of 2023. An AED is a

medical device that can be used to help people experiencing cardiac arrest.

One AED was installed in the Council Chambers of Town Hall, the second was installed in the Mary Alice Warren Community Center, and the third is a mobile unit.

Town Hall, Waste Management Observe Holidays; Garbage/ Recycling Pickup Delays

Monday, January 1

Town Hall will be closed Monday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

Waste Management will be closed Monday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day. All trash and recycling routes will be delayed one day on the week of New Year's Day.

Monday, January 15

Town Hall will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Waste Management will not have trash or recycling route delays.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JANUARY 8

Lewisville Historical Society

The public is invited to join the Lewisville Historical Society Membership Meeting at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center at 7632 Warren Park Drive, Lewisville) on Monday, January 8 at 6 p.m. Enjoy light refreshments and an exciting presentation about local history.

Co-sponsored by the Lewisville Historical Society and the Lewisville Branch Library. Free and open to the public. Call 336-766-5842 for more information.

JANUARY 30

Lewisville UMC Preschool Fundraiser

Fundraiser for Lewisville UMC Preschool on January 30 at Red Robin in Winston-Salem. Mention the fundraiser to your server and the church will receive 20% of sales. Red Robin's address is 188 Hanes Mall Circle, Winston-Salem. This is an all-day event. Please help support LUMC by grabbing a yummy lunch or dinner!

FEBRUARY 13

Concord Methodist's 'Fat Tuesday' Pancake Supper

Hey pancake lovers! Get ready for a scrumptious evening filled with fluffy pancakes and fantastic company. The Pancake Supper is the perfect opportunity to connect with the community. Join Concord Methodist Church for this event at their Family Life Center on February 13 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at 8955 Concord Church Rd. in Lewisville.

Contact Pastor Eddie Evans at 336-473-9864 for more information. Donations are welcome.

Lewisville American Legion Post 522 Annual Call for Members

The Lewisville American Legion Post 522 meets every first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the Mary

Alice Warren Community Center in Lewisville. All new members will receive a free first-year membership.

Contact Larry Morris at 336-945-9529 or candy4h2002@yahoo.com for more information.

Library News

Youth Programs: Storytime for Toddlers (Under 2) on Mondays at 10 a.m. and **Preschoolers** (Age 3-5) on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. **Search and Find** activity on Jan. 16-20 (Candy Canes) and Feb. 19-24 (Hearts). **Take and Make Crafts for Kids** on Jan. 2-6 and Feb. 5-10. **Builders' Club** (Age 6-12) on Jan. 17 and Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. using LEGOs, K'Nex, and more (registration required). **STEAM for Teens and Tweens** (Age 11-17) on Jan. 10 and Feb. 14 at 4:30 p.m. to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math (registration required). **Chess Club** (Age 12-18) on Jan. 3, Feb. 14 & 28 at 4 p.m. (registration required). **Dungeons & Dragons** (Age 13-17 recommended) on Jan. 8 & 22 and Feb. 5 & 19 at 3:00 p.m. to learn or play D&D.

Adult Programs: Forsyth County 4-H Adult Volunteer Information Session on Jan. 6 at 11 a.m. and Jan. 30 at 1 p.m. for this national youth development program that needs adult volunteers (registration requested). **Aging Well Series** (Living Healthy with Diabetes) has an information session presented by the Area Agency on Aging on Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. and six consecutive classes starting Jan. 22 at 1 p.m. (registration required). **Eldercare Series** has classes on Jan. 10 (Understanding Hoarding) and Feb. 17 (Emotional Wellness) at 10 a.m. with the Geriatric Adult Specialty Team of Partners Health Management (registration requested).

Special Interest: Gardening Series on Jan. 9 (Attracting Pollinators) and Feb. 13 (Gardening in NC) at 2 p.m. (registration encouraged). **Yoga for Beginners** on Jan. 4 & 18 and Feb. 1 & 15 at noon. **Belly Dancing for Beginners** on Jan. 5 and Feb. 2 at 11 a.m. **Hook and Loop Yarn Crafting Group** on Jan. 3 and Feb. 7 at 11 a.m. **Witchy Washi & Whatnot Crafts** on Jan. 17 and Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. **Color and Coffee** on Jan. 12 & 26 and Feb. 9 & 23 at 10:00 a.m. **Friends Book Club** on Jan. 23 and Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. **Tuesday at Two Book Club** on Jan. 2 and Feb. 6 at 2 p.m.

Other: Family Films are on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The annual **Lewisville Branch Reading Challenge** runs until Dec. 14.

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

Community Calendar DEADLINE

The deadline for the March-April *Lewisville Citizen* is **February 5.**

E-mail MATERIAL TO:
vleasure@lewisvillenc.net

Material for the Community Calendar is accepted on a **first-come, first-served** basis due to limited space.

Lewisville Post Office

Your local US Post Office has moved!

The Lewisville Post Office is now located at 7011 Great Wagon Rd., Lewisville. This is between the Roller Mill and Lowe's Foods.

For more information about this Federal facility and its services, please call at 336-945-2816.



E-Cycling Event on January 13

The upcoming E-Cycling Day event will be hosted by Waste Management for Lewisville residents on Saturday, January 13, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Shallowford Square, 6555 Shallowford Road in Lewisville.

Items accepted will include

televisions, computers, computer cables, computer mice, computer speakers, printers, scanners, floppy drives, optical media, external hard drives as well as cell phones and cell phone chargers. This is not an all-inclusive list. More information can

be found on the events calendar at www.lewisvillenc.net.

This free e-cycling event is a great opportunity for Lewisville residents to dispose of these types of items while recovering valuable resources and saving energy.

Environmental Conservation & Sustainability Committee (ECSC)

Recycling is important, but the real way to make a sustainable difference in our lives is to reduce consumption and reuse as much as possible. Now that the joyous extravagance of the holidays is past, a shopping frenzy can give way to planned trips that combine chores, saving gas and time. Local stores appreciate our business more than one "Small Business Saturday" each year. Going shorter distances reduces greenhouse gas emissions. And you may meet neighbors you didn't know you had!

Many gift items you unboxed in December came in cardboard that you have already recycled (or will soon) in the Town's Cardboard Only bins at Lewisville Elementary School. But they can also be reused for storing decorations or mailing Aunt Hilda's birthday gift next month. Reusing boxes, jars, candy, and pie tins is another way to limit new stuff. Rethinking how to use what we already have to meet needs as they arise is a creative challenge. There will always be times when you need something you don't have, but before you buy, consider borrowing and returning the favor when you have something to share.

Make 2023 the year to rethink how you refuse, reduce, reuse, repair, and refresh your habits.

Happy New Year!

From your Environmental Conservation and Sustainability Committee

2023 Annual Fitness Walk Winners



Carol Thorton was our first prize winner! She's pictured here with John Owen. Congratulations!



Paul Smith was our second prize winner. His wife, Amy Smith, accepted his award on his behalf. Way to go!



Cindy Daub was our third prize winner. Kudos for your commitment!

Winter Weather Tips

from the Lewisville Fire Department

Here are several helpful tips selected by Lewisville Fire Department Chief Darin Needham and Assistant Chief Jesse Levy to keep you safe during the colder winter months:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet from all heat sources, including fireplaces, wood stoves, radiators, space heaters, or candles
- Never use an oven to heat your home
- Turn space heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed
- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected each year by a professional
- Never use candles for emergency lighting. Use flashlights and stock up on extra batteries
- Make sure you have a backup battery for your smoke alarm
- Use surge protectors
- Consider unplugging appliances
- Connect appliances to portable generators with heavy-duty extension cords
- Don't fuel your generator when it is running; spilling gas on a hot engine can cause a fire



From the Desk of JON HANNA – PUBLIC WORKS

Seriously.....It's Snow Joke

I guess it's conceivable you're reading this as we dig out from an epic early snowstorm. Assuming that is not the case and we haven't yet seen any appreciable flakes, we need to talk about snow events in Lewisville: what to prepare for and expect if (or when) the white stuff comes. Those of us who have been in the area a while understand that we just don't know what to anticipate. In December 2018, we had 13" of snow. Last year, we had 0". Most years are somewhere in between, with some sleet and freezing rain mixed in. That variability means we don't get a lot of practice, and a changing climate also means we can't rely much on historic patterns. All we can do is have a good plan -- and we've been planning for months -- working with contractors, refining maps, procuring salt and supplies, coordinating with other government entities, and more.

In Lewisville, we have three main classes of roadway: state, town, and private. On our website, we have a color-coded map that identifies every street and who maintains it. NCDOT is responsible for treating and plowing state roads, and they have a hierarchy of classification. They will generally clear "secondary" roads in town once their "bare pavement" group is complete. The bare pavement roads include 421 and Yadkinville Road and consist of those roadways that are 'essential to the movement of intrastate traffic. Secondary DOT roads, such as Shallowford and Lewisville-Clemmons, are those that link the main arteries. Town-maintained streets are cleared by our contractors as soon as it is safe for them to do so. Private streets must be cleared by private efforts.

Of course, we all have a part to play when winter weather descends upon our town. To do your part -- first -- *please have patience and understand everyone is working as hard as they possibly can*. Secondly, have everything -- cars, trailers, goals, trash cans, etc. -- moved off the street and out of the cul-de-sacs. If a driver can't safely plow a street, *it will be skipped*. Don't be "that guy" and the reason your neighbors don't get their street cleared. Also, remove anything from the right-of-way that you don't want damaged. Don't assume a snowplow driver can see your stuff, your kids, or you. They are laser focused on the few feet in front of the plow and it requires exhausting efforts.

Let's all work together, be patient, keep it fun, and enjoy the beauty of the season.

To see your street and who is responsible for maintaining it, please visit our town map at www.lewisvillenc.net/townmap.



Lewisville CONNECT IS THE BEST WAY TO RECEIVE IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN.

Lewisville Connect is a service of Blackboard Connect. It utilizes a phone-tree like software program which can generate a call to all landlines in town, requested mobile devices or to only specific areas where information is pertinent.

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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 meets the 2nd Thursday of the month.

Special Projects Review Committee meets the 1st Thursday of the month following the Council briefing, if needed.

BOARDS

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

Planning Board meetings are 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

Beautification Committee meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

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

Public Safety Advisory Committee meets the 1st Tuesday of the month.

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

*Meeting times are subject to change, so please visit
www.lewisvillenc.net to verify meeting times, dates and locations.*

Classes continue at the
Mary Alice Warren Community Center

For a full class listing, visit <https://lewisville.recdesk.com> & click on classes

For more info, visit www.lewisvillenc.net/MAWCC