



# Lewisville Citizen

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## Upcoming Events

### Holiday Open House

DEC 6

### Town Tree Lighting

DEC 6

### 39th Annual Christmas Parade

DEC 8

### Christmas Movie Night

DEC 13

## What's New

### Town Blood Drive

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Mary Alice Warren

Community Center

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## Holiday Closings

### Veterans Day

### Town Hall Closed

MON, NOVEMBER 11

\*Trash Service Will Be Delayed by One Day\*

### Thanksgiving Holiday

### Town Hall Closed

THURS AND FRI,

NOVEMBER 28 & 29

\*Trash Service Will Be Delayed by One Day for Thursday and Friday Pickups\*

### Christmas Holiday

### Town Hall Closed

TUES-THURS, DECEMBER 24-26

\*Trash Service Will Be Delayed by One Day for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday Pickups\*

### New Year's Day

### Town Hall Closed

WED, JANUARY 1

\*Trash Service Will Be Delayed by One Day for Wednesday, Thursday, Friday Pickups\*

## Lewisville Celebrates National Family Literacy Day

The Mayor and Town Council officially proclaimed November 1 as National Family Literacy Day for the Town of Lewisville.

This day highlights the importance of reading and learning for the entire family, emphasizing the impact parents have on their child's learning.

As many as one in six adults struggle with reading and writing. Striving to learn and improve

these skills can build confidence and foster important communication. Reading skills can also improve a person's attention span and listening abilities.

November is also recognized as National Family Literacy Month, so we encourage everyone to continue to learn and read together.

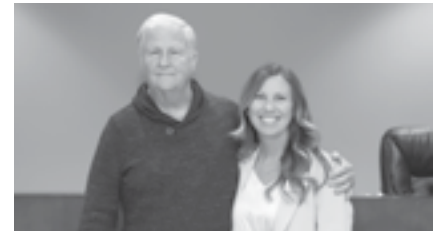
This proclamation was made at the regular October Council Meeting.

## Jack Warren Park Amphitheater Named for Mayor

At the September Town Council Meeting, Town Manager Stacy Tolbert addressed the Mayor and Council Members to announce Resolution 2024-044, which resolved to name the Jack Warren Park amphitheater as the Michael L. Horn Amphitheater in honor of Mayor Mike Horn.

Upon the presentation of this resolution, the Mayor said that he was very humbled by this gesture and that it was a great honor.

"[Mayor Horn] has been a leader and a role model for other public servants across the state. His diligent support and promotion of community involvement have guided Lewisville in establishing active community gathering areas in the Town, namely Shallowford Square, the G. Galloway Reynolds Community Center, Jack



Mayor Mike Horn with Town Manager Stacy Tolbert

Warren Park, and the Mary Alice Warren Community Center," Town Manager Tolbert said.

She stated that the resolution was made to recognize Mayor Horn's work in public service for Lewisville since 1993. He has served in multiple roles, including Mayor for 11 years, Mayor Pro Tem. for 10 years, and a Council Member for six years. In addition, he has served on numerous local and state boards representing the

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# From Your Mayor The Miracle of Humanity

There are events in your life that shape who you are and who you will become.

For me, that event occurred when I was 6 years old. We had just moved to the Florida Keys. My father had invested our family's savings in a construction business. We lived in a beautiful home my dad built on the shore of the Atlantic Ocean.

At that age, it was hard to imagine that life could be any better.

Then one evening we were watching the six o'clock news. The lead story was about a hurricane named Donna that was heading our way. At that point, predicting when and where a hurricane would hit was in its infancy, so warning times were shorter and less accurate.

On the 11 o'clock news that same night, the National Weather Service had determined we were in the storm's direct path. There was an order for everyone to immediately evacuate to the mainland.

I remember my mom hastily packing a suitcase of essentials for her, my sister, and me. We left the Keys to stay with friends in Miami. My dad made the decision to stay and "ride it out."

The next few days were filled with uncertainty and worry. The center eye of Donna went directly over Key Largo. There was no power or water. The one road to the Keys was impassible. The bridges were closed or damaged and there was no communication coming out.

We finally received word that my dad was fine. He left our home in the calm of the eye and went to the hurricane shelter set up in Tavernier.

When he returned, our home had been destroyed by a wall of water pushed ashore. My dad's construction equipment was under salt water and mud. We lost everything. The insurance companies didn't have the reserves to cover the damage. So, at 51, my father started over again with nothing except the love of family and the support of friends.

I remember returning to Key Largo when the Na-

tional Guard opened the road. Miles and miles of destruction. I just knew, even at 6 years of age, that our little island paradise would never be the same.

But through the kindness and generosity of so many around the state, supplies and necessities poured in. Our high school, one of the few buildings remaining, was a distribution center. For the next few weeks, we went there for food, clothing, and, most of all, fellowship with others who had suffered so much.

I share this story because I've just spent several weeks in my beloved Plumtree community in the mountains. The river that runs through the valley rose above its banks taking everything with it. There is so much destruction.

Yet, much like Key Largo in 1960, people across our state rushed in to help. Supplies were flown in by helicopter. As the roads opened, pickup convoys of food, clothing, and so many other items needed for survival poured in.

Churches and what few buildings remained turned into distribution and feeding centers. Volunteers came from everywhere to help. And most importantly, the community joined together in a way that can only be described as a miracle of humanity and caring.

My friends in Lewisville, you were part of that. The supplies you donated at the Mill and our community center made its way to my little valley of Plumtree. You provided support, comfort, and, most of all, hope.

I am so proud to have experienced, firsthand, the difference our community made to so many. We came together with one shared purpose ... to help others.


Thank you.



Mike Horn



Mayor Mike Horn

 Like Mike on Facebook at [Lewisville Mayor Mike Horn](#).

## Lewisville Collected Supplies for Those Affected by Hurricane Helene



## Public Safety Advisory Committee Members Recognized

Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) members were recognized at the September Town Council meeting for their dedication to the Town. Harlan and Chris Cobert were presented with certifications to commemorate their efforts and thank them for the work they have done.



As the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department, Lewisville Fire Department, and Town staff became fundamental elements of our community's safety, the decision to dissolve the committee came in 2024.

We continue to thank members of the PSAC for their years of hard work and contributions to making Lewisville a safe place to live and work.

When Lewisville was formed as a town in 1991, the PSAC was one of the original committees created. This committee's responsibilities were to advise the Town Council on issues concerning traffic movement, pedestrian safety, crime prevention, disaster preparedness, and more. Members also communicated with community policing and local fire departments.

## Christmas Tree Pickup — January 13



Christmas tree removal begins on January 13. Please remove lights and decorations before placing trees curbside by 6 a.m. that day. There will only be one pass through town to collect trees, so mark your calendars!

## Amphitheater

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Town of Lewisville, including the North Carolina League of Municipalities Board of Directors.

"We always try to work for the public's best interest and set politics aside to work collaboratively. None of us accomplish anything by ourselves, it's always all of us working together," Mayor Horn said in thanking those involved in the resolution. "I'm honored and proud, and certainly surprised by this presentation tonight."

The resolution was a joint effort of Council Members, Town staff, and Mary Alice Warren, the donor of the land for the Jack Warren Park and Mary Alice Warren Community Center. Mayor Horn's wife surprised him by attending this council meeting in support of his work for the Town.

## Lewisville Welcomes Deputy Tomlinson

The Town of Lewisville is proud to announce that Deputy Ryan Tomlinson has joined the Town's community policing program. Tomlinson had worked with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office since 2020 and served as a School Resource Deputy. He grew up in Forsyth County and

graduated from Mount Tabor High School in 2015. "Making law enforcement my career was the best choice," Tomlinson said. He was first interested in law enforcement when he was younger and knew he wanted to help others. "In this profession, we play many roles, including

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deputy, counselor, mentor, and sometimes medics," he said. Outside of work, he enjoys the outdoors, spending time with family, and traveling. "I look forward to making a difference and increasing our positive atmosphere in Lewisville," Tomlinson said.

### Upcoming Winter Art Show

The Public Art Advisory Committee is hosting a winter art show! The show runs from February 7 to April 7, 2025 featuring local artists at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center. There will be an opening reception for the show on February 7.

#### Submit Your Artwork

Artists ages K through adult are invited to submit their works (up to two pieces per artist). Submissions will be accepted from November 8 to January 23. This will be a juried art show.

To submit artwork for this art show, please visit [lewisvillenc.net/art](http://lewisvillenc.net/art).

Stay up-to-date by following the Town's social media accounts and checking the Town website.



### Call for Art

#### Shallowford Square

**Submittal Deadline: Nov 27**  
**Submit:** [publicart@lewisvillenc.net](mailto:publicart@lewisvillenc.net)  
**Total Project Budget: \$10,000**

We are accepting proposals for a public art piece to be placed in Shallowford Square. This will be funded by a partial grant from the Shallow Ford Foundation and funding from the Town of Lewisville. The approximate area is 8-foot by 4-foot. For more information, please contact [publicart@lewisvillenc.net](mailto:publicart@lewisvillenc.net).

#### Community Center

**Submittal Deadline: Dec 1**  
**Submit:** [publicart@lewisvillenc.net](mailto:publicart@lewisvillenc.net)  
**Total Project Budget: \$2,500**

We are accepting proposals for a permanent indoor mural (any medium) to be placed in the Mary Alice Warren Community Center. This is funded by a partial grant from the Shallow Ford Foundation and funding from the Town of Lewisville. The artist for this piece must be a resident of Lewisville, NC. To learn more, please contact [publicart@lewisvillenc.net](mailto:publicart@lewisvillenc.net).

### From the Desk of Jon Hanna Can We Call it Street Art?

Imagine, if you will, a two-lane street, built over forty years, by different people, with different materials, under different guidelines, that stretches from here to Kannapolis, NC. Then imagine you need to maintain that street at a clean, safe, and serviceable level at all times, in unpredictable economic and environmental conditions, with about half the money you need to do it. Considering that our street network is literally Lewisville's most valuable asset, valued in 2020 at \$21.3 million, we have a huge responsibility on our hands. With over 56 miles of

roadway to care for, preventive maintenance is a vital component of the robust pavement preservation program we're working to develop. One of the most important concepts of that program is keeping good streets in better condition longer, and crack sealing is by far the most cost-effective treatment to delay street deterioration. Unfortunately, crack sealing is not attractive and therefore not popular with many homeowners. That is understandable, but it is important that we clarify it is a vital part of responsible use of tax dollars and not a "poor man's repair".

Funds spent now on sealing a road surface can effectively delay significantly more funds needing to be spent to replace that surface. We already have a backlog of streets that need complete repaving and the smaller we can keep that list the further we can stretch our roadway maintenance budget.

If you're tempted to think of all the black streaks of crack sealing as ugly street graffiti, please give it another look and consider thinking of it proudly as beautiful stewardship of your tax dollars and infrastructure.

### Environmental Conservation & Sustainability Committee (ECSC)

Thanks to all of the Lewisville residents who recycled weird stuff at our Oct. 26th event. We appreciate the time you took to review the Town website for what items may have been added or discontinued. More big pieces of Styrofoam will be accepted at future events. Please store any that you collect from your big holiday purchases and bring it to Lewisville Earth Day on April 12th!

Speaking of holidays, remember that it's always better to reduce, reuse and regift before you recycle. That rings especially true as we enter this special season. When entertaining, it's tempting to use single use items that can be thrown out. Instead, impress your guests with ceramic place settings and cloth napkins. Give reusable water bottles and rain barrels as gifts. Enjoy the holidays more than ever by acting sustainably. And check out the Town articles on Holiday Cardboard Recycling and Christmas Tree pick up. Thank you!

### Share Your Holiday Light Photos

We want to see how you light up the season! From now to December 20, send photos of your holiday light displays to the Town's Facebook, Instagram, or visit [lewisvillenc.net/holidaylights](http://lewisvillenc.net/holidaylights) to be featured on the Town website and social media.

## \*\*\*\*\* Holiday Events \*\*\*\*\*

### Holiday Open House Friday, December 6

Lewisville residents are invited to a Holiday Open House on Friday, December 6 at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center from 5-6:30 p.m.

Celebrate the holiday season and another successful year of programs at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center. Enjoy beautiful holiday decorations, live music, and refreshments before heading over to the tree lighting ceremony. For more information, contact the Shallow Ford Foundation at 336-663-6794 or the Town of Lewisville at 336-945-5558.



### Tree Lighting Ceremony Friday, December 6



The Town of Lewisville will host its annual Tree Lighting ceremony at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 6.

The Victorian Carolers will kick off festivities at 6:30 p.m.

Celebrate the start of the season with refreshments and cookies. We have heard that Santa himself plans to make a special appearance as well!

### Christmas Movie Night Friday, December 13

Lewisville residents are invited to a showing of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (2000) on Friday, December 13 at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center.

Space is limited, so you must register by visiting [lewisvillenc.net/christmasmovie](http://lewisvillenc.net/christmasmovie) or calling 336-945-1026. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the movie begins at 7 p.m.

We'll have free hot chocolate, apple cider, water, cookies, brownies, and popcorn available for attendees.

Bring the whole family! Kids are welcome to wear pajamas and bring blankets or sleeping bags! Chairs will be provided.



### The Lewisville Civic Club's Annual Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 8

The 2024 Lewisville Civic Club Christmas Parade is one of the largest Christmas parades in the Triad. The 39th Annual Lewisville Civic Club Christmas Parade is scheduled for Sunday, December 8 at 3 p.m. There will be floats, marching bands from local high schools, various classic car clubs, dance groups, and our special guest from the North Pole! There will be lots of candy for kids of all ages. It is an exciting event for residents and visitors alike, as we showcase the beautiful Town of Lewisville every year.

For updates about the parade, please visit the Lewisville Civic Club's new Facebook group at The Lewisville Civic Club Christmas parade. Join this group to receive the latest updates.

The entry deadline for parade participation is December 3. Parade rules, regulations, and entry forms can be found at [lewisvillecivicclub.com](http://lewisvillecivicclub.com). For questions about the parade, please contact Parade Director Maureen Barton at [lvholiday123@aol.com](mailto:lvholiday123@aol.com).

"For those interested in participating in the parade, now is the time to sign up," Parade Director Barton said. Each year brings more participation than before as the parade crowds grow larger and larger.



On December 8, roads into Lewisville will be closed to traffic at 2:30 p.m. until the conclusion of the parade at the discretion of law enforcement. The parade will begin at the intersection of Shallowford Road and Lewisville Vienna Road. The route will proceed down Shallowford Road and turn at the Oaks Shopping Center on Williams Road before turning at Belnette Drive. The parade will end at Shallowford Square. Signs, safety cones, and barricades will be placed the day before the event. We look forward to having a wonderful time at this event and hope you join us!

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

NOV 18

## LHS Membership Meeting

The Lewisville Historical Society (LHS) invites the public to its upcoming Membership Meeting at 6 p.m. at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center at 7632 Warren Park Dr. for “The Yadkin River: A Watershed of History”, a presentation by local author Randell Jones. Jones will tell the stories of how the Yadkin River influenced history and helped to make us who we are in the Yadkin River Valley. Light refreshments will be served. Call 336-766-5842 for more information. Sponsored by the LHS and Lewisville Branch Library.

DEC 15

## A Classical Christmas Concert

The Union United Methodist Church invites the community to a free Classical Christmas Concert with a string quartet by Elegant Ensembles on Sunday, December 15, at 4 p.m. held in the sanctuary of the church at 8935 Shallowford Rd. Refreshments will be served afterwards. Attendees are asked to bring canned good donations to this event.

### List Non-Profit Public Events in the Community Calendar

Editorial guidelines may apply.

Submit your article to [vleasure@lewisvillenc.net](mailto:vleasure@lewisvillenc.net)

**DEADLINE: December 2**

## Library News

All Forsyth County Public Libraries will be **closed** on:

- Monday, Nov. 11 to celebrate **Veterans' Day**
- Wednesday, Nov. 27 at 6 p.m. through Friday, Nov. 28 to celebrate **Thanksgiving**.
- Friday, Dec. 13 for **Staff Development**
- Tuesday, Dec. 24 through Thursday, Dec. 26 to celebrate **Christmas**

**Youth Programs: Book Babies** Mondays at 9:30 a.m. **Toddler Time** Mondays at 10:30 a.m. **Preschool Storytime** Tuesdays at 10 a.m. **D&D for Teens** (ages 12-17) on Nov. 4 & 19 and Dec. 2 & 16 at 4 p.m. **STEAM for Tweens** (ages 8-12) on Nov. 13 and Dec. 11 at 4:30 p.m. to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math (registration preferred by not required). **Builders' Club** (ages 6-12) on Nov. 20 and Dec. 18 at 4 p.m. using LEGOs, K'Nex, and more. **Take & Make Crafts for Kids**

on Nov. 4-8 (Dinosaurs) and Dec. 2-6 (Christmas). **Search & Find** activity on Nov. 25-30 (Dinosaurs) and Dec. 16-21 (Christmas).

**Adult Programs: Belly Dancing** for Beginners on Nov. 1 and Dec. 6 at 11 a.m. **Tuesdays at Two Book Club** on Nov. 5 and Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. **Hook & Loop Group** (needle crafts) on Nov. 6 & Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. **Yoga for Beginners** on Nov 7 & 21 and Dec. 5 & 19 at noon. **Color and Coffee** on Nov. 8 & 22 and Dec. 20 at 10 a.m. **Lewisville Historical Society Presents ... The Yadkin River--a Watershed of History** on Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. (Mary Alice Warren Community Center). **Books for Dudes Book Club** on Nov. 14 and Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. **Witchy Washi & Whatnot** crafts on Nov. 20 & Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. (registration required).

**Special Interest: Eldercare Series** has a class on Nov. 13 at 10 a.m. (Managing Grief During the Holidays) with

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

## Holiday Cardboard Recycling

Holiday Cardboard Recycling will be in the parking lot of Lewisville Elementary School from December 20 to January 3.



This recycling event is for cardboard and chipboard (including gift boxes, shipping boxes, and packaging). The recycling bin will be emptied on a regular basis. If the bin is full, please do not leave items in the parking lot surrounding the bin. Lewisville Elementary School allows the Town of Lewisville to use the parking lot for this event as a service to Town residents, so please be mindful of this when recycling your items.

## Jack Warren Park Updates and Ribbon Cutting



Construction Continues at Jack Warren Park

Work should be wrapping up soon on the new Jack Warren Park expansion and hopefully everyone is as excited as we are for the new opportunities. A nature trail winds through the wooded areas and will provide a relaxing and eventually informative stroll for nature lovers. An 18-hole “Ace Place” disc golf course threads through open and wooded sections, and offers a unique and exciting chal-

lenge, especially for the amateur disc golfers. The Michael L. Horn Amphitheater establishes another special gathering spot for our community's events.

Currently, the new section of the park is closed as the contractors wrap it all up. Keep an eye on the Town's social media and website for news, as well as information on a Grand Opening celebration in the new year.

## Upcoming CPR Class

The Lewisville Fire Department and Town are planning a CPR class at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center at the beginning of 2025. More information about this class and how to sign up will be in the January-February edition of the *Lewisville Citizen* newsletter.

Learn lifesaving skills from the experts who use these techniques.

Minors under 18 years old must be registered by a parent or guardian and supply an emergency contact number.

Children under 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the class.



## Blood Donors Needed

The Town of Lewisville is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Wednesday, December 11 from 1-5:30 p.m. at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center, located at 7632 Warren Park Dr., Lewisville.

Please register to be a donor at [lewisvillenc.net/blooddrive](http://lewisvillenc.net/blooddrive) or call 1-800-733-2767.

Donate blood. Save lives.



## LEWISVILLE CONNECT

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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 [www.lewisvillenc.net](http://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 [www.lewisville.recdesk.com](http://www.lewisville.recdesk.com) & click on classes  
For more info, visit [www.lewisvillenc.net/MAWCC](http://www.lewisvillenc.net/MAWCC)