



Lewisville Citizen

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Town Hall Closed

January 1st for
New Year's Day

Christmas Tree Pick-up

Begins January 5,
trees at the curb by
6:30 a.m.

Town Hall Closed

January 19th
Martin Luther King Jr. Day



The Williams Road bridge will be closing shortly to allow for construction of a new and enhanced bridge. Clearance for this bridge is low and the bridge was damaged. Replacement will increase clearance and a sidewalk will be added. See Story page 4.

Responses being reviewed

Town pleased with survey participation



Town Manager Hank Perkins

More than 1600 of the surveys mailed to Lewisville residents have been returned, and Town Manager Hank Perkins said that's considered a very good sampling.

"If you take into consideration the number that were mailed, the ones returned because the house was now vacant, it represents about 35 percent of the homes in Lewisville," Perkins said.

The surveys were mailed in October in preparation for the updating of the Lewisville Comprehensive Plan. "We know that not everyone can get out to a meeting, and the survey was a great way to give everyone in town the opportunity to share opinions about growth and the need for new services or amenities," the manager explained.

It has been a number of years since the last town-wide survey and since 2015 is the year for updating the Comprehensive Plan, the information gained from the survey will be useful to the Planning Board in that effort.

See Survey page 3

From your Mayor

Another new year and it looks as if it will be an exciting one for the Town of Lewisville. Council and staff have been working on a number of projects, several of them over the last several years, and now we expect to see them getting under way.

The bridge replacement is a big project that will impact many of our residents over the spring and summer months. The positive side is that by going ahead and replacing the bridge rather than just making repairs, we won't have to go through a second construction project down the road. We are also very pleased that the state legislature provided grant money to the NCDOT so that this bridge will be attractive, befitting the gateway into our downtown.

Another project is the Shallowford and Williams Roads roundabout. We have been waiting a long time for all of the planning and paperwork to be finalized so that this traffic improvement in the downtown can become a reality. We will have more details about that project and the start dates in the next issue of the Lewisville Citizen.

Progress is also being made on the Lewisville-Vienna sidewalk that will extend from Tullyries to Riverwood. Like the roundabout, this project is being funded in large part with grant funds and when those are involved, the process is more complex and takes longer. But we believe we will see construction in the near future. People in Lewisville like to walk, and this will be another way for residents to get downtown without driving.

Also coming up this year is the budget process and that usually gets under way in February. We will be posting



Dan Pugh

meeting and workshop dates as the process gets closer.

I also want to thank all of you who participated in the town-wide survey. This was important for a number of reasons. The information helps us understand how residents feel about the way Lewisville is developing and what issues we need to focus on in the coming years.

The survey information will also be a valuable tool for our boards and committees - especially the Planning Board and Parks and Recreation Board. The Planning Board is preparing to update the Comprehensive Plan and the information from the survey will help guide that process as well. The firm we hired to do the survey is preparing a report on the findings and we should have that information in the near future.

I hope you will consider participating in the updating of the Comprehensive Plan. We need your involvement.

As always, it is my honor and privilege to serve as your mayor.

Dan Pugh

Lewisville Town Council

Dan Pugh

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Utilities Committee

Public input a must for Comp Plan

A little time can go a long way in planning

It's one of the most important things Lewisville's Planning Department does. It's something the Planning Board members tackle every five years and because this is so important, it's impossible to do it well without involvement from residents.

The task is the updating of the Comprehensive Plan and 2015 is the review year.

"Lewisville has always been proactive in planning for the future," explained Town Planner Marty Myers. "Shortly after incorporation in 1991, town officials began to consider the best ways to make sure Lewisville grew and developed in a way that would honor the reasons for incorporating in the first place."

Those early residents who came together and spent many hours meeting and discussing the idea of incorporating wanted to preserve the small town look and feel that drew people to make this their home.

"Lewisville had the good fortune to be a small, mostly bedroom community," Myers noted. "In the late 80s and early 90s we didn't experience that same sort of push for development that communities along the interstates did. That gave the town leaders and residents an opportunity to be proactive."

The original plan was updated for the first time in 1997 and since then the process has been repeated every five years.

"The Comprehensive Plan is our vision," Myers said. "It's the roadmap that will take us where we want to be in the next five, 10, 15 and 20 years. The process has been to send out a call for residents to attend meetings and help us look to see what changes have occurred in the community, to examine which goals outlined in the document have been accomplished and to consider what



This photo was taken during the kick-off for the previous Comprehensive Plan Update. Council hopes there will be a good turnout for the current effort. Public meeting dates will be set soon and publicized. Contact Marty Myers at 945-1023 for details.

changes may be needed."

Myers said that the key to the updating process has always been citizen input.

"Since the beginning, town leaders have relied on the people of Lewisville to roll up their sleeves and get involved in the effort. We're counting on that again."

Meetings are scheduled for February 17, March 19 and April 16

from 7-9 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall. There also will be a Saturday meeting on February 28 from 10 a.m. until noon.

Please plan to attend one or more of these meetings to share your ideas.

For more information about the update or meetings call Myers at 945-1023 or contact him via e-mail at planner@lewisvillenc.net.

Surveys returned, results pending

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Questions on the survey were also submitted by the Parks, Recreational & Cultural Development Board and those results will also help in their work.

"The Parks and Rec Board have been updating their own Master Plan and the survey was intended to help provide information pertinent to that document," Perkins noted.

"The Board and Council would both like to know more about residents' interest in a larger park and about new recreational opportunities."

The Town Manager added that the firm hired to handle the survey is now tabulating the results and he expects to have those soon. "We will make the information available as soon as we have it.

Detour signs to be placed

Bridge replacement set to begin early this year

If you haven't started thinking about alternate routes, now is the time.

The NCDOT is expected to begin work to replace the Williams Road bridge and that means it will be closing. Motorists who normally cross the bridge from Williams and Concord Church Road to reach downtown Lewisville will need to find an alternate route. The same is true for those leaving downtown and heading east into Winston-Salem on U.S. 421.

"This will be a significant inconvenience for many, and Lewisville officials know that as do the DOT folks," said Town Manager Hank Perkins.

The bridge was damaged when hit by a truck. Clearance under the bridge is less than standard, and instead of simply repairing the bridge and later replacing it, replacing it now made more sense.

According to the DOT, the bridge will be closed beginning February 9 through August 17. The ramps from U.S. 421 going both north and south will remain open while the bridge itself is closed.

"Since the bridge is being replaced, Lewisville was able to request upgrades that will enhance the look of the bridge as well as its serviceability," the manager said. "A sidewalk will be added on one side of the bridge during this work, but the bridge will remain two lanes."

The work will elevate the bridge slightly to allow more room for larger vehicles passing beneath the structure. The bridge was damaged when hit by a large truck traveling south on U.S. 421.

There will be times when a lane on U.S. 421 must be closed, but that work will be done during the night and the lanes reopened for morning travelers.

Funds for the enhancements were provided to the NC DOT by the state legislature thanks to the help of Representative Julia Howard and Sen. Joyce Krawiec.

The town's deputies and the Lewisville Fire Department have already made plans to cover all areas in town without delays while the work is in progress.

The DOT hopes to have construction completed so that the bridge will be opening again in August.

NC DOT Project Manager Matthew Jones said they will be putting up signs to designate official detours. The detour routes will make use of the U.S. 421 exits at Shallowford Road and Lewisville-Clemmons Road.

"We know this will be frustrating for those who normally use the bridge, but we hope everyone will be patient. The end result will be worth the inconvenience," Perkins said.

BOARD VACANCIES FOR 2015

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development

Meets once a month on the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

3 vacancies

Planning Board

Meets twice a month on the second and fourth Wednesday at 7 p.m.

2 vacancies

Willow Run Municipal Service District

(Must live in either Runnymede or Willowmede subdivisions. This Board meets quarterly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Town Hall Annex.

1 vacancy (Area 1)

1 vacancy (Area 2)

1 vacancy (Area 3)

1 vacancy (Area 4)

Zoning Board of Adjustment

This Board meets once a month on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. when there are cases to be heard. This is a quasi-judicial board.

1 vacancy (Regular)

1 vacancy (Alternate)

All appointments are for three years. Applications must be submitted no later than January 30, 2015 for Council consideration at the March 12 meeting. Visit the town's web site to download an application at www.lewisvillenc.net.

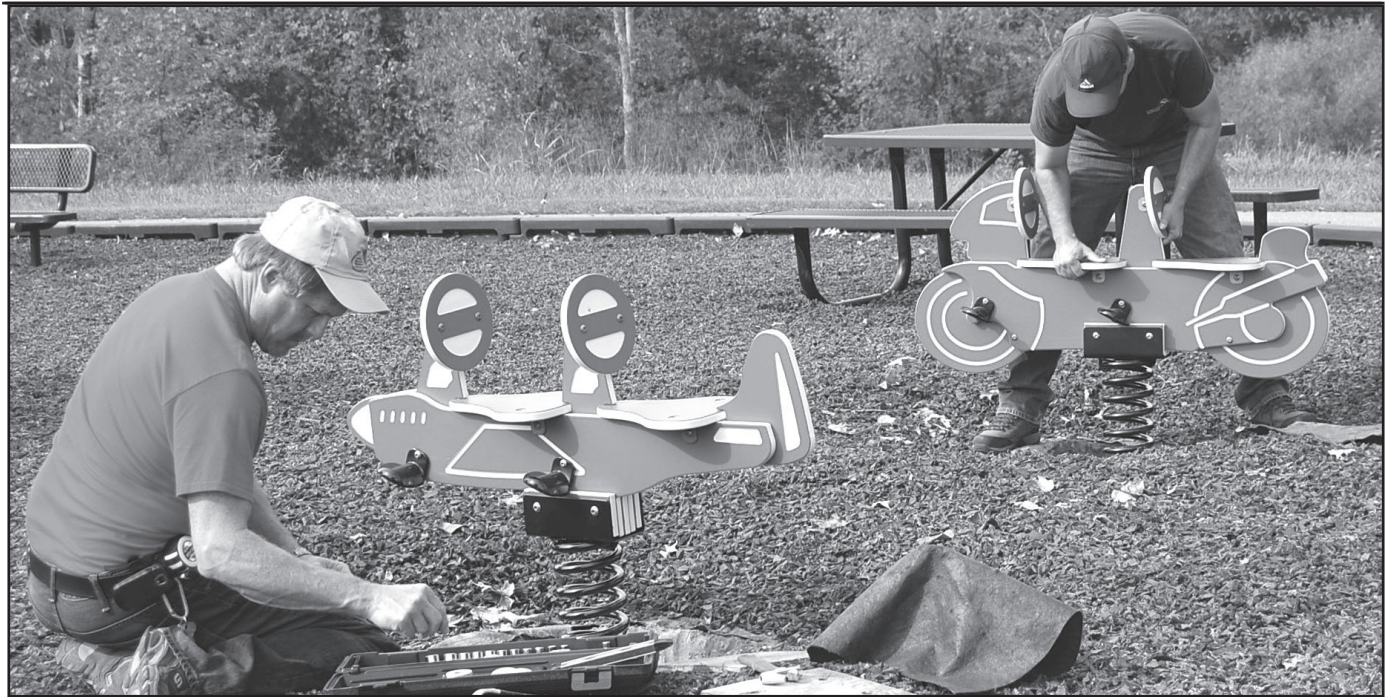
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Lewisville, NC 27023

or e-mail to townclerk@lewisvillenc.net
or come by Town Hall at 6510 Shallowford Rd.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for articles for the March - April Lewisville Citizen is February. 6. Material for the Community Calendar is accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis due to limited space.

E-mail material to
publicinformation@lewisvillenc.net
or call 945-1026.



New equipment was installed at Jack Warren Park last fall. The new playground spring riders, along with the two new horse-shoe pits are part of an overall plan to enhance the park.

James McDowell joins Lewisville policing unit

Lewisville has a new Community Policing Officer.

James McDowell joined the Lewisville program in November after a transfer moved Deputy David McGuire to a new assignment.

McDowell is a native of Winston-Salem and joined the Sheriff's Department two years ago.

"I've been doing patrol in the Pfafftown, Rural Hall and Tobaccoville areas before this assignment," he said. The transfer was one he wanted. "I was interested in being able to work in a small area like this where the deputies have a chance to get to know people - the residents and business owners.

McDowell attended Reynolds and Bishop McGuinness High Schools and worked in construction prior to going into law enforcement.

When he's not at work, he enjoys restoring cars and building furniture.

"My grandfather taught shop and drafting and I learned from him," he said. "I like to build older vintage pieces - a pie safe and things like that would be examples."

He also is restoring a 1991 BMW 381 IS. "I enjoy working on the car, looking for parts, trading. A group of us from all over the state formed a group and now we get together several times a year. We even have a car show at Old Salem every May."



Deputy James McDowell

MEETING INFORMATION

The Town Council meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. for a briefing in the 2nd floor conference room. The regular meeting is the second Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Council Chambers, ground floor. For more information about Lewisville, visit:

Time Warner Cable Channel 6
www.lewisvillenc.net

<https://www.facebook.com/TownofLewisvilleNC>

<https://twitter.com/LewisvilleNC>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/TownofLewisville>
Events Hotline 945-1030

Christmas in Lewisville

Mayor Dan Pugh reads "The Night Before Christmas" to youngsters who attended the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Then jolly old Santa himself arrived to hear all of the Christmas wishes.





There was a great turnout for the Annual Christmas Tree Lighting at Shallowford Square in early December. Along with refreshments and the singing of Christmas Carols, Santa Claus arrived and heard lots of Christmas wishes from the children in attendance. This event is sponsored by the Lewisville Civic Club and Town of Lewisville.

Friends of the Library have big plans for January & February

The Friends of the Lewisville Library have a number of events coming up in this new year and everyone is invited to participate.

First up is the 2015 Membership Drive. Join for the first time or renew your membership and help support important library programs.

During January the group will be sponsoring the Dine and Donate event at Alex's Grill and Restaurant. The restaurant will make a donation to the Friends for every Patron who presents a donation ticket when paying for meals. Those donation tickets are available at the library.

February will be Black History Month and there will be events and activities throughout the month. Check the Library calendar for dates

and times.

February will also be Fundraising month. Plans are under way for the second annual "Love Your Library" series of events throughout the month.

Please watch for more news and activities about the Friends of the Library in upcoming issues of the Lewisville Citizen or check at the Library.

For details and other information about the January and February events, visit www.friendsofthelewisvillelibrary.org.

LEWISVILLE LIBRARY EVENTS

Library Closed for New Year's Holiday.

Preschool Storytime - January 6, 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 10, 17 and 24 at 10:30 a.m. This is for ages 3 to 5.

Toddler time - January 7, 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 10:30 a.m. for ages 18 months to 3 years.

Tuesday at 2 Book Club - January 6 at 2 p.m.

Creative Writing for Adults - January 7 at 1:30 p.m.

Teen/Tween Wii Gaming - January 8 and 22, and February 5 and 26 at 3:30 p.m.

Martin Luther King Jr., Holiday - Library will be closed on January 19.

How to Get Rich Slowly Investment Seminar - January 24 at 10:30 a.m.

Friends of the Library Book Club - January 27 and February 24 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday at 2 Book Club for Adults - February 3 at 2 p.m., celebrating Black History Month.

For more information about these or other library programs call 703-2940.

Reminder from Waste Management on cart placement: There needs to be a minimum of 3 feet clearance on each side to safely grab the cart and carts should not be close to mailboxes. Thanks.

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**TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE
TOWN COUNCIL**

Town Council Agenda Briefing and Action is held the 1st Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. at Town Hall, 2nd floor

Town Council meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall Council Chambers

Special Projects Review Committee meets the 1st Thursday of each month at Town Hall following the Council meeting

BOARDS

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Town Hall Annex

Planning Board meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers

Planning Board Work Sessions are the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room, 2nd Floor

Willow Run Municipal Service District Board meets quarterly at 7 p.m. at the Town Hall Annex beginning in Jan.

Zoning Board of Adjustment meets the 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers

COMMITTEES

Beautification Committee meets the 3rd Monday every other month beginning in January at 7 p.m., Town Hall Annex

Public Safety Advisory Committee meets on the 2nd Tuesday bi-monthly at 6 p.m. at the Annex starting in Jan.

Recycling Committee meets quarterly on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., Town Hall Annex

Stormwater Advisory & Education Committee as needed on 3rd Thursday at 6 p.m., Town Hall Annex

Student Leadership Committee meets the last Thursday of the month, August - May, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Annex

Utilities Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room