

Lewisville Citizen

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Creek Week:

March 21-29 Featuring

Clean Sweep Saturday Beautification Committee

Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Meet at Town Hall Annex

> Homesteaders Series: Tiny Terrariums Monday, March 16, 11 a.m.

"What Lives in Streams"
Monday, March 23, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Creek Week Story Times Monday, March 24 & Tuesday, March 25 - 10:15 a.m. See page 4 for details

Special Recycling Event

Saturday, March 28 Beside Shallowford Square See page 7 for details

Good Friday Holiday Town Hall Closed

Friday, April 10
Waste Management will operate routes on normal schedule.

Starlight Movie Night Toy Story 4

Friday, April 24 - Shallowford Square Family Bingo Night before movie See page 7 for details

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The 2020 U.S. Census: We Snooze, We Lose

Starting this month, residents in the U.S. will begin receiving, by mail questionnaire, phone call, on-line or inperson interviews, an opportunity to participate in the 2020 U.S. Census.

The Census was first required by our Constitution "to empower the people over their new government". The first census was taken in 1790.

This important collection of data occurs every 10 years to count every resident in the United States and provide essential data from which decisions, that have significant implications for everyone's every-day-lives, will be made.

The census provides the basis for determining our representation in Congress and the annual distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds to support state,

Census 2020

county and community programs for housing, education, transportation, employment, health care and public policy.

Federal law protects citizens' information. It can only be used to produce statistical reports. Citizens' answers cannot be shared with businesses or any local, state or federal agencies.

It is essential that all residents participate in this once a decade opportunity as it will greatly impact the future of the community for the next 10 years. So, take the time, take the census.

Also, please do not confuse the CENSUS, Continued on PAGE 7

Creek Week Set for March 21-29

It is almost time for Forsyth Creek Week. The Town of Lewisville is a proud sponsor of the nine-day county-wide initiative beginning on Saturday, March 21. There will be two events hosted at the Lewisville Public Library during the week as well as the week kicking off with the Town's annual Spring Clean Sweep on

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From your Mayor

Be Better For It

Over the years it increasingly has become my practice to try to do three things every day.

The first is to learn something new. Second, is to find something that makes me laugh. And third, is to perform at least one act of kindness. The first is easy because there is so much I don't know. So, my source for learning is the internet because we all know that everything we read on the web is true and accurate.

Well, not really. Because unfortunately, we live in a time when we must question purported "facts" for truth, and not just accept them and hit "share" or "forward."

That's why my solution to learning is to just shut up and listen to my wife who is currently studying geology. So right now, the subject-du-jour is rocks, magma, tectonic plates and other neat stuff like that. The kind of information we all use in our daily conversations with folks.

The second thing I try to do is to find something that makes me laugh. I guess by nature I find humor in almost everything, so this one is easy. However, because I do chuckle and smile with greater regularity than most people, I'm sometimes perceived as not taking the world seriously. I will say in my defense, with the state of the world as it is right now, we all need more laughter because laughter brings us together. It's just about impossible to be angry at someone when you share a laugh.

Number three is my favorite and that's to perform at least one act of kindness each day. Mark Twain said, "Kindness is the language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see." It is also the most rewarding and

genuine of everything I do each day.

Kindness lifts the spirit, warms the heart and allows us to connect in a meaningful way with those whom we share this planet. I am as much the beneficiary of showing



Mike Horn

kindness as those who I may touch. This particularly is true with older adults, small children and of course dogs and cats. For me, the truth is that the more I do for others, the better I feel about myself.

So, what does all of this have to do with Lewisville? Actually, everything. These are the things that I believe to be the foundation of a great community. It is a large part of who we are, and moreover, it is what we should strive to become.

A community of compassion and caring for each other, of learning and of laughter is a lofty, but certainly an obtainable goal.

Give it a try. Get up tomorrow morning and learn something new. Have a good laugh. And show some kindness – maybe a lot of kindness. We'll be a better community for it.

As always, I welcome your comments.

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NewsletterD E A D LI N E

The deadline for the May-June *Lewisville Citizen* is April 10.

EMAIL MATERIAL TO:

publicinformation @lewisvillenc.net or call 336-945-1026 Material for the Community Calendar is accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis due to limited space.

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Keep Water Safe by Practicing Proper Pet Waste Removal

To ensure the Town of Lewisville's water safety, the public works department is reminding residents of precautions to take when disposing of pet waste. It might not seem like a stormwater problem, but animal waste is one of the many seemingly small sources of pollution that can add up to big problems for water quality and even human health.

Animal waste contains two main types of pollutants that harm local waters: nutrients and pathogens. When it rains, dog waste runs into storm drains and then into lakes, streams and rivers. When this waste ends up in these water bodies, it decomposes, releasing nutrients that cause excessive growth of algae and weeds. This makes the water murky, green, smelly and even unusable for swimming, boating, or fishing. The pathogens, disease-causing bacteria and viruses, can also make local waters unswimmable and unfishable and have caused severe illness in humans.

Dog waste contains roundworms, E. coli and Giardia. These can cause nausea, vomiting, stomach cramps and more in humans. Excess nutrients found in dog waste cause algal blooms, which reduce oxygen in the water and can cause fish and other aquatic life to die.

FACTS ABOUT PET WASTE

- Pet waste is a health risk to animals and people, especially children.
- Pet waste is full of bacteria that can make people sick.
- It is a nuisance in our neighborhoods.
- Unless thrown away properly, pet waste flows untreated through storm drains and into our waters. Even if

Keep Our Water Clean, Pick Up Your Pet's Waste!

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

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WHAT CAN I DO?

- Bring a bag with you on your walks to pick up after your pet.
- Frequently clean the pet waste from your yard, deck, patio, driveway and sidewalk.
- Dispose of pet waste by throwing it in the trash, burying it in the backyard, or composting it.





you don't live near a stream, your dog's waste can pollute our waters!

As you can see, animal waste doesn't simply decompose. So, the easiest way to avoid these problems is to clean up after your pet eachand-every time and dispose of the waste properly!

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DID YOU KNOW?

There are about 404,480 dogs in the Piedmont Triad. These dogs make 133,478 pounds of dog waste, or 7 dump trucks full every DAY



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- Frequently clean the pet waste from your yard, deck, patio, driveway and sidewalk.
- Dispose of pet waste by throwing it in the trash, burying it in the backyard, or composting it.
- And of course, never throw dog waste into a storm drain!

Do you know what the town-wide speed limit is?

If you said 25 MPH you are right. (Unless otherwise posted)

Speed limit is the maximum speed at which a vehicle is legally permitted to travel, as within a specific area, on a certain road, or under given conditions.

Be alert that other roads in town may have lower posted speed limits.

An example of this is Lucy Lane which goes in front of Lewisville Elementary School. It has a posted speed limit at 10 mph.



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Lewisville Town Hall will be Closed GOOD FRIDAY, Friday, April 10

Spring Clean Sweep Set for March 21; Volunteers Needed

The Clean Sweep helps keep the roads in Lewisville clean. It is run by volunteers like you.

This year's Spring Clean Sweep will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday,

March 21. Participants should meet at the TOWN HALL ANNEX building at 6550 Shallowford Road.

Due to safety reasons, children under 18 cannot participate.



CREEK WEEK

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March 21.

Teens and adults are invited to take part in a Homesteaders Series: Tiny Terrariums. Get ready to celebrate Creek Week by creating your own little ecosystem in a tiny terrarium. This event will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 16 at the Lewisville Public Library. Space is limited. Please call 336-703-2940 to register.

Stream Watch by Stormwater Smart will hold a program for children and their caregivers titled, "What lives in a stream?" from 3:30 until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, March 23 at the Lewisville Public Library. Come by this drop-in exhibit of creatures that live in our local waterways. For more information, call 336-703-2940.

The library will also be hosting special Creek Week focused storytimes: Creek Week Preschool Storytime, Tuesday, March 24, 10:15 a.m. and Creek Week Toddler Storytime, Wednesday, March 25, 10:15 a.m.

Also, a Science & Health Series: The Yadkin Riverkeeper will be held at 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 26 at the Lewisville Branch Library. Learn about the Yadkin River and what you can do to keep the river clean and beautiful to enjoy for generations to come.

Creek Week educates to "connect the dots" between quality of life and the health of creeks and streams, not only as a water source, but as a source of recreation and aesthetic pleasure.

The Week offers recreational activities, handson learning experiences, dynamic quest speakers, children's activities and many other ways to appreciate, enjoy and protect creeks and streams.

Community Cleanups

There are Community Cleanups taking place during the Creek Week festivities. This is your chance to do something proactive to help waterways! Litter on school grounds, streets and parks often get washed into creeks. As part of Creek Week, a clean-up will be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 21 in Lewisville, meeting at the Town Hall Annex.

Rain Barrel Discount

Catching rainwater is great for your plants, can lower your water bill and reduce runoff from your property. During Creek Week, Rain Water Solutions is offering ready-to-use 50-gallon rain barrels for the discounted price of \$65. (Normal price: \$129.) The ordering deadline to receive this discount is 11 p.m. on March 30. To purchase a rain barrel at a discounted price, visit https://www.rainwatersolutions.com/products/forsyth-ivy.



CREEK WEEK IN LEWISVILL

· Lewisville Community Clean-Up

Sat. March 21, 9 a.m. - Noon

Grab litter before it ends up in local creeks and streams! A great way to earn service hours. Gloves, vests and bags will be provided. PRE-REGISTER by calling Genevieve Adams at 503-803-8308.

· Science & Health Series: The Yadkin Riverkeeper Thurs. March 26, 4 p.m., Lewisville Branch Library Learn about the Yadkin River what you can do to keep the river clean and beautiful to enjoy for generations to come.

Lewisville Branch Library Programs

- · Tiny Terrariums: Monday, March 16, 11 a.m.
- · Stream Watch by Stormwater Smart Monday, March 23, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
- · Creek Week Preschool Storytime. Tuesday, March 24, 10:15 a.m.
- · Creek Week Toddler Storytime



MORE THAN 50 EVENTS!

- Greenway Segway Rides Yadkin River Aerial Tour
- Historic Salem Creek Guided Tour
- Creeky Critters at Gateway Nature Preserve
- Nature Preserve See Quarry Lake Up Close DIY Rain Barrel Workshop Hands-on kids' programs
- Fishing Tournament Trivia Nights
- Audubon Bird Walks Bike Rides Library Programs Family Fishing Fun

Full Details at ForsythCreekWeek.org













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New Deputies on Lewisville Policing Program

Residents may notice some new faces patrolling the streets of Lewisville. The Town's Community Policing program has welcomed two new deputies, Deputies Jamie Funkhouser and Alexander O'Shields.

Deputy Jamie Funkhouser

Deputy Funkhouser has been a deputy for the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office for the past four



FUNKHOUSER

years and has served in the Town of Lewisville since June of 2019. He said he enjoys Lewisville's small-town atmosphere and friendly residents.

Deputy Funkhouser was born and raised in Forsyth County and said he had a strong desire to serve in law enforcement since he was a child. Deputy Funkhouser said he enjoys serving his community.

Deputy Funkhouser is an amateur historian and enjoys off-roading and spending time outdoors during his free time.

Deputy Alexander O'Shields

Deputy O'Shields recently joined the Lewisville policing program. He said he looks forward to his community policing assignment in Lewisville and getting to know the residents.



O'SHIELDS

Deputy O'Shields has been a deputy with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office for 2.5 years.

Born and raised in Forsyth County, Deputy O'Shields enjoys spending time outdoors in his spare time.

understanding ROUNDABOUTS

WHAT IS A ROUNDABOUT?



A roundabout is an intersection requiring entering traffic to yield the right of way to traffic already in the roundabout. This keeps the traffic in the roundabout flowing and prevents traffic backups and delays.

WHY INSTALL A ROUNDABOUT?

Roundabouts help address safety and congestion concerns at intersections. They are designed to enhance traffic efficiency, safety and aesthetics and minimize delay and cost for all users including motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists.

HOW TO DRIVE A ROUNDABOUT:

- Yield to vehicles already in the roundabout;
- Once in the roundabout, you have the right of way;
- Use your turn signal when exiting the roundabout
- *Always* be cautious and look for unexpected vehicles, pedestrians or bicycles.

Lewisville Civic Club Annual Scholarship

The Lewisville Civic Club will be accepting scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors until March 27, 2020.

Three leadership/scholarships, each in the amount of \$1,500.00, are provided to recognize graduating high school seniors who have distinguished themselves in leadership and volunteer service to the Lewisville Community.

For more information, visit: Lewisville Civic Club's website at www.lewisvillecivicclub.com or contact Candy Morris at 336-945-9529 for an application.

TOWN
COUNCIL
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.

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Community Calendar

March 9

The Lewisville Historical Society invites the public to hear Mr. Ed Simpson, son of Harold Simpson who served as Principal at the Lewisville High School from 1948-1956 at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 9 at the Lewisville Branch Library. He will tell about growing up in Lewisville and about the Lewisville School. Light refreshments. Free and open to the public. Co-sponsored by the Lewisville Historical Society and the Lewisville Branch Library. Call 336-766-5842 for more information.

March 14

The Lewisville United Methodist Church Preschool will hold a Spring/Summer Clothing Exchange sale on Saturday, March 14th 8am-2pm. The Half-Price Sale will be on Monday, March 16th 9:30am-12:30 pm and 5-8pm. Items for sale include clothing sizes infant-Teen, shoes, swim gear, electronics, toys, books, games, bikes, furniture, baby equipment, and much more!! Lewisville UMC Preschool 6290 Shallowford Rd Lewisville, NC 27023 336-945-3204.

April 4

The Rotary Club of Western Forsyth's annual Easter Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 4 at Shallowford Square, rain or shine. Admission is free and attendees are encouraged to bring two canned food items for donation to a local food pantry. The highlight of the event is the Easter egg hunt held at noon. Other on-site activities include a bounce house, games, photo opportunities with the Easter Bunny, music, vendors, and more. Lunch items for purchase are provided by the Rotary Club. It's a fun event for the entire family, so please come out and join us for the festivities!

April 18

Forsyth Country Day will host the Fury 5K and Fun Run at 9 am on Saturday, April 18. All proceeds will benefit Forsyth Backpack Program.

April 25

The West Bend Masonic Lodge will host a shred event from 9 a.m. until 12 noon on April 25 at Lewisville Elementary School. Donations of \$5 per box/bag are recommended. All proceeds to benefit the Bikes for Books and Backpack programs at Lewisville Elementary School.

Did You Know...?

Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to run a TV for two hours?

Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a 14-watt CFL bulb for 20 hours?

Recycling just one aluminum can saves enough energy to power a computer for three hours?

LIBRARY NEWS

The Lewisville Public Library will be closed Friday, April 19 for Good Friday and Sunday, April 12 for Easter Sunday.

National Library Week Saturday, April 18-Friday, April 24

Make St. Patrick's Day Slime

Tuesday, March 17 at 4:30 p.m.: Make green and gold slime in honor of St. Patrick's Day. This sensory and STEAM activity is recommended for grades K-12. Parental supervision required for children 8 and younger.

Family Movie Night

Monday, March 23 at 5 p.m.: Please call the library at (336) 703-2940 for the movie title

Saving and Budgeting for Teens

Monday, April 13 at 5 p.m.: Learn basic money management skills and get your questions about money answered by the bank manager of the Lewisville Wells Fargo, Amanda Joyce. Recommended for grades 6-8. Program by Wells Fargo.

Wonderful Watercolor Workshop

Monday, March 1 at 10 a.m.: Want to enhance or develop a new talent? Then join our free Wonderful Watercolor Art Workshop instructed by local artist Darlene Guerry. Darlene will show participants simple techniques that both seasoned and new artists can use. Please call the library to register.

Witchy-Washi Tape Crafters

Thursdays, March 5 and April 2 at 10 a.m.: Meet other crafters and learn all the fun uses of washi tape. All supplies are provided and registration is not required.

Conversational English Improvement Group

Tuesdays, March 10 and 21, April 14 and 28 at 11 a.m.: The library offers twice-monthly gatherings specifically for coming together and engaging with a group to practice and improve your English conversational skills. Led by ESL instructors Carolyn Hall and Melanie Stephens, come share in the language learning experience in a supportive, multicultural and multi-generational environment.

All programs are free and open to the public. For a full program listing and more information, call 336-703-2940.

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New Items Accepted at the Special Recycling Event Set for Saturday, March 28; 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The Recyclina Committee is now partnering with TerraCycle®, a worldwide social enterprise that works with major corporations to take hard-to-recycle materials and turn them into new products. As a result, the committee will expand the items they will collect during their special recycling events, including the upcoming event from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 28 on David McKee Street next to Shallowford Square.

The committee has secured "sites" from TerraCycle® to collect and recycle six products that cannot go in the bi-weekly bins, including clean #6 cups! Check out the town website at www. lewisvillenc.net/solidwaste-recycling-special recycling-events to see all the items and start saving them. Bring your items, sorted by type, empty and dry, to the next Special



Recycling Event.

Accepted plastic and paper
grocery bags,
Styrofoam egg
cartons and
peanuts, bubble
wrap, inkjet

and laser cartridges, cell phones, six-pack rings, residential fluorescent bulbs, household batteries (ONLY NiCad, lithium), car and other lead-acid batteries, empty propane grill tanks, corks, and clean #5 hard plastic food containers

Not Accepted - #1 non-small neck food containers (Notice, this is a change from the past. The committee does not have a recycler for these at this time). Any items that can go in bi-weekly curbside recycling. Motor oil, paint cans and antifreeze must be taken to the 3RC **Envirostation in Winston-**Salem. NO BULKY ITEMS - clean and used toys and housewares should be taken to the Goodwill.

As always, when in doubt, throw it out.

Starlight Movie Night Series Begins with Toy Story 4

The Town of Lewisville kicks off its 2020 Starlight Movie Night series featuring "Toy Story 4" on Friday, April 24 at Shallowford Square. The movie begins at dark.

An hour before the movie, Girl Scout Troops

40232, 40875 and 41699 will host Family Bingo Night, sure to be lots of fun with great prizes.

"Toy Story 4" continues with the 4th installment in Pixar's hit animated series. Sheriff Woody and Buzz Lightyear are



back in action for this fun adventure. The toys are introduced to the newest toy, Forkey and they embark on a road trip adventure.

This heartwarming, funny and beautifully animated film will be

enjoyed by the entire family. The movie begins at dark with a run time of 100 minutes. Concessions are available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and settle in for the first movie night of the 2020 season.



CENSUS

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2020 U.S. Census with a mailing you may receive called the 2020 Congressional District Census, a fund-raising

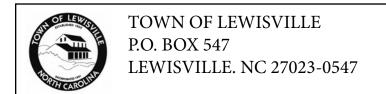
questionnaire that was sent to selected registered voters. It has nothing to do with the 2020 U.S. Census.

For more information about the 2020 U.S. Census, go to www.2020census.gov.

Did you know...?

Lewisville residents can be notified of important meetings, town-wide announcements and information about service delays by signing up for Lewisville Connect. Lewisville Connect allows Town Hall to notify residents through phone, text or email. Make sure you're signed up for this service by visiting the Town's website,

www.lewisvillenc.net/lewisville-connect



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TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE TOWN COUNCIL

Town Council Briefing and Action Agenda Meeting 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 briefing

BOARDS

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month in January, March, May, June, July, August, September and November at Town Hall, 2nd Floor

Planning Board meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers

Planning Board Work Sessions are the 4th Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Town Hall, 2nd Floor

Willow Run Municipal Service District Board meets quarterly at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall, 2nd Floor beginning in January

Zoning Board of Adjustment meets the 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Council Chambers if there are cases to be heard.

COMMITTEES

Beautification Committee meets the 3rd Monday Feb, March, June, & Sept, at 7 p.m., Town Hall, 2nd Floor

Public Safety Advisory Committee meets on the 1st Tuesday monthly at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall, 2nd Floor, starting in Jan.

Recycling Committee meets bi-monthly on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Town Hall, 2nd Floor, starting in Jan.

Student Leadership Committee meets the last Thursday of the month, August - May, 6:30 p.m., Town Hall, 1st Floor

Utilities Committee meets quarterly on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. starting in January, Town Hall. 2nd Floor

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