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UPCOMING EVENTS

Forsyth Creek Week

March 20-28

Featuring In-Person & Virtual Events

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Good Friday Holiday Town Hall Closed

Friday, April 2

*Waste Management will operate
routes on normal schedule.*

Civic Club Scholarship Applications Due March 25

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Have a Broken or Damaged Trash Cart?

Contact
Waste Management
directly for cart repairs
and replacements at
336-723-2784, Option 1.

Town Begins Comprehensive Plan & Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Master Plan Updates

The Town of Lewisville has begun updating its comprehensive plan and Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Master Plan.

Town Planner Stacy Tolbert said the project is strategically set as a joint initiative developing each plan simultaneously.

“Our approach of updating the plans simultaneously is so that we can have the most efficient use of our time, money and resources,” Tolbert said.

The Town has contracted with Kimley-Horn & Associates to lead the approximate 15-month project.

The project will follow a strict schedule made up of different tasks and phases, including project kick-off and project initiation, data collection and assessment of existing conditions, community

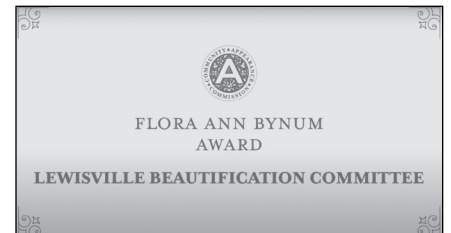


**TOP: Great Wagon Road/Roller Mill
BOTTOM: Jack Warren Park**

visioning and public outreach,
comprehensive plan update,
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Beautification Committee Wins Area Award

The Lewisville Beautification Committee (LBC) was recently awarded the 2020 Flora Bynum Award by the Community Appearance Commission of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County for the Committee's dedication and commitment to the Town of Lewisville. Specifically, the award recognized the Committee's work in “improving the appearance and enhancement of the character and small-town culture of Lewisville.” They were recognized for several projects in Jack Warren Park



including the perennial garden, wildflower garden, the azalea slope and the rose beds, the seven-box bluebird trail, biannual clean sweep events, Yard of the Week program, and publication of the Discovering

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From your Mayor **A Smile Behind the Mask**

Over the last year, the one thing that I miss the most is seeing you smile. It helped me understand so much about you. What you were thinking. How you felt.

The folks who study this kind of thing say it takes 43 muscles to smile and only six to frown. And that seems about right to me because a frown requires so little thought, so little effort and of course a little help from gravity.

But a smile takes work. It reflects your emotion, your understanding, your sense of humor, your kindness and compassion.

So, even though you might not have seen it, there is so much over this last year that made me smile.

I smile when I think about how we as a community have adapted. We've pulled our families close and found new ways to strengthen those bonds. We've reached out to stay connected with friends, to maintain and grow those new and life-long relationships. We've opened our hearts and wallets to those far less fortunate than ourselves.

I smile when I think how we've adapted to Zoom video meetings. Although it took us awhile to learn how to mute and unmute ourselves, deal with errant appearances of children and pets and remembering to position our laptop

or smart phone cameras high enough so our most prominent feature wasn't our nostrils.

I smile every time I drive by the construction site of our new Mary Alice Warren Community Center and know what an amazing asset it will be for our residents when it opens in early October.

I smile with admiration for our businesses, that while struggling, are making it through these difficult times. The individuals who show up for work every day to help make our lives easier and possible. And those to whom we can never thank enough for protecting our safety and caring for us in sickness and in health.

But most of all, I smile at the resilience of our little town. Despite of, or maybe in spite of, all the chaos around us, it's still a great place to call home.

Hug your kids, remember your friends and neighbors, and please stay safe.

As always, I welcome your comments.



Mike Horn

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Mayor Mike Horn

Like Mike on Facebook at Lewisville Mayor Mike Horn.

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Newsletter DEADLINE

The deadline for the
May-June
Lewisville Citizen is April 9.

**E-mail MATERIAL
TO:**
publicinformation
@lewisvillenc.net

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

Deputy Armstrong Joins Area Policing Program



ARMSTRONG

Residents may soon notice a new face patrolling the streets of Lewisville. The Town's Community Policing program welcomed Forsyth County Sheriff's Deputy William Armstrong to the program in February.



Deputy Armstrong said he looks forward to serving the community and is committed

to building community relations while serving the citizens of Lewisville.

Deputy Armstrong also known as "Wax" brings eight years of law enforcement experience from the Winston-Salem Police Department, along with North Carolina Probation and Parole. He is currently pursuing a Masters' degree in criminal justice and law enforcement leadership.

Forshey Selected Lewisville Firefighter of the Year

Theresa Forshey was recently presented the Firefighter of the Year award by Ben Sessions and Gene Blackwelder from the Rotary Club of Western Forsyth.

During the presentation ceremony, Lewisville Fire Darin Chief Needham of the Lewisville Fire Department explained how the fire department depended on good volunteers to provide good service to local citizens and that

Forshey was a very enthusiastic volunteer who was always willing to go above and beyond in her duties.

Forshey received a plaque and caricature courtesy of Rotarian Mike Wilson. The club also presented Chief Needham a check to purchase a drone for the department's water rescue program.



FORSHEY



Reminder: Help Keep Storm Drains Clear of Yard Debris!

Please do not blow or rake any leaves or lawn clippings over the curb to ensure storm drains remain clear!



Forsyth Creek Week Set for March 20-28

It is almost time for Forsyth Creek Week, which helps us “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 Town of Lewisville is a proud sponsor of the nine-day county-wide initiative beginning on Saturday, March 20.

Water is a vital – and finite – resource for all living creatures, including here in Forsyth County. Creek Week offers recreational activities, hands-on learning experiences, dynamic guest speakers, children’s activities and many other ways to appreciate, enjoy and protect our creeks and streams.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 2021 Forsyth Creek Week will present a mix of virtual events, events you can do by yourself or as a family; and outdoor, limited-attendance events where social distancing is possible. Some in-person events may be changed to virtual events depending on circumstances. Masks will be required and social distancing must be observed at all in-person events, recreational activities, children-and family-friendly activities, hands-on learning opportunities and more! All creek week activities are free unless otherwise noted.

Nature Notebooks

The Lewisville Public Library will host an independent activity throughout the Week for ages five



to 11. The Library will provide nature notebooks (while supplies last) starting on March 1. Participants will watch short videos on nine different categories of plants and animals. They will then find plants or animals in each category in the wild and draw them. When they have drawn a plant or animal in each category, they turn the notebook in for a prize at the Lewisville Branch Library. This event is presented by Stormwater Smart of The Piedmont Triad Regional Council. E-mail Mia Jordan (jordanmc@forsyth.cc) for more information. Lewisville Branch Library, 6490 Shallowford Road, Lewisville 336-703-2940.

Additional activities for Creek Week include:

CELEBRATE THE WATER CYCLE Independent activity, all week – Rural Hall Branch Library.

FROGS vs. BEES Tuesday March 23, 2 p.m. – Virtual

CREEK WEEK CRAFT FOR PRESCHOOLERS Wednesday,

March 24, 11:30 a.m. – Virtual

EVERY DROP COUNTS

Thursday, March 25, 4 p.m. – Virtual

MAKE TERRARIUMS IN A JAR

Thursday, March 25, 4:30 p.m. – Virtual

THE BIRDS OF OUR

NEIGHBORHOOD

Friday, March 26, 10:15 a.m. – Carver School Road Branch Library

MAKE A WATER FILTRATION

SYSTEM Friday, March 26, 4 p.m. – Virtual

DISCOVER LIFE IN OUR

WATERWAYS WITH ECOEXPLORE

Monday, March 22, 4 p.m. – Virtual.

For more information and to register for events, visit <http://www.forsythcreekweek.org>.

Forsyth Creek Week is a county-wide initiative organized by the Winston-Salem Stormwater/ Erosion Control Division, the Town of Kernersville, the Village of Clemmons, the Town of Lewisville, Forsyth County Public Libraries, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Forsyth County Center, Winston-Salem Recreation & Parks, the Gateway Nature Preserve, Old Salem Museums & Gardens, the N.C. Sierra Club Foothills Group, Piedmont Environmental Alliance, Piedmont Land Conservancy, Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County Utilities, Yadkin Riverkeeper, Winston-Salem DOT, Winston-Salem Human Relations, Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful and Kaleideum North.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS



Residents receive 1 trash and 1 recycle can (each) as part of your tax dollars. If you wish to have additional cans, you may contact Waste Management by calling 336-723-2784 to set up a contract to pay for the extras.

Town Hall
will be
Closed
**GOOD
FRIDAY,
April 2**

LFD Receive Higgins & Langley Memorial Award

The Lewisville Fire Department (LFD) was recently awarded the "Special Commendation Award" from Higgins and Langley Memorial Awards for the year 2020. This award recognizes the department's Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) program the department began last year and the benefits it provides to the community and state.

The Higgins and Langley Memorial Awards in Swiftwater Rescue honor outstanding achievement in the technical discipline of swiftwater and flood rescue.

These awards are not heroism awards, these awards recognize preparedness, teamwork and a job performed often under extreme conditions, where training is vital to the success of rescue missions, and the safety of rescue personnel. The applicants for this award come from around the world.

Representatives of the LFD UAS team will travel to South Bend, Indiana in June 2021 to accept the award during the International Association of Water Rescue Professionals - IAWRP symposium.



PLANS

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Parks, Recreation and Cultural Development Master Plan update, and final approvals and adoptions, consecutively.

Tolbert said the most important component of the project is the community visioning and public outreach initiative.

"There will be opportunities for residents to attend public workshops, to take digital surveys," Tolbert said. "Residents will be able to provide input regarding the future of the Town and how it continues to grow."

During these opportunities, the Town will be gaining important information regarding both plans being updated and how residents envision the future of the Town.

"We ask that residents keep their eyes and ears open on our website, channel 6 and Facebook to stay aware of the project and public opportunities," Tolbert said.

Tolbert said the anticipated adoption date of the new plans is April 2022.

Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan, which is used to guide the Town's development and growth regarding preferred land-use patterns and long-range goals, is commonly updated every five years. The Town's Comprehensive Plan was last updated in 2015. The plan contains guidelines that address community issues such as land use, transportation, natural environment, community character, housing, neighborhoods, community facilities, community services, governance, health, safety and wellness, commercial districts and citizen engagement.

Tolbert said with the use of the Comprehensive Plan, Town staff, boards and committees and Town Council can set into practice the goals and objectives of the plan.

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Master Plan

The Lewisville Parks and Recreation Master Plan is used to outline and recommend action plans to enhance the quality of life of Lewisville residents through

the acquisition, development and operation of Lewisville recreation facilities and programs based on the recreational priorities of the citizens of Lewisville.

Tolbert said, "The process for the master plan update will detail existing facilities and the needs of future facilities based on growth trends while taking into consideration feedback from the public on future facilities."

The Master Plan was last fully updated in 2013; however, a soft revision was made in late 2019/early 2020 when the Town applied for a Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant.

"This will be the first time in many years the Town will undergo a true process to update the Parks and Recreation & Cultural Master Plan," she said.

Town residents are asked to participate in the community engagement portions of the plans. Tolbert said should any residents desire to be engaged in the process to please e-mail her at planner@lewisvillenc.net or call 336-945-5558.

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.

Visit: [www.lewisvillenc.net/HowDoI/Lewisville Connect/Sign up now to receive timely notifications by phone, e-mail, text messages and more.](http://www.lewisvillenc.net/HowDoI/Lewisville%20Connect/Sign%20up%20now%20to%20receive%20timely%20notifications%20by%20phone,%20e-mail,%20text%20messages%20and%20more) **SIGN UP TODAY**

LEWISVILLE LIBRARY NEWS

MARCH 2021

Child Programs:

Storytime (Virtual): Thursdays from 10-10:30 a.m. Join us for stories, rhymes, songs and activities designed to improve early literacy. Recommended for children ages 2 - 5 years and their caregivers, but all ages are welcome.

Family Book Trivia Game

(Virtual): Tuesday, March 9 at 4 p.m. Families work together to guess the answers to trivia questions about children's literature. There are three rounds and after the final round we will announce the team name of the family who got the most correct answers overall. The prize is the joy of winning. The Family Book Trivia Game will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m.

Nature Notebooks Lewisville Branch Library: March 1- August 31. Pick up your Nature Notebook at the Lewisville Branch Library (while supplies last) starting on March 1. Participants ages 5-11 will watch short videos on nine different categories of plants and animals. They will then find plants or animals in each category in the wild and draw them. When they have drawn a plant or animal in each category, they turn the notebook in for a prize at the Lewisville Branch Library. Presented by Stormwater Smart of The Piedmont Triad Regional Council.

Discover Life in our Waterways with ecoEXPLORE (Virtual): Monday, March 22, 4 p.m. EcoEXPLORE is a citizen science program run by the N.C. Arboretum that encourages kids and families to explore nature and support scientific research with their observations. This program is geared to children ages 5-13. Children can photograph wildlife and submit their findings on the ecoEXPLORE website to earn prizes and badges. In attending this program, you will learn more about ecoEXPLORE and how you can check out ecoEXPLORE Discovery Packs from the Central Library. You will also learn about how to find

macroinvertebrates and other forms of water life at the Gateway Nature Preserve. Cosponsored by Forsyth County Public Library and the Gateway Nature Preserve.

Teen Programs:

Teen Advisory Board Meeting (Virtual): Monday, March 1 from 5 - 6 p.m. Lewisville Branch Library's Teen Advisory Board is made up of Lewisville Branch Library's teen volunteers (Ages 12-18). They meet to discuss ways to improve the Lewisville Branch Library's service to teens. The Teen Advisory Board helps to plan programs, create displays, and suggests resources that the library should purchase.

Mad Hatter's Book Club for Teens (Virtual): Monday, March 15 from 5 - 6 p.m. Participants (ages 12-18) all read or research whatever they want related to the month's chosen topic. They could read fiction or nonfiction books, watch movies, read news articles, etc. They then discuss what everyone found out at our meeting. The monthly topic is chosen by participants at the meeting the month before.

Adult Programs:

Tuesdays at Two Book Club (Virtual): Tuesday, March 2 at 2 p.m. The Tuesday at Two book club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. Call 336-703-2940 for more information.

Yoga for Beginners (Virtual): Friday, March 5 at 9 a.m. Monday, March 22 at 2 p.m. Join from home for a free session of yoga to help uplift your mind and body during this stressful time. Our class is facilitated by a local yoga instructor, Tracy O'Neill of YogaCentrix. Sponsored by the Friends of the Lewisville Library.

Witchy Washi Tape Crafters (Virtual): Tuesday, March 16 at 10 a.m. Join in learning how to make fun crafts with washi tape. Some supplies will be provided. Supplies limited. Please contact the library at 336-703-2940 to register and reserve your packet of supplies.

Craft: Washi Bunny Art

Friends of the Lewisville Library

Book Club (Virtual): Tuesday, March 23 at 3 p.m. The Friends of the Lewisville Library invite adults to participate in interesting discussions of timely titles. Call 336-703-2940 for more information.

To register for an event, e-mail Mia Jordan (jordanmc@forsyth.cc) for more information on this month's topic or to sign up. All programs are free and open to the public. For a full program listing and more information, call 336-703-2940 or visit <http://www.forsyth.cc/library/Lewisville/default.aspx>.

Community Calendar

MARCH 21-April 9

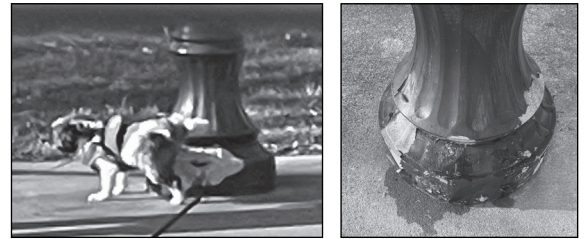
Stations of the Cross

You are invited to visit the "Stations of the Cross" at Concord United Methodist Church, 8955 Concord Church Rd., Lewisville, NC 27023. This is a deeply moving spiritual experience held outside and COVID-safe. "Stations of the Cross" is a walking path with different worship stations along the path with visual reminders of Jesus' passion, His death, burial, and resurrection. Each station offers a visual reminder, scripture, meditation and prayer. The "Stations of the Cross" will be available from March 21 through April 9. The historic Concord Church sanctuary will be open for prayer periodically during this period: Monday, March 22: 6-7 p.m., Thursday, March 25: 10-11 a.m., Saturday, March 27: 3-4 p.m., Monday, March 29: 6-7 p.m., Thursday, April 1: 10-11 a.m., Friday, April 2: 11-3 p.m., Saturday, April 3 3-4 p.m., Monday, April 5 6-7 p.m. and Thursday April 8 10-11 a.m.

More information can be found on Concord United Methodist Church Facebook @concordumclewisville.

Help Keep Lewisville Beautiful & Clean Up After Your Pet

Please Try Not to Allow Your Pets to Urinate on Lamp Posts Around Town & Pick Up Pet Waste



The Town Periodically Repaints the Lamp Post Bases Due to Pet Waste Damage.

AWARD

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Lewisville booklet for new residents and a Gardener's Guide specifically for landscaping and plants in the Lewisville area.

The Beautification Committee was recognized during the January 2021 Town Council meeting.

During the meeting, Mayor Mike Horn and council members recognized committee members: Susan Linker, chair; Cynthia Kygar, vice chair; Yvonne Hall, past chair; Genevieve Athens, Carolyn Fulton, Mariam Marley, Debra Pritchard and Zeke Mock, committee advisor.

"You all do some pretty amazing things for Lewisville," Mayor Horn said to the committee citing how exceptional the wildflower garden at Jack Warren Park is in the spring.

The committee Chair said the group is thankful to have been recognized by the Community Appearance Commission of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County for their efforts.

"This award is not just an award for the Beautification Committee but it is also an award to the Town of Lewisville," Linker said. "None of what this Committee has accomplished would have been possible without the encouragement, trust and support of the Lewisville Town Council or the help of all of the hardworking Town staff."

"It is also an award for all of the dedicated citizens like Evan Hall, who served for many years on the Committee and acted as a mentor and partner and is always working to make good things happen in our community. And it is also an award to people like Zeke Mock, who has given so generously of his time for so many years. LBC will continue its efforts to help make Lewisville an even more beautiful and inviting place to live."



**Waste Management has
Postponed Bulky Item Pickup
until further notice
due to COVID-19 restrictions!**

Please check the Town's Website
at www.LewisvilleNC.net

Lewisville Civic Club Annual Scholarship

The Lewisville Civic Club will be accepting scholarship applications from graduating high school seniors until March 25, 2021.

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.



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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 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 in 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 monthly on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 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

****Meeting times are subject to change while meeting electronically,
visit www.lewisvillenc.net to verify meeting dates and times.***