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UPCOMING EVENTS

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LEWISVILLE TOMORROW Foundation for the Future

Lewisville Tomorrow Launches *Residents Asked to Provide Input*

Lewisville recently began its planning process for the Town's new Comprehensive Plan and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Development Master Plan (PARC Plan), titled Lewisville Tomorrow.

Lewisville Tomorrow is one planning process resulting in both a Comprehensive Plan and a Parks, Recreation, and PARC Plan. These plans will define a community vision for the future of Lewisville, including any growth, change and public investments in the Town. Together, the Comprehensive Plan and PARC Plan will provide a foundation for the Future.

"We are asking our residents to provide input regarding the future of the Town and how it continues to grow during the upcoming months with our public engagement opportunities such as our upcoming public survey and meeting," said Town Planner Stacy Tolbert.

The first public involvement opportunity will be virtually from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 11. Also, a digital survey will be available in May for residents to give feedback about the project. The public meeting connection details and the survey link will be announced on the Town's website, www.LewisvilleNC.net; the Lewisville Tomorrow, web page, www.LewisvilleNC.net/ LewisvilleTomorrow, as well as TV6 and the Town's social media pages.

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.

The anticipated adoption date of the new plan is February - March 2022.

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<u>From your Mayor</u> Time Goes By

s I prepared to write this month's column, I paused to think about where we were as a town, state and nation just one year ago. Not to belabor all that we've experienced in the last year, but rather to reflect on how we reacted as a community. While not completely back to normal, as if we may ever be, I truly believe we should celebrate how we've come through this as a town.

Hats off to our businesses who have struggled yet survived. Atta boys and girls, to all those on the front lines who helped us to maintain some semblance of normalcy. Rah, Rah, Rah to our teachers and school staff, I can't image how difficult your jobs have been. And we will always remember those we lost.

Some lyrics from the greatest love song of all time come to mind:

A long, lonely time,

And time goes by so slowly,

And time can do so much

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Yes, you probably have to be a little older to remember these words (Google it, it's a very Righteous song) but time can do so much to help us heal and regain our lives.

As we go forward over the next couple of years, we will experience probably the most exciting time in our town's history.

In September, we will celebrate the opening of the amazing Mary Alice Warren Community Center. What a great gift to our residents.

With the opening of the new Lewisville Middle school also in September, most of our kids will have the opportunity to go from kindergarten through 8th grade together, forming relationships that will last throughout their lives.

This year, we will see the transformation of our 421/ Williams Road gateway area with a rework of the roadway, traffic circle, sidewalks and landscaping. When finished our "Welcome to Lewisville" will be more inviting than ever.

Mid-next year, we will have a new round-about at the intersection of Robinhood Road and Lewisville Vienna. With the rapid growth of our northwest area and the new middle school, this will greatly improve the flow of traffic and safety for residents.



Mike Horn

Following that we will complete our sidewalk extension from Shallowford Lakes to the Robinhood/Lewisville Vienna intersection. This will make it possible for our kids to have a safe pathway to the new middle school, provide a pretty good trek for anyone wanting a brisk walk and gets us a little closer to linking downtown with the Vienna/ Pfafftown communities.

In the next two years, we will complete right-of-way acquisition and start construction shortly thereafter for our long-planned Great Wagon Road. Not only will this parallel road relieve the growing traffic on Shallowford,, but it will open more of our core downtown area for shops and businesses adding significantly to our tax base.

In the near future, we'll also see a widening of Lewisville Clemmons Road with a turn lane, sidewalk and other enhancements from Shallowford to the 421 intersection.

Our town staff, council, boards and committees have been working on these enhancements for years. To see them all come together, now, is a very exciting time, I hope for you. I know it is for me as your mayor.

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Mayor Mike Horn Like Mike on Facebook at Lewisville Mayor Mike Horn.

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Environmental Conservation & Sustainability Committee New Name, New Goals, New Items

At the March11th Town Council Meeting, the Lewisville Recycling Committee was officially renamed the Environmental Conservation and Sustainability Committee, or ECSC. The new title reflects the expanded focus of this volunteer group as it grows beyond just recycling efforts to look at ways Lewisville can move toward a cleaner energy future.

This transformation was instigated in part by the Clean Energy Resolution, a call to municipalities to adopt a 100 percent clean energy goal by 2050. COVID-19 constraints put implementation on the back burner, but now the ECSC is eager to move forward. We invite any Lewisville resident concerned with resources and climate issues to join us. Currently, we meet through Zoom and you can join these public meetings every first Tuesday at 6 p.m. from the Town's website. (www. lewisvillenc.net)

In the meantime, you can start collecting New Items to recycle at our Special Events. These do NOT go into regular weekly recycling. Hang onto them for now, and more information and details on where to bring them will follow in upcoming newsletters, and on the Town's website and social media platforms. For now, go to http://www. lewisvillenc.net and click on Solid Waste & Recycling/Special Events, where the green link will take you to the products you can save for Special Events, NOT weekly recycling.

As always, whether for weekly pick up or special events, recyclables should be clean and dry. Grease and oil contaminate the stream, so no mayonnaise, cooking oil or peanut butter jars can be recycled. Pizza is fantastic, but the box it comes in is greasy, so put it in the trash. Please remember...When in doubt, throw it out! And come join ECSC in making Lewisville a sustainable community!

Thank you for thinking globally, and acting locally.

—The ECSC

E-Cycling Day Set for September 18

Waste Management will host an upcoming E-Cycling Day for residents of the Town of Lewisville. The special electronics recycling event will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, September 18 at Shallowford Square.

According to Waste Management's website "most electronics contain heavy metals that can be harmful to human health and the environment. With technology rapidly evolving in our increasingly digital age, outdated electronic devices are thrown away at an accelerating pace. Used electronics now account for 70 percent of the toxic waste found in landfills." Every day in the United States, approximately 130,000 computers are discarded. Peripherals can also be recycled. These include keyboards, cables, mice, computer

speakers, printers, scanners, floppy drives, optical media and external hard drives.

Every year, Americans buy more than 100 million cell phones, yet fewer than 20 percent of old cell phones are recycled.

Discarded phones represent about 65,000 tons of electronic garbage every year. Simply by recycling

the phones, customers could save enough energy to power more than 194,000 homes for an entire year. Cell phones are made from copper, other valuable metals, and plastics - all of which require energy to extract and manufacture. Recycling cell phones helps recover these valuable resources and saves energy.

Recycling just a million cell phones reduces greenhouse gas emissions equal to removing 1,368 cars off the road for a full year.

This e-cycling event is a great opportunity to dispose of these type of items. This event is free for the residents of Lewisville. Please bring your electronic devices ready for discarding during this day.

Town Hall, Waste Management to Observe Memorial Day Holiday; Trash & Recycle on One-Day Delay

Lewisville Town Hall will be closed Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

Waste Management will also be closed for Memorial Day. Trash and recycling pickup will be delayed one day beginning Monday, May 31.

Please have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day Holiday!

Garbage & Recycling COLLECTION DELAY



Shallowford Square Playground Updates

The Town staff recently added new mulch to the playground area in Shallowford Square. As warmer days arrive, the Town anticipates many children enjoying the new addition.

Reminder: Help Keep Storm Drains Clear of Yard Debris!

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

Memorial Day Shredding Event, May 29

Use Memorial Day weekend to wrap up your spring cleaning — get rid of your old documents safely. Girl Scout troops will sponsor a no-contact community shredding event in Lewisville from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. (or until the truck fills up) on Saturday, May 29.

Shredding will take place in the Lewisville Community Center parking lot at 131 Lucy Lane (enter from Shallowford Road). Shamrock Shredding will provide secure onsite document destruction for a suggested donation of \$5 per box or bag, but no one will be turned away. Cash and checks will be

COMMUNITY SHREDDAY

accepted. Proceeds will be used by the Girl Scouts to fund service projects in their community. The Scouts will also be distributing tips on how to avoid identity theft and how to stay informed about current scams. For more information, please contact the troop leader at 336-972-6226.

ATTENTION RESIDENTS



The bathrooms will soon be closed at Jack Warren Park for 4-5 weeks due to a planned power outage to the Park.

Please be prepared for the closure before visiting the Park.

Thank you for your patience as we grow!

NewsletterD E A D L I N E

The deadline for the May-June *Lewisville Citizen* is June 4.

E-mail MATERIAL TO: publicinformation@lewisvillenc.net or call 336-945-1026

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

Beautification Committee Briefs Yard of the Week Program Resumes

ATTENTION LEWISVILLE GARDENERS! You'll be excited to know that the Yard of the Week Awards are up and running again, after a year of COVID shut-down. Members of the Lewisville Beautification Committee (LBC) are riding the roads of our town in search of special yards with beautiful gardens to salute with our award sign and recognition on the Town's website and TV6.

This is a community award that the LBC began more than 20 years ago to encourage gardening and to beautify our town. The award rotates from one yard to another every two weeks from April through early July. And even if you don't garden, don't forget that you can alert the LBC about especially nice yards in your neighborhood, and an LBC member will choose from the nominees -- just call Joyce Walker at Town Hall, 336-945-5558 with the address of the yard you're nominating.

So if you're addicted to gardening, warm up your shovels and trowels and start beautifying!



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Lewisville Beautification Committee restarts Yard of the Week Program. Pictured are Carolyn Fulton (left) and Yvonne Hall (right).

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PARC 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

Speckhart, Ballus & Martin Receive LCC Scholarships

Each year, the Lewisville Civic Club selects three graduating high school seniors to receive a scholarship in the amount of \$1,500 each for the Civic Club's Community Service and Leadership Award.

In addition to academic standings, applicants provide information on their service activities in the town, projects and the hours spent in completing those projects. All applicants were interviewed by the Lewisville Civic Club Scholarship Committee.

This year's recipients are David Speckhart and Reed Ballus, who attend Reagan High School; and Payton Martin who attends Calvary Day School. Each student has been accepted in the university of their choice. 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.

The PARC Plan is scheduled to be completed in October 2021.

Town residents are asked to participate in the public involvement portions of the planning process. 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.

HOA or Neighborhood Contacts Needed

The Town is updating Lewisville HOA and neighborhood contact information. Please email townclerk@lewisvillenc.net or call Town Hall at 336-945-5558 with your HOA president and board contact person's phone numbers and email addresses. If your neighborhood doesn't have a HOA, please email or call with a neighborhood contact's information. This information will be used to contact residents of neighborhoods to communicate happenings such as street paving, service changes or updates that would be helpful to neighborhood residents.

LEWISVILLE LIBRARY NEWS

Forsyth County Public Library Closings Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day holiday

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MAY 2021 Child Programs: May 3-8

Flower Search & Find

Search the Children's Area for the hidden flower images. Find them all and get a prize! All ages.

May 10-14 To-Go Craft Kits: Candy Starburst Flowers

Pick up a to-go craft kit to make an edible candy flower at the Lewisville Branch Library while supplies last. For all ages.

Teen Programs: Monday, May 3 from 5 – 6 p.m. Teen Advisory Board Meeting (Virtual)

Lewisville Branch Library's Teen Advisory Board is made up of Lewisville Branch Library's teen volunteers (Ages 12-18). We 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.

> Adult Programs: Tuesday, May 4 Tuesdays at Two Book Club

Community Calendar

June 4 West Bend Lodge Hosts Blood Drive

The West Bend Lodge #434 A.F. & A.M. will host a blood drive with the American Red Cross from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, June 4, 2021 at 6305 Shallowford Road Lewisville, NC 27023. Help Save Lives! Give Blood!

To make your appointment, please visit redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: west bend lodge. All donors need a photo ID. Remember to eat iron-rich foods and hydrate well one week prior to donation. The Tuesday at Two book club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 2 p.m. virtually. May title: "The Giver of Stars" by JoJo Moyes.

Friday, May 7 and 21 at 9 a.m. Yoga for Beginners (Virtual)

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.

Tuesday, May 18 at 10 a.m. Witchy Washi Tape Crafters (Virtual)

Join in learning how to make May flowers 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: May Flowers

Tuesday, May 25 10a.m.-2:30p.m. Summer Kickoff Blood Drive

Before you start your summer vacation, lend a hand by lending your arm. Help someone in your community this summer by donating blood. Free COVID-19 antibody testing available. Strenuous safety measures are in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Lewisville Branch Library.

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.



May - June 2021 Nissen House Notes **Nissen & Laugenour Were Early Grape Growers**

According to an article entitled "The Grape Culture" written by S. H. J. on September 11, 1874 in the People's Press newspaper, a forerunner of the Winston-Salem Journal, both George Elias Nissen (1839-1913), the purported builder of the George Elias Nissen House in Lewisville and his brother-in-law, Lewis Case Laugenour (1826-1893) were raising grapes in Lewisville and making "wine of excellent quality" even though some of their grapes were "injured by the late spring frosts". In Lewisville — named for the town's benefactor, Lewis Laugenour, the town named in ca 1859 - the large impressive houses of the brothersin-law defined the perimeters of the new town. Both houses were located along the Great Wagon Road, the main frontier and trade migration route at that time, which went right through Lewisville. Laugenour had built his Greek Revival brick house in 1859-60, and George Elias Nissen had built his in ca 1876 (Some historians are now thinking that he built it earlier). Laugenour had married George's younger sister, Mary Elizabeth Nissen (1843-1933) in April 1860. Laugenour invited the community to help turn his grapes into wine on September 4 and 5 of 1874, promising the workers grapes as much as they could eat. S. H. J. describes the scene: "The best feeling prevailed and all labored with an assiduity worthy of the cause in which they were engaged; and the jovial, happy crowd of juveniles reminded us more of a Sunday School Picnic than a work gathering. The women and children, cutting, carrying up and assorting the grapes; the tools, buckets, baskets, barrels, tables, chairs and wine press in the



PHOTOS PROVIDED BY THE LEWISVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOP: Nissen House ca. 1900 photo with Kiger family in front. BOTTOM: Lewis Laugenour House ca. 1860, photo taken around 1900.

grove, surrounded by the busy group, reminded all present of the pictures and descriptions of scenes in the wine growing sections of Europe."

Revisit that charm at The Historic Nissen House, a country Victorian rental venue located in Lewisville, when you plan your next celebration or gathering.

The Historic Nissen House (ca 1876) is currently not accepting rental applications or tour requests from the public during the pandemic. However, they are accepting tour requests from those who are planning possible rental events. Please consider a tour — as you plan your future gatherings - of the charming and unique Historic Nissen House. Contact by phone at 336-946-6504, by email at nissenhouseinfo@gmail. com, or by mail at P.O. Box 242. Lewisville, NC 27023. Or visit the website at www.nissenhouse.org.

The House is located at 213 Arrow Leaf Drive, Lewisville, NC 27023.

Do you love history and want to learn more? The Lewisville Historical Society is dedicated to discovering, preserving, and sharing the history of the Lewisville area. Volunteers are needed in many areas of our activities including Archives, Preservation, LHS Board, Festivals, Tours, Oral History Project and Historical Markers. The circa 1876 Historic Nissen House is now restored and will be opening after the pandemic as a country Victorian rental venue! Volunteers are needed in the areas of Tours, Event Monitors, Gardening, House Maintenance, Adult and Children's Programs and more. If you can give of your time and talents, please call Merrikay at 336-766-5842.



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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.

Environmental Conservation & Sustainability 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.