

# Lewisville Citizen

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Auditions for Musical**

March 14 & 15 1 p.m. G. Galloway Reynolds Community Center

# Comprehensive Plan Public Meeting

March 19 7 p.m. Town Council Chambers

#### **Bulky Item Collection**

March 30-April 4 Have items at curb by 6 a.m. Monday

#### **Town Hall Closed**

April 3, Good Friday Holiday

#### **Event Season Kickoff**

April 25
Games/Activities at 7
Starlight Movie
at dark
Shallowford Square

# Cornhole Tournament Registration Opens

May 1 945-1026

# Residents still see Lewisville as small town in look, feel

In 1991 when Lewisville residents voted in favor of incorporation it was because they liked the community's small town look and feel. Twenty-four years later it seems many of its residents still feel the same.

The town-wide survey results have been tabulated and reviewed, and when asked about their vision for Lewisville in 2020, 86.1 percent said "remain more rural," while only 13.9 percent said "more commercially developed."

"I don't think we were surprised by that sentiment," said Lewisville Mayor Dan Pugh. "It's been a constant theme over the years."

The Mayor expressed his gratitude to all who took time to answer and return the surveys. "We had around a 34 percent

See Survey page 3



Local residents are having to find an alternate route now that the Williams Road Bridge has been closed for replacement.

# From your Mayor

Progress generally comes with a cost, and in Lewisville traffic cones, detour signs and traffic delays are the price we're paying for a new Williams Road bridge and the long-awaited Shallowford Road roundabout. The decision to replace the bridge and the timing for actual construction coincided for these two projects and in the long-run we feel that will be a good thing. We will have significant inconveniences through mid August, but once both projects are complete, we should be in good shape for many years to come.

I also want to mention that the Lewisville Fire Department and our Community Police Officers have made arrangements to make sure areas that would be accessed via the bridge are covered during this closure.

A real concerted effort was made to get the word out about the bridge work and the roundabout construction and what alternate routes would be available. There is never a good time for big road projects like this, but when the bridge is finished, it will provide an attractive entrance into Lewisville.

The Shallowford Road roundabout will eliminate what can be long delays in making left turns in front of the Oaks. One of the biggest complaints we've heard over the years is how difficult it can be at certain times of day for a vehicle to turn left from in front of the Oaks Shopping Center on to Lewisville heading toward downtown. This will be a nice change for motorist and will improve the traffic flow in the area.

Another improvement we're making is in communications. The town will be implementing a call system that will allow us to provide important information to residents in a matter of minutes. The system is designed so that calls can be made to all town residents or only those in a specific area that would be impacted by something like a change in garbage service. Please take time to read the article on page 4.

The last significant construction project still to be started is the extension of the sidewalk on Lewisville-Vienna from where it now ends at Tullyries to Riverwood. Most of the details have been finalized and we expect that work to also



Dan Pugh

begin in the not too distance future.

During the next few months Council and staff will be reviewing the budget and determining what revenues we can expect. Our Town Manager and Finance Officer will be getting information from the state on revenue projections and then the Council will be reviewing this year's budget and discussing possible needs for the coming fiscal year.

Workshop days are set for the budget process and all of these meetings are open to the public. The dates are April 15 & 22, May 5, 7, 19 and 21st.

And finally I want to encourage everyone to consider attending the upcoming public meetings on the Comprehensive Plan Update. This plan is our vision for tomorrow and it's so important for all of us to participate. Those who completed the recent survey have already given us important information and we thank you for that. Now it's time to take the next step and address more specific questions. The next meeting is March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Town Council Chambers at Town Hall.

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

Dan Pugh

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# Survey results are positive

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response rate, which is extremely good."

Overall, residents were very satisfied with the town, the services offered and consider Lewisville a safe place to live.

Of those who responded, only 16 percent have lived in Lewisville less than five years and 47 percent have been here more than 20. Almost 40 percent of those who completed the survey were between the ages of 50 and 64, with the second largest group of respondents being 65 and older. Only 6.5 percent were younger than 35.

The top reason for choosing to live in Lewisville was that they like the area (87 percent); and along with wanting to keep the area more rural, a majority said future commercial development should be in the downtown area, along U.S. 421 and in the Vienna Business District.

Restaurants were viewed as desirable, but only non-fast-food types, as was a preference for small shops. Service businesses also were viewed as a positive.

In terms of residential development, single family homes earned the highest percentages, followed by retirement communities and live/ work units in downtown.

Fifty-four percent of the respondents said the free events at the square were very important; 36.5 percent said somewhat important with only 9.2 percent saying they were not at all important.

A multi-purpose park, a new community center and a park with athletic spaces were not high priorities.

When it came to tax priorities, the top response was new services, and from the long list of suggestions, leaf and limb collection was a popular suggestion.

"We have posted a link to the survey results in their entirety on our web site," Pugh said. "Council and staff will be using the information, as will other committees and boards. The survey results will be especially helpful now as the Planning Board is in the process of updating the town's Comprehensive Plan. The results, along with the public meetings that have taken place and will take place, will be a great way to understand how residents see Lewisville growing in the years ahead.

At Shallowford Square

# Lewisville hosting family event for Creek Week

Do you like clean water? Beautiful lakes and rivers? Great places to go swimming and fishing?

Who doesn't.

But whose responsibility is it to protect our lakes, rivers and oceans and make sure they stay clean and usable?

The answer is simple: We all are.
That's the reason Forsyth County and the various municipalities are teaming up to spread the word - protecting our waters is a team effort.

The week of March 14-22 is Creek Week and there will be all sorts of activities and events scheduled around Forsyth County.

Right here in Lewisville, stormwater staff, along with staff from the Village of Clemmons will be hosting a fun family event at Shallowford Square on Saturday, March 14. Come "go fishing," compete in a life jacket race or go on a creek crawl with Tanya Poole, regional education specialist for the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

"We're excited about having one of the Creek Week events here in Lewisville," said Lynn Hall, Public Information Officer. "We think this will be an enjoyable activity for area youngsters and we hope parents will mark their calendars and plan to stop by and learn how we all can do our part to keep our waters clean."

The event runs from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

For more information, call 945-1026.

Please visit www.forsythcreekweek.org for information about the many activities planned around Creek Week, activities that will be educational, fun and offer hands-on opportunities to celebrate our local waterways.

#### Bridge replacement under way,

# Work set to begin on Shallowford roundabout

The long-awaited improvement to the intersection of Shallowford and Williams Road is now set to begin this month.

"The timing of the project coincides with the Williams Road bridge replacement," said Town Manager Hank Perkins, "and we hope that people will choose to view this as a positive. Doing all of this work at one time means we will get the bridge replaced, the roundabout built and then motorists in Lewisville can see traffic back to normal - or even better."

The bridge replacement began in early February and the road was closed across the bridge on February 9th.

"We made a concerted effort to publicize the closing of the bridge, beginning back in the spring of 2014, and closer to the closing we circulated flyers and had a Town Hall Open House," the manager said. "We knew this would create headaches for those who cross the bridge on a daily basis, but this is an NCDOT project and we are fortunate that at the end of it we will have a new bridge that will be serviceable for decades."

NCDOT posted detour signs on both sides of the bridge and it was expected that leaving the ramps on both sides of the bridge open throughout construction would mitigate some situations.

Perkins said that the start of construction on the new roundabout at Shallowford and Williams is great news. This has been a challenging project from almost every aspect," he said. "It's been a lengthy process, but now all of the details are in order and we are very pleased to know that work is set to begin."

Perkins said while the roundabout is being constructed, traffic will still be able to travel in that area, but it could be slow at times. "There will be traffic control measures to ensure safety while construction crews are at work."

He said the construction of the roundabout is espected to take 166 days and costs an estimated \$780,000. This is higher than originally estimated, but additional funding was made available.

The initial money for the project was the result of federal stimulus money being made in 2009. "These federal funds allowed NCDOT to free up local transportation dollars for projects, one of which was the roundabout," he said.

The local funds are Surface Transportation Program-Direct Attributable (STP-DA) monies. These are 80-20 matching grants, so Lewisville's portion is only 20 percent of the total cost.

# Town will implement new system for sharing information

Keeping residents informed has always been a priority in Lewisville. It began shortly after incorporation when the town began publishing a newsletter.

"We're always looking for better ways to reach more people," said Town Manager Hank Perkins. "Over the years we've added the web site, Channel 6, Facebook and Twitter and now we're going a step further and adding Blackboard."

Perkins said this is a call system that can be directed to all town residents or only those in a particular area or a specific neighborhood, depending on the type of message.

"This system will allow us to share important information about road closures, interruptions or changes in garbage service," he said. "The system will include all existing land lines, but those who don't have a land line may enter a cell phone number if they wish to participate."

He said the call system will only be used for what are considered important messages. "The thing we've heard is that these calls can become so frequent people no longer pay attention. We don't want that to happen, and when we do call, we feel it will be useful information

related to something that impacts those residents."

Council approved moving ahead with the system in February and it is expected to be up and running shortly.

"We will be making information available in the near future to residents who don't have land lines and want to receive the calls," Perkins noted. "Also if an individual does not wish to receive any calls, they may also opt out. We feel that despite all the ways in which we try to get information to the public, we are still missing some and this is another effort on the town's part to address that and provide a positive solution."

#### NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

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

# Whitson Frye Lewisville's new deputy

The newest member of Lewisville's Community Policing Program is Whitson Frye.

Deputy Frye grew up in the Lewisville Pffaftown area, attending Salem Baptist Christian School and graduating with a business administration degree from High Point University.

"I always wanted a career where I had a chance to do something for others, to be of service," Whitson said. That made law enforcement a great choice.

"I love my job and what I get to do. I like being in a small town where people know each other and while the town is growing, the crime rate is low and people feel safe. I think that makes them friendlier."

Before coming to Lewisville, Frye was a patrol officer and had an opportunity to work all over Forsyth County.

"I'm looking forward to getting to know more residents and having a chance to interact with them," he said. "Again that's what makes a



Whitson Frye

town this size so nice, you can drive through a neighborhood and have people approach you just to talk."

Frye still has family in this area and his younger brother just graduated from Liberty University with a degree in criminal justice.

When he's not on duty, Frye said he loves to be outdoors, hiking and skiing. "I like to spend time in the mountains, but my hobby is muscle cars. I'm particularly interested in Ford Mustangs and own a 2002."

# Street Party coming to Shallowford Sq. Saturday, June 20

A street party complete with a dance band, and food trucks will be a great way to spend a summer night.

This June, the Town of Lewisville Council, staff and Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board will be making a change to one of its activities.

"The Beach Blast has been on the events schedule since 2002 and a decision was made to try another type of event," explained Lynn Hall, Public Information Officer and Events Supervisor. "We have lots of people who would like the event to remain unchanged and an equal number who have said it was time for a change. This event will still have an adult theme, but without the alcohol. By still having a great band playing a wide variety of dance music, not to mention the food trucks, we feel we will have everything people loved about the Beach Blast, just not the alcohol."

The tailgating was set up to allow for the alcohol and without it, there will be no tail gate spaces sold.

"Some people have already told us they won't be coming, but we hope others will give us a chance. Change doesn't always mean not as good - just different."

## Spring Bulky Item Collection March 31-April 4

Please have items at the curb by 6 a.m. on Monday, March 31. Place items within five feet of the curb.

#### **ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:**

Household furniture, lawn furniture, bicycles, grills (no propane), mattresses, etc.

White Goods: Stoves (doors removed), water heaters, air conditioners (window units), freezers and refrigerators (all with doors removed)

#### NOT ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Yard waste, dead animals, tires, hazardous waste, chemicals, electronic waste, car motors, liquid waste, batteries, motor oil and any equipment containing oil or gas

#### 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:

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www.lewisvillenc.net
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Events Hotline 945-1030

# Community Calendar

\*March 1 - The Lewisville Civic Club is accepting applications for college scholarships. Visit www.lewisvillecivic club.com for information about the scholarships and how to apply.

\*March 8-13 - Trinity Friends Church will have a Revival and will be hosting Encounter Revival Ministries. There will be a Youth Rally & Pizza on Sunday at 2 p.m. and services Sunday through Friday. The Sunday service will be at 6 p.m. and the weeknight services will begin at 7 p.m. This is for all ages and a nursery will be provided. Call 831-5289 for information.

\*March 9 - The Lewisville Historical Society will meet in the auditorium of the Lewisville Library. There will be a presentation on the history of Shiloh Lutheran Church. Social hour and refreshments at 6:30 and the program at 7 p.m.

\*March 14 & 15 - Auditions for the spring musical, "Little Women" are set for 1 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. on Sunday at the G. Galloway Reynolds Community Center on Lucy Lane. See story page 7.

\*March 14 - Unity Moravian will have a Moravian Easter event from 1-3 p.m. with egg dying, music and refreshments. Free

\*March 28 - Gospel Sing featuring the Craft Brothers and bluegrass music by Deep Roots at Harmony Grove Methodist Church at 7 p.m. All proceeds will go toward the church building fund.

\*April 11 - The Imago Dei 12K and 5K runs will start and end at Shallowford Square. The 12K begins at 8 a.m. and the 5K at 8:15 a.m. To register visit imagodei@imagodeinc.org

\*April 18 - Concord United Methodist Church will have a Chicken Pie Supper from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu includes chicken pie, two vegetables, bread, dessert and a drink. Children five and under are free, six to 12 at \$5 and adults \$9. This will take place in the Family Life Center at 8955 Concord Church Road. Take-out is also available. For information, call 945-5691 or 945-3691.

\*April 25 - Event's Season Kickoff at Shallowford Square, 7 p.m. There will be activities and prizes and at dark the first Starlight Movie of the season.

\*April 25 - Lewisville Elementary will sponsor a Captain's Choice golf tournament at Bermuda Run West. Lunch is noon and a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The cost is \$75 and includes

box lunch, goodie bag and cart fees. There will be cash prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The Hole-in-One prize is a new vehicle sponsored by Bob King Kia. There also will be door prizes. Registration is due by April 10. If you would like to play or be a sponsor, contact Kelly Morris at 703-4224 or jkmorris@triad.rr.com.

# LBC has gardening book for sale

The Lewisville Beautification Committee has prepared a gardening book that is available at Town Hall for \$5. The booklet talks about good gardening practices, native plants and flowers and special projects like rain gardens.

The books are printed as needed and if you are interested there is a copy available at Town Hall to view before placing an order.



#### 3rd Annual Cornhole Tourney set

It's time to start practicing. The 3rd Annual Cornhole Tournament is set for July 18 at Shallowford Square. This is a 16-team, double elimination tournament with cash prizes for the top two teams. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. and registration opens May1. All you have to do is call 945-1026 or 945-5558 and provide the names of the team members and contact information. The event has become a popular one on our calendar and we usually have a waiting list. Call soon to claim your place. There is no registration fee and participates receive a t-shirt.

## Auditions set for 'Little Women'

Auditions for the musical "Little Women" are scheduled for March 14 and 15 at the G. Galloway Reynolds Community Center beginning a 1 p.m.

There are roles for the four sisters, along with Marmee and Aunt March. There are five male roles. The cast members will be older teens or adults and these are all strong singing roles.

Those auditioning should come prepared to sing 16 bars of a song that will show your vocal range. You also will read from the script.

Call 945-1026 if you have questions.

### LAAC offers art classes starting in March

The Lewisville Area Arts Council will be offering a class in the classic approach to watercolor landscape painting for six weeks beginning March 18. The class will be held at the G. Galloway Reynolds Community Center, 2nd floor from 6 to 8 p.m.

The course will study composition and design, materials, technique, demos and more. The cost is \$65 and you must register by March 14 via email to LAAC27023@gmail.com or by calling 336-391-9532.

Class is limited to 10 students and all skill levels will be welcome. A materials list will be provided at the first class.

Class dates are March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 15 and 22.

Other upcoming classes include Calligraphy/Introduction to the Italic Hand and Beginning Yoga.

## Post 522 planning Memorial Day event

American Legion Post 522 members are planning their annual Memorial Day ceremony on Monday, May 25 at the Veteran's Memorial at Shallowford Square.

The event will begin at 11 a.m. and is open to the public. The ceremony is a tribute to those who gave their lives in service to their country.

Mike Jones, a member of the Post, said there will be the Presentation of Colors by the Post Color Guard, a 21-gun salute by the Post Rifle Squad and the placing of a wreath at the Battle Cross and POW memorials.

North Street will be closed for a display of vintage military vehicles beginning at 10 a.m.

Jones also wanted to remind residents that the Post sells engraved bricks at the Battle Cross Memorial. Anyone interested in honoring a friend or relative who was or is a veteran may contact Jones at 766-9006 for additional information.

American Legion Post 522 meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at the G. Galloway Reynolds Community Center on Lucy Lane.

## 1st outdoor concert at square on May 9th

A local band from Winston-Salem, Knuckles Down, will be performing a concert at Shallowford Square on Saturday, May 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. The band plays everything from Motown to Classic Rock, 80's to Top 40.

Formed in 2009, the band has played at local clubs, city festivals, private parties and wedding receptions. KD takes pride in taking favorite radio tunes and mixing them together to produce a sound that only four diverse backgrounds of its members could create.

Bring you lawn chairs and picnics and enjoy an evening of great music.

There will be another outdoor concert in August. The band for that has not been finalized, so watch for details.

#### LEWISVILLE LIBRARY EVENTS

**Preschool Storytime -** March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & April 7, 14, 21, 28 at 10:30 a.m. This is for ages 3 to 5.

**Toddlertime** - March 4, 11 18, 25 & April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 10:30 a.m. for ages 18 months to 3 years.

**Tuesday @ 2 Book Club** - March 3 and April 7 at 2 p.m. For adults.

**Teen/Tween Wii Gaming** - March 5 and 26 & April 2 and 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Friends of the Library Spring Shopping Event - March 14 and 21 at 10 a.m.

Friends of the Library Book Club - March 24 and April 28 at 7 p.m.

**Library Closed for Good Friday Holiday** - April 3. The Library will reopen on Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m.

Friends of the Library Spring Used Book Sale - April 16 from 6-8 p.m. (Members preview sale); April 17 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; April 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

#### **LCC Scholarship Applications**

The Lewisville Civic Club is accepting applications for its three college scholarships. For more information about applying and an application, please visit www.lewisvillecivicclub.com.

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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 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 and third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m., Town Hall Conference Room