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Review checklist for acceptable items

Bulky Item Collection begins Dec. 28th

The third and final bulky item collection event for the year will begin December 28 for Lewisville residents.

"We realize this isn't an ideal time for this event, but we are subject to the availability of Waste Management's trucks," explained Town Manager Hank Perkins. "When

UPCOMING EVENTS

Election Day

November 3
Don't forget to vote

Veteran's Day

November 11
Town Hall closed

Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 4, 7 p.m. Shallowford Square

Christmas Parade

December 13, 3 p.m. Downtown Lewisville

Bulky Item Collection

Begins December 28
Items should be
at the curb by 6 a.m.
(Please read material
included in this newsletter)

the town decided to offer this service and we contracted with Waste Management, they provided us with a list of dates based on service already provided to other communities."

The 2016 dates for these events have not yet been determined, but the Town Manager said once those are set, staff will be making those dates available well in advance.

"The reason we spend a lot of effort on getting the word out is so we can make people aware not only of when it will happen, but what is considered a bulky item," Perkins said. "This event was intended to get rid of those large items that won't fit in a trash cart - things like furniture, mattresses and even white goods."

He said there are some people putting out regular trash and a host of items that are not accepted in this collection. "That's one of the things that has slowed down the pickup and created a great deal of frustration for residents who have followed the rules."

Perkins said there also are people putting items at the curb after the trucks have been by and it's important for everyone to remember when the event begins, when to have items at the curb and understand that the trucks will make only one pass through town.

"We are going to be providing information in this newsletter, on Channel 6, our web site and Facebook to give everyone an opportunity to understand what is acceptable for bulky item collection."

Perkins said staff will be using the phone notification system as well to reach residents. This system makes phone calls to everyone with a land line and to cell phone users if they have provided their contact information. It also will send texts and emails to those who like to receive information that way.

"We used to have bulky item collection at one location and residents had to bring items there," the manager noted. "But that meant it was a service only for those who had the means to transport large items. For those without a truck or trailer, they weren't able to benefit. We

From your Mayor

This will be my last message to you as mayor and I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your support and your trust. My foray into municipal government began back in 1994 when town leaders saw a need for future growth and development decisions to be made by Lewisville residents. A Planning Board was formed and I was privileged to be asked to serve. After three years on the Board, I ran for Town Council and was elected. I served in that capacity for eight years and after stepping down for two years as required by our charter, I ran for Mayor and have now served in that role for another eight years.

In that time I've seen a lot of changes in Lewisville in terms of new businesses, a new park, the introduction of roundabouts into our community and a new bridge.

But most of all I've been able to see what a truly amazing community this is. Lewisville has always been a place where people matter, and any planning has been done with community input. We have more committees and boards than most towns of our size, but that's one of the ways we went about making sure the voices of our residents were heard.

We recently went through the process of updating the town's Comprehensive Plan, a document that formalizes our vision of tomorrow. The Planning Board leads this effort and they went to great lengths to solicit the help of residents and business owners. As part of that endeavor, we also conducted a town-wide survey to make sure everyone had a chance to share their ideas of what will be important not only for today, but also for the future.

I chose to serve on the Planning Board and as a Town Council member because I have a passion for this community. I have lived here for 30 years, raised my family here, and I truly believe that we all have a responsibility for the welfare of our community. Not everyone has the time it takes to serve as an elected official, but I would encourage you to consider how you can share in the responsibility for keeping Lewisville the



Dan Pugh

kind of place where people want to live and where they know that quality of life is as important a goal as the services we provide.

I have been extremely fortunate to serve along-side other men and women who also shared my passion for Lewisville and its future. I believe the Council has, since inception, been focused on providing residents with services they want while being fiscally conservative. We have always tried to look beyond the present to what lies ahead -- the challenges to achieving our community vision -- and plan for that day.

I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished since incorporating in 1991 and thankful for the opportunity you have given me to be part of the leadership. I will miss the day-to-day activities associated with the role of Mayor. It has been an exciting and challenging time.

My role is changing, but yours remains the same. Be interested in your community, find time to participate in the events or meetings and consider serving on a board or committee or even Council. Together - elected officials and residents can see that Lewisville remains a great place to live.

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

Dan Pugh

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After almost 20 years of service

Mayor Dan Pugh set to leave public office

Lewisville has been fortunate during its brief history as a municipality to have found among it's residents people willing to step up and become community leaders; individuals willing to devote the time and energy it takes to serve on a committee, chair a board or run for elected office.

Mayor Dan Pugh is one of those individuals and after many years of service to Lewisville, will be stepping down from town government on December 10th.

Pugh began his involvement with the town in 1994 when he was appointed to the newly created Planning Board

As this was the first Planning Board, it was this group's challenge to establish procedures and set the course for future growth and development in the community.

To further pursue that effort, in 1997 he ran for and was elected to the Town Council. He was re-elected to that position in 1999, 2001 and in 2003.

Following the tradition of term limits, Pugh stepped down for two years following elections at the end of 2005. Then in 2007 he ran for Mayor. He subsequently was re-elected in 2009, 2011 and in 2013, running unopposed each of those years.

He has again reached the four term limit and will be leaving town government.

Pugh is a native of Kentucky where he graduated from Murray State University and earned his graduate degree from the University of Kentucky. His participation in the ROTC in college was followed by his being commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army following graduation.

He served in Vietnam for a year as a Company Commander, and during his service earned the National Defense Service Medal, The Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Army Commendations Medal and the Bronze Star.

He retired as a Lt. Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves. Following his military service, Pugh joined R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company where he held various managerial positions in RJRT Research and Development Department.

He retired from Reynolds after 31 years.

During his time as mayor, the town broke ground and constructed Jack Warren Park, built the new Town Hall, adopted a Stormwater Ordinance, increased the number of Community Policing Officers from four to six, made improvements to Grainland Drive, accepted the Lewisville Greenways Plan, adopted the town's first Disaster Management Plan, accepted federal funds for improvements to the Concord Church Road roundabout, ne-



Lewisville Mayor Dan Pugh will leave office in December after almost 20 years of service.

gotiated an agreement with the City County Utilities Commission in regard to the future extension of water and sewer in Lewisville, purchased capacity in the new Harper road lift station being built by CCUC that will provide for future sewer needs in sections of the town, and most recently, saw the building of a new Williams Road bridge and the roundabout at Shallowford and Williams Roads. During all of those and other significant projects, the town was able to maintain the 17.7 cent tax rate.

While mayor, Pugh served as past chairman of the Northwest Piedmont Council of Government Board of Delegates. For that he received the Grady Hunter award for service to the NWPCOG and region. He also has served on the Legislative Action Committee of the North Carolina League of Municipalities and on the regional Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC), established to address needs and programs for the Winston-Salem metropolitan area.

"In all of the ways I've been able to serve Lewisville, my primary goal has been ensuring that the vision set forth by our residents was adhered to and that we continue to see that town leaders believe that government isn't just about services, but also quality of life."

Pugh has been a Lewisville resident for some 30 years. Life after town government will include some traveling for Pugh and his wife, Brenda, and spending more time with their five grown children and five grandchildren.

Town square trees dying, now pose safety issue

It is the cycle of life. A thing is born, it grows and then it dies.

For many decades there were four large trees towering over the eastern corner of Shallowford Square. They survived the building of a shopping center, the widening of roads and even the building of new ones. They survived the storms and the droughts and continued to provide shade and beauty to Lewisville's "isle of tranquility" as Shallowford Square was envisioned by early town leaders.

But in building the square, it's possible that the root systems of several of the trees might have been damaged. The first tree was lost shortly after the completion of the square, but there was hope that the others would be spared.

It seemed that might be the case until another tree began to show signs of distress. It was taken down, leaving only two. Town staff, officials and residents alike mourned as if losing an old friend and for many long-time residents that was the case.

Tree experts had been called in early on and every effort was made to protect and nurture the remaining two. A special irrigation system was placed around the base of the trees and their health monitored.

A lightning storm in 2010 inflicted a major blow to the smaller of the two remaining trees. Both had been showing signs of distress for years and the lightning storm was another wake-up call to their frailty. Portions of the damaged tree were removed in an effort to avoid the inevitable. It was too heartbreaking to imagine the square without its crowning glory.

But in the end ... there is an end.

A large limb fell recently and the tree experts called back in had only bad news. The dying trees are dying



This photo was taken just before the tree on the left was taken down several years ago.

and have become a safety issue.

"No one wants to see us lose these trees, but the time has arrived for us to make this painful decision and do what is right and best," said Town Manager Hank Perkins.

"There's no way that planting new trees in that location will be the same, at least not today and not for years to come," he said. "That's why we want to take time to decide how best to make use of this space. Is the answer another smaller pavilion or picnic shelter, more trees and shrubs? There are any number of options to be considered and that's why we will take time to do this right."

LBC plans holiday drive-through Dec. 14

The Lewisville Beautification Committee will be making their annual drive through Lewisville on Monday, Dec. 14, to select the best holiday decorated home and businesses.

This is a long-time tradition in Lewisville for the LBC and the members are looking forward to the upcoming event.

"There are so many people who really do a wonderful job of decorating their homes and yards and businesses this time of year," said LBC chair Yvonne Hall. "It's been fun for the committee members to do the drive-through. We use this as a time for a holiday celebration and seeing all the great decorations is a wonderful way to get into the Christmas spirit."

The addresses of homes and businesses will be posted on Channel 6.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

The deadline for the January-February Lewisville Citizen is December 4. Material for the Community Calendar is accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis due to limited space.

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

Bulky Item Event

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moved to this system of curb side collection so that all residents could participate."

Perkins said the collection times are a busy one for staff because of all the calls about what is allowed, reports of individual's homes being missed or simply not collected and complaints about people leaving unacceptable items at the curb long after the event has ended.

"We published a lengthy article in another newsletter this year prior to an event in an effort to see if we could head off some of the problems," he said. "It seemed to work because the August event was much smoother. But there were still issues about what would be picked up and how it should be 'packaged.' By that, I mean people were putting items in cardboard boxes and plastic garbage bags and Waste Management won't pick those items up because they are small enough to fit in the regular trash cart and it can't be determined if the item is acceptable. Also, there is no way to know what is inside the box or bag."

Perkins said these unacceptable items include televisions. "We've posted this many times and we're still seeing televisions at the curb. They will not be picked up."

He encouraged everyone to review the list of what can be included in this event to avoid having items left at the curb.

Still not 'connected' to the Blackboard system?

By now everyone with a land line has received a telephone call from the Town of Lewisville regarding a town issue of importance. Many of you have received cell phone calls, text messages and emails.

This is the town's BlackBoard Connect system and is proving a great way to keep residents informed, according to Town Manager Hank Perkins.

"If you don't have a land line and wish to receive calls, texts or emails, it's a simple matter of going to the town's web site (www.lewisvillenc.net) and clicking on the link to the system on the Home page "Those with landlines may also opt for cell phones, emails or texts.

Perkins noted that initially residents were not sure why Town Hall was calling, "people are becoming more aware of the system and we've had good feedback."

He said the system will be used only to provide important information of a more immediate nature.

"We will continue to report town news in this newsletter, on Channel 6, Facebook and our web site, but this system means we can relay information to you right now."

What is a bulky item?

Carpet, appliances, furniture, mattresses (limited to 2), old grills (without propane tanks).

What isn't a bulky item

Lumber and other construction debris like cement or rocks

Glass, including mirrors

Electronics such as computers or televisions or anything with an electrical cord

Paint, chemicals, liquid waste, batteries, motor oil, chemicals of any kind

Lawn mowers or any other equipment using oil or gas

Car parts, tires
Any hazardous materials
Clothing, shoes, trash of any kind
Medical waste.

DO NOT PUT ITEMS IN CARDBOARD BOX-ES OR TRASH BAGS. ITEMS ACCEPTED FOR THIS EVENT SHOULD BE TOO LARGE FOR BOXES OR BAGS. IF IT FITS, IT PROB-ABLY IS NOT ACCEPTED.

Items must be at the curb by 6 a.m. the day the event starts. The truck will make **one pass only** through town. Waste Management drivers make note of where they have been and whether items were at the curb or not.

Please help us make this a smooth and successful event. Please follow the rules.

MEETING INFORMATION

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

Time Warner Cable Channel 6
www.lewisvillenc.net
https://www.facebook.com/TownofLewisvilleNC
https://twitter.com/LewisvilleNC
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Events Hotline 945-1030

Community Calendar

*November 11 - Town Hall closed in observance of Veteran's Day.

*November 26 & 27 - Town Hall closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

*December 4 - Tree Lighting Ceremony at Shallowford Square, hosted by the Town of Lewisville and Lewisville Civic Club. There will be music, refreshments and a visit by Santa.

*December 13 - Lewisville Civic Club's Annual Christmas Parade in downtown Lewisville. Check for details on registering to participate in the parade at www.lewisvillecivic-club.com. The parade begins at 3 p.m.

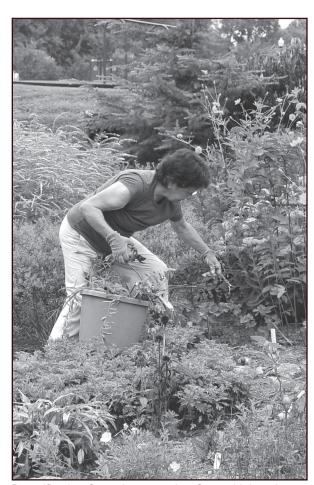
*December 21 - Holiday Cardboard Recycling at Lewisville Elementary School parking lot. The event runs through December

*December 24 & 25 - Town Hall closed for the Christmas Holiday.

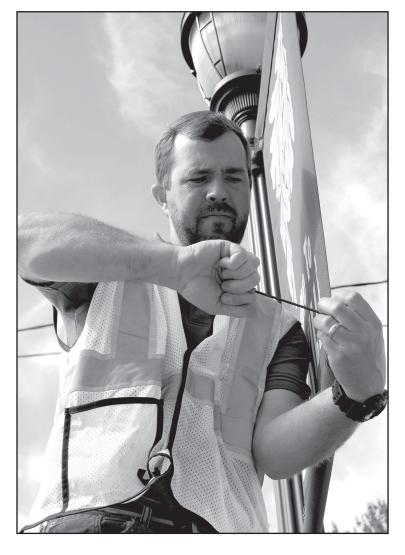
*December 28th - Bulky Item Collection begins at 6 a.m. that day.



SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM TOWN HALL



Beautification Committee member Susan Linker cleans up the perennial garden at Jack Warren Park and Public Works staff member Ryan Moser changes out the banners on Shallowford Road for fall.



Applications available on club's web site

LCC making preparations for annual parade

The Lewisville Civic Club Christmas Parade will be Sunday, Dec. 13 at 3 p.m.

This is the largest parade in Forsyth County and each year draws hundreds of people to downtown Lewisville.

Maureen Barton directs the parade for the LCC and she said there is an extensive list of rules available on the club's web site at www.lew-isvillecivicclub.com.

Not only will you find the rules there, but a parade application form and contact information for Barton and the club.

The LCC is looking for floats, bands, dance troupes, old cars and tractors and a variety of other type entries, but all with a Christmas theme or motif.

There is no entry fee to participate in this event. The club said donations are welcome.

Once you obtain an entry form from the web site, you must mail it to Lewisville Civic Club Christmas Parade, Attn. Maureen Barton, Director, P. O. 293, Lewisville, NC 27023. Those interested may also call 336-986-5640

There is to be no performing along the parade route until each group has reached the viewing area. This area is in front of Shallowford Square. A space will be designated and each group wishing to perform, will be limited to two minutes in order to keep the parade moving.

The staging area will continue to be at Lewisville United Methodist Church and the Great Wagon Road behind the Roller Mill. Other locations will be outlined in the list of rules and regulations.

Shallowford Road, and all roads

leading to Shallowford, will be closed to through traffic just prior to the start of the parade at 2:45 p.m.

The parade normally takes more than an hour, following Shallowford Road from Lewisville-Vienna to the Oaks and around to Belnette and ending back at the square.

Lewisville Library Events

Lego Lab - For children 5-12 at 4 p.m. on November 2 and December 7. Parents must stay with children under 5.

Preschool Storytime - November 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-5.

Toddler Storytime - November 4, 11, 18 and 25 for 18 months to 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday @ 2 Book Club for Adults- November 3 and December 1 at 2 p.m.

Teen Wii Gaming - November 5 at 3:30 p.m.

Anime Club for Teens - November 24 at 4 p.m.

Friends of the Library Book Club - November 24, 7 p.m.

Library closing November 25 at 6 p.m. Closed November 26-27 for Thanksgiving.

Holiday Party for Children - December 5 at 11 a.m. All ages welcome

Library closing at noon on December 23 and will be closed December 24 and 25 for Christmas Holiday.

For more information call 703-2940.

Friends plan holiday shopping event

The Friends of the Lewisville Library will sponsor a Holiday Shopping Event in the Library Auditorium from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on November 14. Shopping will be provided by venders from the community selling greeting cards, jewelry, scarves, purses, hats, bow-ties, doggie items, holiday wreaths, holiday crafts and essential oils to name a few.

Friends also will be selling their "Gift Book Baskets." The baskets are created by Friends and include a book, making them the perfect gift solution for coworkers, teachers, neighbors, friends and family. The basket prices range from \$2 to \$30 depending on the number of items and the uniqueness of the basket. Once the event is over, the baskets will be available for purchase at the Library until all are sold.

Lewisville youngsters are invited to a Holiday Party December 5 from 11 a.m. to noon. There will be crafts, games, music and cookies for decorating.

On Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 2 p.m. the Tuesday at Two Book Club will be discussing the book <u>Jackie</u> by local author Samuel Newsome, a physician in King, NC. Dr. Newsome will attend and looks forward to answering questions. The Book Club is free and open to the public.

Please remember that donations of books and magazines are welcomed year round at the Lewisville Library. The donated books are what keep the On-Going bookshelves popular.

The Friends of the Lewisville Library is a non-profit organization with 96% of the funds raised being returned directly to the Lewisville Library. Friends memberships vary from \$5 for seniors and youth to \$200 for Lifetime membership. Friends also have individual, family and business memberships available.

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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. in January, March, May, June, July, August and October at the 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 if there are cases to be heard.

COMMITTEES

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

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

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

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

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

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