

# LEWISVILLE CITIZEN

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One day trash delay all week



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# A New Era for the Unified Development Ordiance

The Lewisville Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) is getting a makeover! If you find yourself unexcited, it's probably because you may not know the importance of the UDO. This document contains all of the local laws pertaining to zoning administration, land development, subdivisions, flood hazard prevention and more.

Shortly after Lewisville incorporated in 1991, the town adopted an ordinance that was a slightly modified version of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County UDO. From time to time, it has been updated and amended, but it has never undergone a comprehensive review. Lewisville has grown and changed significantly over the last 30-plus years. As a result, many components of the UDO simply do not fit the needs and long-term goals of the town any longer.

In 2023, at the direction of Town Council, Staff began working with a consulting firm to streamline, modernize and make the UDO more suited to the unique characteristics Lewisville. A primary goal of the UDO update has been to align it better with the Lewisville Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan.

which was adopted in 2022. The final draft of the UDO is currently being prepared.

The Town of Lewisville will host a public engagement session from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm, May 14, 2025 on the first floor in the Council Chambers at Lewisville Town Hall. This will be a drop-in session. The Town welcomes and encourages questions and comments from local residents. If you would like to learn more about the UDO and how the Town of Lewisville works, we hope you will join us.

## **Resident Survey**

Have your voice heard! Take the 2025 Resident Survey. Scan the QR code or visit lewisvillenc.net/survey.

The survey takes about ten minutes. Please submit only one survey per household. The survey will be open until June 30.

We welcome your thoughts, priorities, and feedback on key issues in our community.

Please visit Town Hall for a hard copy version.



lewisvillenc.net/survey

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# From Your Mayor A Place for Community

There were eight of us boys who grew up together in the Florida Keys. We were almost inseparable. During the school year, we pretty much made up the football, basketball, and baseball teams at our high school. Not that any of us were particularly good athletes, but there just weren't that many boys in my school to play

On Friday nights everyone on the island would come to the high school to watch football. We didn't have bleachers, just cars pulled up near the sidelines surrounding the field. Most everyone sat in their vehicles to escape the mosquitoes.

Late in the season, when dusk descended before the game ended, everyone would turn on their headlights so we could see the football.

Basketball season held its own ritual, particularly when we played an away game off the island. An armada of cars would meet up with the team bus in the high school parking lot so we could all drive together up U.S. 1, the only road that connected us to the rest of the world. After the game, before we left the mainland, we would all stop at the Burger King in Homestead to celebrate our win or lick our wounds if we lost. A Whopper, fries, and a root beer, 99 cents.

In the summer, when school was out, the eight of us lived at our high school. Not in the classrooms, of course, but on the football field or in the gym. Back then, the coach just gave us a key to get in anytime. There was no better time in life for us.

As you probably gather from this story, our high school was the center of our community. It was where everything happened. It was the one place where everyone came for a ballgame, a spaghetti dinner to raise money for band uniforms, to watch an awkward 3rd grade play or any number of events and activities that brought us together to share the joy of living in the middle of the ocean.

Our high school was where we built community among ourselves.

That's how I feel about Lewisville and the coming of summer. Shallowford Square will be filled with music and events. Kids will swarm our playgrounds. Jack Warren Park and our community center will be the heart of so many activities for our families. And folks will walk our downtown



Mike Horn

sidewalks not just for the exercise, but to meet their

For the last 35 years, we've made intentional investments to bring these amazing facilities to our town. Our goal was to build community by having places where we can all come together, to get to know each other, and form relationships with folks beyond our own neighborhoods. What a different place our town would be without them.

As I'm about halfway through my last year as your mayor, I look back at what we've done over the years to create places where we can all come together.

Places that build community.
That's why this summer, I hope you will take advantage of our parks and other facilities. Just like my high school was when I was growing up, they are places where we can meet each other, discover what we have in common, and continue to build a community that cares about each other and our little town.

And what happened to my buddies? Well, all these years later, we're spread across our country, but we still stay in touch. We celebrate our summers in the Keys and are very thankful that we had a place like our high school that was so

much a part of us growing up.

Mayor Mike Horn

Like Mike on Facebook at <u>Lewisville Mayor Mike Horn</u>.

### **Barbara Campbell Honored with Town Award**

The Town of Lewisville has presented the "I'm One of the Reasons Lewisville is a Great Place to Live" award to Barbara Campbell for her diligent service to the Town and her active promotion of local art and art-

"There are so many people who make our community great. It's a privilege to be recognized as one of the many people who make Lewisville a wonderful place to live," Campbell said.

As the chair of the Lewisville Public Art Advisory Committee, a position she has held since its formation in 2023, Campbell has played an important role in shaping the Town's art landscape. Before taking on this role, she organized several art festivals at the Coffee Mill.

"Public art is one way to bring people together in friendship and conversation," she said, emphasizing its role in bringing people into the community.



Barbara Campbell and Mayor Mike Horn

In addition to her contributions to the arts. Campbell has volunteered with the Lewisville Community Assistance Program and held committee positions with the Shiloh Lutheran Church.

Her involvement extends beyond Lewisville, including serving on the Forsyth County Public Art Commission for three years and volunteering with the Crisis Control Ministry in Winston-Salem for 30 years.

She shared that involvement makes the community more vibrant. "There should be reasons for people to be proud of where they live," she said. Campbell accepted the award at the March Town Council meeting.

### **Great Wagon Road Expansion Project:** What You Need to Know

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has began construction on the Great Wagon Road expansion project as of April 2025.

Great Wagon Road currently stretches from the area near Lowe's Food Shopping Center and the Roller Mill along Shallowford Road to Lewisville-Vienna Road. The project will extend Great Wagon Road to Shallowford Road at the northern driveway to the Oaks at Lewisville Shopping Center.

This expansion will better accommodate our traffic and improve connectivity in our downtown area. It will also be pedestrian-friendly and improve safety for bicyclists and motorists.

Sidewalks, conduitstreet lighting, and additional roundabouts will be installed during the expansion.

This construction will be phased to minimize the impact to travel through the town. Some disruptions may occur when connections are made between the newly constructed segments and existing roads. The Town will continue working with the NCDOT and their contractors to keep Lewisville residents informed of changes in traffic patterns.

This project is expected to be completed by March of 2029.



Image of current Great Wagon Road near the Post Office, courtesy of the Lewisville Fire Department

### **Lawson Appointed as Council Member**

The Town of Lewisville is pleased to announce the appointment of Tom Lawson as a Council Member.

Lawson brings a wealth of experience in Lewisville's local government and a strong commitment to serving our residents. He has officially assumed his duties as of the March council meeting on March 13, 2025, and will serve the remainder of the term.

"Tom's appointment to the council was carefully considered as were three other individuals who were all highly qualified to fill the unexpired seat," Mayor Mike Horn said. "However, I believe it was Tom's breadth of experience and involvement with the town over the years,



Tom Lawson being sworn in to office

and in several different capacities, that made him the best choice, particularly as we begin our budget process for next year.'

Lawson has been involved with Lewisville's boards and committees every year beginning in 1994. He served as Mayor from 2005-2007 and as a council member from 2007-2013.

"It's an honor to be considered and selected for this position," Lawson said about the appointment. "I truly look forward to working with the Town Council this year."

This appointment follows the resignation of previous Council Member Julie Puckett. In February 2025, Puckett decided to resign.

"My personal commitments, along with my work schedule have made it impossible for me to give the council, and the town, the time it requires to be fully engaged and effective in my position," Puckett

The Town acknowledges Puckett's dedication and commitment to the town and wishes her all the best.



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# Jack Warren Park Features Now Open

Exciting updates in Lewisville! In March, the Town proudly hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the grand opening of several new features at Jack Warren Park.

Now officially open to the public are the 18-hole Ace Place disc golf course, a scenic wooded nature trail, and the brand-new Mayor Mike Horn Amphitheater.

Park visitors have wasted no time exploring the latest additions and the park has been buzzing with activity ever since. With the warmer weather upon us, it's the perfect time to come out and experience everything the park has to offer.

Find the disc golf map online at <a href="mailto:lewisvillenc.net/jackwarrenpark">lewisvillenc.net/jackwarrenpark</a>.

Pets, alcohol, and weapons are prohibited at Jack Warren Park.

# Lewisville Safety Welcome Deputy Caleb Gray

The Town of Lewisville is pleased to announce that Caleb Gray joined the Town's public safety team as a Deputy in December 2024.

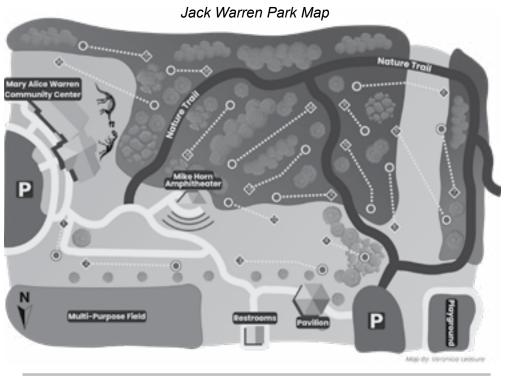
Before joining the Town, Gray earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice from Western Carolina University and worked for three years with the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office and three and a half years with the Winston-Salem Police Department.

Gray said he enjoys working in Lewisville. "It's a good place to work with lots of support and community involvement," he said.

Outside of work, he enjoys being outdoors and going fishing. But especially likes to relax at home and spend time with his wife and dog.

Thank you for serving the Town of Lewisville. We're glad you're here!





# Mary Alice Warren Community Center Mural Unveiling

A splash of color. A nod to history. A reflection of today.

Through a matching grant from the Shallowford Foundation, the Public Art Advisory Committee requested proposals for a mural at Mary Alice Warren Community Center (MAWCC). Five submissions were received, and the submittal by Missy Pardue from Yadkinville was selected.

Missy Pardue has lived in Yadkin County since 2000. She has a

Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from Wingate University. With twenty-two years of educational experience, she currently teaches art at Starmount High School. Ms. Pardue also does commission art including pet and people portraits, wall murals and set design for the Yadkin Arts Theater.

Join us **Friday, May 16, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.** at **MAWCC** for the unveiling of the mural and to meet Ms. Pardue.

# **Environmental Conservation & Sustainability Committee (ECSC)**

Many thanks to all of you who visited or participated in the sustainable exhibits at Lewisville Earth Day. The new Mayor Mike Horn Amphitheater and expanded nature trail beside the Mary Alice Warren Community Center was a beneficial change of venue. If you left with new plants, an electric mower, or new ideas about using solar power and ways to recycle goods - that was the plan. Thank you for supporting Planet Earth! Continue saving weird recyclables, and we hope to see you again at our Special Recycling Event by Shallowford Square on October 18.

In the meantime, celebrate spring while you plan for summer. It's not too late to plant flowers and veggies. Remember that grass clippings and trimmed foliage can be composted to fertilize next year's planting. Consider a rain barrel to catch and reuse nature's champagne. If you have chosen to shrink your lawn in favor of natural areas with native plants, enjoy! Working outdoors to grow living things enhances not just your property but our whole community. Thank you.

# **Upcoming May - June Events**

# Starlight Movie Night Twisters (2024) Friday, May 16 @ 8:30 p.m.

Join us at Shallowford Square for the first Starlight Movie Night of the year featuring *Twisters* (2024).

Free admission! Movie begins at dark. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and come enjoy cinema under the stars! Concessions will be available for purchase.

About the Movie: A retired tornado-chaser and meteorologist is persuaded to return to Oklahoma to work with a new team and new technologies. This film is rated PG-13 with a runtime of 2h 2m.

\*In the event of rain, the movie will be shown on Friday, May 23, 2025\*

# Military Appreciation Concert

Saturday, May 26 @ 6-8 p.m.

Come honor our heroes with an evening of music at the 10th Annual Military Appreciation Concert at Shallowford Square. This rocking night will have the talented **The Embers featuring Craig Woolard** headlining.

We'll kick off the evening with the **Presentation** of Colors and the **Pledge of Allegiance**, proudly led by the **American Legion Post 522**.

The **Vienna Civic Club** has all of your cravings covered with grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, and cold drinks.

Bring your lawn chair, your love for our country, and get ready for a night of red, white, and tunes!



# Street Party & Food Truck Festival

**Saturday, June 21 @ 6-9 p.m.** 

Get ready to party! The 2025 Street Party & Food Truck Festival will make for an incredible night at Shallowford Square.

Headlining the night is the beach music band **The Entertainers**, hitting the stage from **7-9 p.m.** Get ready to sing, dance, and groove the evening away!

A mouth-watering lineup of **food trucks** will be serving up everything from delicious desserts to savory street eats. Keep an eye on social media for the full list of trucks dropping soon!

Plus, **adult beverages** will be available, so you can sip while you snack and sway to the music.

Bring your lawn chair, your best dance moves, and your appetite. We'll see you there!



## Special Independence Day Tribute concert

Saturday, June 28 @ 7-9 p.m.

It's going to be an amazing night of music at the Special Independence Day Tribute Concert. Join us at Shallowford Square for a patriotic **Presentation of Colors** by the **American Legion Post 522**, followed by a high-energy performance from **On the Border - The Ultimate Eagles Tribute Band** that will have you singing along all night!

Tasty food trucks will be rolling in with tasty eats. All you need is a lawn chair or blanket and you'll be good to go!



Please remember that pets and outside alcohol are prohibited at Shallowford Square. Coolers are allowed.

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### **American Legion** Honors Veterans, **Hosts Memorial Day Program**

American Legion Post 522 will honor Veterans in a special way this upcoming Memorial Day. The members will host the annual Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 26, at the Veteran's Memorial at Shallowford Square.

The ceremony will include the Presentation of Colors by the Post Color Guard, a 21-gun salute by the Post Rifle Square, and the placing of the wreath at the Battle Cross and POW memorials.

#### **Battle Cross Memorial Bricks Available for Purchase**

The American Legion Post 522 is offering a meaningful way to remember and honor a Veteran by selling engraved Memorial

The bricks will be placed at the Battle Cross Memorial in Shallowford Square. Attendees will also be able to purchase these memorial bricks during the Memorial Day ceremony at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 26.

The cost per brick is \$150, payable by cash or check only, and may be purchased to honor any living or deceased Veteran. This offers a wonderful way to remember and honor a Veteran.

For more information, please contact American Legion Post 522 Vice Commander Mike Jones at 336-829-0145 or via email at



### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### **MAY 12 LHS Membership Meeting**

The Lewisville Historical Society invites the public to its Membership Meeting at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center at 6 p.m. for "Lewisville - A Sense of Place" by Our State PBS TV writer/narrator Brian Faulkner, who will discuss PBS Carolina, Light refreshments, Cosponsored by the Lewisville Branch Library. For more, call 336-766-5842.

#### **MAY 18 Brian Free & Assurance Concert**

Join the Lewisville Baptist Church for a free community concert featuring gospel group Brian Free & Assurance at 6 p.m. The concert will be held at 125 Lewisville Clemmons Rd.

#### **MAY 31** Community Wide "BINGO"

It's that time again! The Concord Methodist Church is hosting BINGO in their Family Life Center from 3-5 p.m. Adults and children of all ages are welcome. Food, prizes, and fellowship. For more information, call 336-782-2628.

#### List Non-Profit Public Events in the Next Community Calendar

Submit articles to vleasure@lewisvillenc.net

Deadline: June 4

## **Lewisville Branch Library News**

All Forsyth County Public Libraries will be closed on: May 26 for Memorial Day.

\*Summer Reading programs for all ages begin May 30.

Youth Programs: We are taking a hiatus from Storytime in May but in June. Storytimes will be back as follows! Book Babies on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Toddler Time on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. Preschool Storytime on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. D&D for Teens (ages 12-17) on May 5 & 19 and June 3 & 17 at 4 p.m. STEAM for Tweens (ages 8-12) on May 14 and June 11 at 4 p.m. to explore science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Builders' Club (ages 6-12) on May 21 and June 18 at 4 p.m. using LEGOs, K'Nex, and more. Make & Take Crafts for Kids on May 5-10 and June 2-7 Search & Find activity on May 19-24 and June 16-21.

Youth Special Interest: \*Glaze Craze: The Ultimate Donut Taste Test (ages 5-12) on Friday June 6 at 2 p.m. Registration Required. \*K-Pop Community Meet-Up (ages 12-18) Monday, June 9 at 4 p.m.

Adult Programs: Yoga for Beginners on May 1 & 15 and June 5 & 19 at noon. Belly Dancing for Beginners on May 2 and June 6 at 11 a.m. Hook & Loop Group (needle crafts) on May 7 and June 4 at 11 a.m. Color and Coffee on May 9 & 23 and June 13 & 27 at 10 a.m. Witchy Washi & Whatnot Crafting on May 21 and June 18 at 10 a.m. (registration required). Book Clubs: Tuesdays at Two Book Club on May 6 and June 3 at 2 p.m.: Books for Dudes Book Club on May 8 and June 12 at 6 p.m.; Friends Book Club on May 27 and June 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Special Interest: Personal Finance Series: Credit Reports and **Scores** is on May 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. (registration required). Spring into Action Blood Drive on May 28 from 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. Backyard

Wildlife: Friends or Foes on May 20 at 2 p.m. Computer Training Bridge Series has a class on May 28 at 1 p.m. (Google Docs) and (Introduction to Google Drive) on June 25 at 1 p.m. (Introduction to the Internet) (registration required for both). \*NEW\* The Write Stuff an adult writing group on May 28 and June 25 at 6 p.m. \*Fun Fatale Trio concert on May 30 at 11 a.m. \*Color Your World with a Great Getaway is on June 2 at 6:30 p.m. and June 5 at 10 a.m. **Books for Dudes Book** Club - special appearance by Cameron Kent that includes a discussion of his titles on June 12 at 6 p.m. \*Salsa in the Making is on June 24 at 1 p.m.

Other: Family Films are on the first Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. The annual **Lewisville Branch** Reading Contest runs until Dec.

Call the branch at 336-703-2940 for more information or to register for a program.

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## From the Firehouse

Water Safety Tips

Your safety is the Lewisville and Vienna Fire Departments' top priority!

As the weather warms up and we spend more time near water, it's crucial to remember the importance of water safety. Whether you're at the pool, lake, or river, these tips can help ensure a fun and safe experience.

#### **General Water Safety:**

- Learn to Swim
- Supervise Children
- Use Life Jackets
- Avoid Alcohol
- Know the Water Conditions
- Keep a Mobile Phone

- Wear Life Jackets
- Follow Boating Laws

### **Boating Safety:**

- Have Safety Equipment Nearby

By following these water safety tips, you can help prevent accidents and ensure a safe and enjoyable time for everyone!

Call our non-emergency line at: Lewisville Fire Dept.: (336) 945-5983 Vienna Fire Dept.: (336) 945-5631 Stav proactive to keep your family safe.

#### **Pool Safety:**

- Install Barriers
- Learn CPR
- No Running
- Have Rescue **Equipment Nearby**

#### **Open Water Safety:**

- Swim with a Buddy
- Check for Hazards
- Stay Within Your Depth
- Wear Sunscreen





# LEWISVILLE CONNECT

Sign up with Lewisville Connect to receive important information from the Town!



### **Blood Donors Needed**

Mark your calendars! The Town of Lewisville is partnering with the American Red Cross to host a blood drive on Wednesday, June 4 from 1-5:30 p.m. at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center, located at 7632 Warren Park Dr., Lewisville. Donate blood. Save lives.

Register to be a donor at lewisvillenc.net/blooddrive or call 1-800-733-2767.

Donate blood and help save lives.

### **Upcoming CPR Class**

The Lewisville Fire Department and Town will hold a CPR class at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center on Friday, June 6 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Please note that anyone under 18 must be registered by a parent or quardian and supply emergency contact information. Children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent or quardian.

This class has limited spots and requires registration. Anyone interested in the class should email their name and age to vleasure@lewisvillenc.net

Find more information at lewisvillenc.net/CPR.

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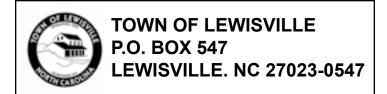
**Kay Smitherman** 

Environmental Conservation & Sustainability Committee

> John Armbruster Public Art Advisory Committee

> Interested in joining a Board or Committee?

Email: townclerk@ lewisvillenc.net



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#### TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE

#### **TOWN COUNCIL**

Town Council Briefing and Action Agenda Meeting is held the 1st Thursday of the month.

Town Council regular meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month.

#### **BOARDS**

Planning Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Willow Run Municipal Service District Board meets quarterly.

Zoning Board of Adjustment meets the 4th Tuesday, if there are cases to be heard.

#### **COMMITTEES**

Beautification Committee meets the 3rd Monday of the month.

Environmental Conservation & Sustainability Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Committee meets the 2nd Monday of the month, if needed.

Public Art Advisory Committee meets the 1st Monday of the month.

Unless otherwise noted, meeting times will be 6:00 p.m. Please visit <u>www.lewisvillenc.net</u> to verify meeting times, dates, and locations.

# Mary Alice Warren Community Center Programming Continues

For a full class listing, visit <a href="www.lewisville.recdesk.com">www.lewisville.recdesk.com</a> & click on classes
For more info, visit <a href="www.lewisvillenc.net/MAWCC">www.lewisvillenc.net/MAWCC</a>