

Lewisville Citizen

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Veterans Day Observed Town Hall Closed FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Thanksgiving Holiday

Town Hall Closed THURSDAY & FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23 & 24 Trash Service Delayed One Day For Those with Thursday or Friday Service

Tree Lighting Ceremony FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Shallowford Square (See page 3 for details)

Christmas Movie Night

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8 Mary Alice Warren Community Center (See page 3 for details)

38th Annual Christmas Parade SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Downtown Lewisville (See page 3 for details)

Christmas Holiday Town Hall Closed MONDAY & TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 & 26 Trash Service Delayed One Day

New Year's Holiday Town Hall Closed MONDAY, JANUARY 1 Trash Service Delayed One Day

Nate Barry 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 an inspirational young man who is making an impact in the fight against cancer. Nate Barry, a Jiu-Jitsu and Muay Thai fighter from Shallowford Lakes, has been practicing martial arts for four years. He also knows cancer's impact, as he unfortunately lost two grandparents and a cousin to cancer.

Nate spent his 2023 summer fundraising for Tap Cancer Out, which is a Jiu-Jitsu tournament that raises money for cancer research. This summer, he's raised more than \$16,000. He earned the achievement of Top Youth Fundraiser in the Jiu-Jitsu tournament.



Congratulations Nate!

Nate Barry and Mayor Horn

Welcome Savannah Younts



Savannah Younts

The Town of Lewisville is pleased to announce that Savannah Younts has joined the town in the role of Maintenance Worker. In her new position, Ms. Younts will work closely with Maintenance Technician Hal Bodenhamer to ensure Lewisville's beautiful parks and the Mary Alice Warren Community Center are kept clean and running smoothly. When asked what she's most excited about in this job, she described her enthusiasm for "working with the community."

Ms. Younts grew up in Lexington, North Carolina, and worked there in the textile industry for six years before joining the

Town of Lewisville. At her previous job, she was a maintenance technician. In her free time, she enjoys fishing and taking her Jeep 4-wheeling, which she mechanically maintains by herself. She also enjoys graphic design and creating print products. We're excited for Savannah to be part of Lewisville and look forward to working with her.

From Your Mayor A Place to Remember

As most of you know, I grew up in the Florida Keys in the '60s. Back then it was an island paradise. There were very few people on our island, and everyone knew everyone. The lobster and stone crab were plentiful, and the fishing was the best in the world. Hence the reputation of Islamorada as the fishing capital of the world.

As kids, we didn't have video games or other digital distractions. We had the amazing outdoors. After breakfast in the morning, our moms would kick us (not literally) out of the house to explore. Almost all of us had a small boat, one kind or another, in which we would trek from one uninhabited island to the next, hoping to find buried treasure or signs of UFOs. We had great imaginations.

We roamed through the dense mangroves with machetes in hand, building forts with wood that had drifted ashore. When lunchtime came, wherever we were at that time, we descended to the closest friend's house whose parents gladly fed us.

Each day was an adventure. And while most of our families didn't have a lot of money, our lives were rich with the things that mattered. Things like friendships built through extraordinary experiences, a caring for our community and our neighbors, and respect for our differences. It was a magical place.

But like with most magical places, many others wanted to come to our island paradise to share the experience, build their lives, and raise their families. Who could blame them?

When I left the island for college in 1971, I knew that my island home was going to change and never again be the place that, in my mind, was the best place on earth.

I know that so many of you who have grown up over the years in our little community of Lewisville have experienced the same kind of change. Farmland cleared for development, more traffic on our roads, and a lot of new faces that we've warmly welcomed.



Mike Horn

Life moves on, and as much as we all would like our community to stay the way it was and is, things change. All we can do is try to do our best to manage that change. That's why we have aggressive planning and zoning, our amazing comprehensive plan, and councils that have had the political will to make the best decision for our residents.

Remembering my own little island, I wish our community leaders had at least attempted to manage growth back then. They didn't, and today it barely resembles the place of my youth.

So, this holiday season let's remember the places of our past, the special times we shared growing up, the many friendships we've made over the years, and, of course, how fortunate we are to live in our little town.

My best wishes to you and your family as we celebrate the holiday season.

As always, I welcome your comments.

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Mayor Mike Horn

Like Mike on Facebook at Lewisville Mayor Mike Horn.

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> Interested in joining a Board or Committee?

Email: <u>townclerk@</u> <u>lewisvillenc.net</u>

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The Town of Lewisville will host its annual Tree Lighting ceremony at 7 p.m. on Friday, December 1, in Shallowford Square.

The Victorian Carolers will kick off festivities at 6:30 p.m. Celebrate the start of the season with refreshments and cookies. We've heard that Santa himself plans to make a special appearance as well!





will be provided.

Christmas Movie Night Friday, Dec. 8

Lewisville residents are invited to a showing of *The Santa Clause* (1994) on December 8 at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center. Space is limited, so you must register at <u>lewisvillenc.</u> <u>net/christmas-movie-night</u> or call 336-945-1026. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the movie begins at 7 p.m. We'll have free hot chocolate, apple cider,

water, cookies, brownies, and popcorn available. Bring the whole family! Kids are welcome to wear pajamas and bring blankets or sleeping bags! Chairs

Lewisville Civic Club Plans for the 38th Annual Christmas Parade — Sunday, Dec. 10



Photo Courtesy of Shirley Miller Sweet

The 2023 Lewisville Christmas Parade is one of the largest Christmas parades in the Triad. This year's parade is scheduled for Sunday, December 10, 2023, at 3 p.m. The entry deadline for parade participants is December 6, 2023. Floats, dance and drill teams, local marching bands, and more will be spreading cheer

throughout the town. Bring the little ones to enjoy the parade, as children of all ages are invited to watch.

Parade rules and regulations as well as Parade Entry Forms can be found at <u>lewisvillecivicclub.com</u>. Parade Director Maureen Barton can be contacted with questions at <u>lvholiday123@aol.com</u> or 336-671-7332. Printed forms can also



be picked up at Town Hall.

For updates about the parade, please visit the LCC Facebook page at <u>The Lewisville Civic Club Christmas</u> <u>Parade</u>. Please note that roads into Lewisville will be closed to traffic at 2:30 p.m. until the conclusion of the parade and at the discretion of law enforcement.



Public Art Show

Calling all Lewisville artists! The Lewisville Public Art Committee is excited to announce its inaugural art exhibit: *Lewisville: "The Town I Love"* on Friday, February 9, 2024, at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center. This show will have pieces representing the artists' appreciation for Lewisville.

The deadline to submit art is January 25, 2024, at 1 p.m. Artists wishing to participate in the exhibit can find the submission form and more information at <u>lewisvillenc.net/</u> <u>public-art</u>.

If you have questions, please email publicart@lewisvillenc.net.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER 17 Classical Christmas Concert

The Union United Methodist Church is hosting a free "Classical Christmas Concert" with a string quartet by Elegant Ensemble on Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 4 p.m. at 8935 Shallowford Rd. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Attendees are asked to bring canned good donations to this event.

Nissen House – Fall Fundraiser

PSSSST! Did you know that Lewisville has a great venue for your next smallgroup event? It's the nonprofit historic Nissen House, with a warm country Victorian atmosphere, modern catering kitchen, supportive staff, and rental rates you just can't beat!

To see the Nissen House and find out more about it, please contact Susan Linker at 336-945-5123 or Merrikay Brown at 336-766-5842. Be sure to ask them about the Fall Fundraiser and volunteer opportunities, too!

January CPR Class

The Lewisville Fire Department will be holding a CPR class at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center on Friday, January 19 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This is a four-hour class. Participants who complete the class will receive their CPR certification. Learn lifesaving skills from the experts who use these techniques. Minors under 18 years old must be registered by a parent or guardian and supply an emergency contact number. Children 12 & under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian during the class.

Anyone interested in registering for the class should email their name, age, and address to <u>vleasure@lewisvillenc.net</u>. This class has limited spots and the first 25 signups receive priority registration.

HOME Rehabilitation Program

The cost of home improvement and maintenance often presents a significant barrier to homeowners, especially those with fixed or moderate incomes. The Forsyth County Housing Rehabilitation Program seeks to use State and Federal funding to provide a variety of housing repairs for qualifying Forsyth County homeowners to ensure they have safe, stable, and suitable housing. These repairs can include roof repair and replacement, lead paint and asbestos remediation, septic system replacement, well replacement. HVAC repair and replacement, plumbing and electrical upgrades, accessibility modifications, and other general improvements.

To be eligible for HOME, you must be a homeowner and full-time resident of Forsyth County, current on your mortgage payments and property taxes, with a low-tomoderate income. If you meet these requirements and the house you own and live in needs serious repairs, you may qualify for Forsyth County's Housing Rehabilitation Program. Safe housing should be attainable for all, regardless of their income level.

Call 336-703-2684 or email <u>forsythced@forsyth.cc</u> to learn more and complete an application with Community and Economic Development.



Leadership Lewisville-Clemmons

The Lewisville-Clemmons Chamber of Commerce is excited to offer an immersive education experience – Leadership Lewisville-Clemmons. This 8-month program starts on Thursday, January 4, and meets regularly, offering a deepdive understanding of how our local communities operate, as well as leadership and communication strategies.

The mission of this program is to build and inspire sustained partnerships and connections of dedicated servant leaders through collaborative, transformative experiences that result in a network of informed community leaders with deeper understanding of our communities, including the relationships with neighboring areas.

The Leadership program will help participants understand our communities and the day-to-day operations of Lewisville and Clemmons, develop networking and team-building skills, learn and experience practical tools, resources, and information to navigate current and future decisions, promote servant leadership & collaboration, promote problem-solving and community engagement, and develop relationships with current and future leaders in the community.

The application deadline for the Leadership class is December 1. For more information about this excellent program, please contact Executive Director Denise Heidel at <u>denise@lewisville-clemmons.com</u>.

2023 Municipal Elections Alteration of Polling Places

The Forsyth County Board of Elections, pursuant to NCGS 163-128(a), has temporarily changed the Lewisville polling precincts listed below for the 2023 municipal

election only. All affected voters will be mailed notification. The full list of combined precincts is available at <u>www.lewisvillenc.net</u> under Town News.

Original Polling Place	2023 Municipal Election Polling Place
Meadowlark Middle School (074)	Mary Alice Warren Community Center (071)*
301 Meadowlark Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27106	7632 Warren Park Drive, Lewisville, NC 27023
New Hope AME Zion Church (075)	Unity Moravian Church (073)
7000 Shallowford Road, Lewisville, NC 27023	8300 Concord Church Road, Lewisville, NC 27023
Agape Faith Church (076)	Southwest Elementary School (077)
2101 Lewisville-Clemmons Road, Clemmons, NC 27012	1631 SW School Road, Clemmons, NC 27012

*Lewisville Elementary School was previously precinct #071 which changed to Mary Alice Warren Community Center.



Lewisville's newly elected Town Council members will be sworn in on December 14 at 7 p.m. at Town Hall during the council meeting. A small reception will be held following the regular meeting.

Town Hall, Waste Management Observe Holidays; Garbage, Recycling Pickup Delays Announced

Friday, November 10

TOWN HALL will be closed Friday, November 10, in observance of Veterans Day.

Thursday, November 23, and Friday, November 24

TOWN HALL will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. WASTE MANAGEMENT will be closed Thursday, November 23, for the Thanksgiving holiday. Trash and recycling routes will be delayed by one day for those with Thursday and Friday service.

Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26

TOWN HALL will be closed Monday, December 25, and Tuesday, December 26 in observance of the Christmas holiday. WASTE MANAGEMENT will be closed Monday, December 25 for the Christmas holiday. All trash routes will be delayed one day on the week of Christmas Day.

Monday, January 1, 2024

TOWN HALL will be closed Monday, January 1, 2024, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. WASTE MANAGEMENT trash and recycling routes will be delayed by one day on the week of New Year's Day.



Holiday Cardboard Recycling



Holiday Cardboard Recycling will be in the parking lot of Lewisville Elementary School from December 21.

2023, to January 2, 2024.

This recycling event is for cardboard and chipboard (including gift boxes, shipping boxes, or packaging). The recycling bin will be emptied on a regular basis. If the bin is full and your items do not fit, please do not leave items in the parking lot surrounding the bin. Lewisville Elementary School allows the Town of Lewisville to use the parking lot for this event as a service to Town residents, so please be mindful of this when recycling your items.

E-Cycling on January 13, 2024



The upcoming E-Cycling Day event will be hosted by Waste Management for Lewisville residents on Saturday, January

13, 2024, from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. at Shallowford Square, 6555 Shallowford Road in Lewisville.

Items accepted will include televisions, computers, computer cables, computer mice, computer speakers, printers, scanners, floppy drives, optical media, external hard drives as well as cell phones and cell phone chargers. This is not an allinclusive list. More information can be found at the events calendar at www.lewisvillenc.net.

This free e-cycling event is a great opportunity for Lewisville residents to dispose of these types of items while recovering valuable resources and saving energy.

Christmas Tree Pickup – January 8, 2024

Christmas tree removal begins on January 8, 2024. Please remove lights and decorations before placing trees curbside by 6 a.m. There will only be one pass through town to collect trees, so mark your calendar!

Environmental Conservation & Sustainability Committee (ECSC)

Thanks to all who helped with the recent Clean Sweep! The Beautification Committee has organized this for many years, and the ECSC was happy to join in. Keeping our roadways clear of trash makes Lewisville a better place to live.

Thanks also for your support of our bi-annual Special Recycling event. Or as we like to call it – **Weird Recycling** – which means items that are NOT accepted in your curbside bin. Keep up the good work on recycling, and you can check the recycling poster you received in the April newsletter for pictures of juice pouches, toothbrushes, Yankee candles, and other items that are accepted for Special Recycling. Don't have a poster? Go to: www.lewisvillenc.net/ special-recycling-events.

Fall leads into the busiest time of year as we prepare for holidays from Halloween to New Year's Eve. Please keep our planet in mind as you buy and wrap gifts and entertain friends. Reduce buying single-use items. Reuse before you recycle. Some of those Amazon bags and boxes can be used to mail other packages. Break down what you can't reuse to bring to the Town's Holiday Cardboard Recycling in the Lewisville Elementary School parking lot from December 21, 2023, to January 2, 2024. Only cardboard and chipboard (gift boxes) are accepted. Thanks, and enjoy the season!

Leaf Debris REMINDER:

Please do not pile leaves in the street or in the ditches. We must keep stormwater drainage clean and flowing at all times, which maintains the runoff system and saves taxpayer funds.







Annual Fitness Walk



Join Lewisville's Annual Fitness Walk! This is a Town effort to promote active and healthy lifestyles for our residents. Participants are required to walk 50 miles between September 29 and November 30. How you do it is up to you; it can be through Lewisville's beautiful parks or even on a home treadmill. Residents of all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to participate.

Go to <u>lewisvillenc.net/fitness-walk</u> to register. Once you've completed your 50 miles, call Town Hall at 336-945-5558 or email <u>reception@lewisvillenc.net</u>. Participants are entered in a random drawing for a chance to win donated cash prizes of \$10, \$25, or \$50! Let's get moving, Lewisville!

From the Desk of JON HANNA – PUBLIC WORKS

Can't Spell WATER without "WE"

It may seem peculiar to publish a stormwater column here as we head into winter, but it's actually a very timely subject. This time of year, there are several common practices that lead to stream pollution or drainage malfunctions, but together we can keep our water clean and flowing.

Stormwater is important because we're working with a shared resource. The "we" in water suggests a public interest and a common responsibility. Water running down any town storm drain makes its way through our local creeks and into the Yadkin River. That river supplies drinking water to nearly a million Carolinians. We all expect our state's waters to be drinkable, fishable, and swimmable and it is far more economical to keep water clean than it is to purify contaminated water.

It seems counterintuitive, but what's good for our grass is not good for our water. Nutrients from fertilizers wreak havoc in our Yadkin River basin from Bashavia Creek to Winyah Bay and represent some of the most problematic, yet preventable, water quality issues we face. The same can be said for pet waste, which contaminates drinking water and swimming holes alike. Cleaning up after our dogs doesn't seem like a big deal, but it's a simple way to have a big impact.

As the leaves come down, we also have to remember we need to keep them clear of ditches and drains. Our stormwater conveyances act just like gutters on a house. We have to keep them clean and functioning properly or all kinds of bad things can happen. We must all take part in keeping Lewisville's waters clean and flowing.

UDO Update Project

By Stacy Tolbert, Assistant Town Manager/Planning Director

Dating all the way back to September 7, 1995, the Town of Lewisville adopted its first United Development Ordinance (UDO). The UDO is a book of ordinances that is made up of laws that govern land use including residential and non-residential zoning regulations, environmental regulations, and subdivision regulations. Since that September date in 1995, the UDO has undergone many changes, shaping language to become a customized book of development rules specific to the Town of Lewisville.

Fast forward to April 14, 2022, the Lewisville Town Council adopted the Lewisville Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan. This plan establishes a foundation for the future as it was built upon previous efforts, including the Town's previously adopted comprehensive plans. Lewisville Tomorrow helps inform decisions, allowing Lewisville to continue embracing its small-town character.

Now it is time to package the hard work of all those who have had an impact on the Town. The Town has teamed up with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. to modernize the UDO. Our goal is to better integrate the UDO into a more streamlined document that is concise, user-friendly, compliant with general statutes, consistent with best practices and provides the town an opportunity to improve existing procedures.

The process is just beginning and public input opportunities are on the horizon. The project is scheduled to conclude in mid-2024. We encourage you to stay tuned to the process. Keep an eye on our Town's website and future *Lewisville Citizen* articles for important updates and opportunities for you to play a part in the process.

Community Calendar DEADLINE The deadline for the January-February Lewisville Citizen is December 4. E-mail MATERIAL TO: Vleasure@ Material for the Community Calendar is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis due to limited space.



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TOWN MEETING SCHEDULE

TOWN COUNCIL

Town Council Briefing and Action Agenda Meeting is held the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Town Council meets the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Special Projects Review Committee meets the 1st Thursday of the month following the Council briefing, if needed.

BOARDS

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
Willow Run Municipal Service District Board meets quarterly at 6:30 p.m.
Zoning Board of Adjustment meets the 4th Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., if there are cases to be heard.

COMMITTEES

Beautification Committee meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Public Art Advisory Committee meets the 2nd Monday of the month at 5:00 p.m. Public Safety Advisory Committee meets the 1st Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Environmental Conservation & Sustainability Committee meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

> Meeting times are subject to change, so please visit <u>www.lewisvillenc.net</u> to verify meeting dates, times and locations.

Classes continue at the Mary Alice Warren Community Center

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