

The Weddington Journal

Official Newsletter of the Town of Weddington - October 2017



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The Town of Weddington's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

Friday, Dec. 1st
 5-8pm
 (Rain Date Dec. 2nd)

Come out to the Weddington Town Hall and join your neighbors and friends. Listen to the sounds of our very own local talent sing your favorite songs of the season.

Tree lighting * 6-6:15pm

FREE

COOKIES
 HOT CHOCOLATE
 S'MORES BY THE FIRE

FOOD TRUCKS



FEATURING
 DJ
 FANNIE MAE



TOWN EVENTS

Fall Litter Sweep - September 23, 2017

Mayor Bill Deter would like to thank the volunteers from Weddington High School and the many residents who spent their Saturday morning picking up trash in our town. It is estimated that we had 50 hours of volunteer time invested. What a great way to show your town support and help keep Weddington “litter” free.

The most unusual “trash” items found this year was a bag of dog food.

The Fall Litter Sweep was a great and productive day! The next Litter Sweep will be in the spring of 2018.



Food Truck Fridays

Our Food Truck Fridays during the month of May were a great success! Town residents had a chance to spend time with neighbors while enjoying good food and drinks and music by DJ Fannie May. Watch our website and Facebook page for announcements for Food Truck Fridays next spring!



TOWN EVENTS..continued



Flag Raising Ceremony

On Saturday, March 25, 2017, the Town of Weddington held a special flag raising ceremony. The new flagpole installation was the result of an Eagle Scout project by Luke Hardy and a team of volunteers. Special thanks to Luke, the volunteers, the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department and all who attended.

Deputy's Corner

The Deputies here in Weddington wanted to take a minute to cover a couple of things that we have been seeing recently. With today's technology so easily accessible and in our hands, the roads are more dangerous than ever. We need to keep a conscious mind on how important it is to pay attention to the roads. Email, texting, checking social media all play a part in adding to the already dangerous situation of driving. North Carolina has specifically put into effect a law that makes it illegal to do such things.

G.S. 20-137.4A. Unlawful use of mobile telephone for text messaging or electronic mail.

- (a) Offense. - It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle on a public street or highway or public vehicular area while using a mobile telephone to:
- (1) **Manually enter multiple letters or text in the device as a means of communicating with another person;** or
 - (2) **Read any electronic mail or text message transmitted to the device or stored within the device,** provided that this prohibition shall not apply to any name or number stored in the device nor to any caller identification information

We also wanted to cover another problem that is a constant, Speeding. Here in Weddington, there are a lot of neighborhoods, which means children. Speeding is something we can all control and must do so to prevent harm to ourselves and others. Weddington has several school zones and also is home to private schools as well. As stated before, driving is dangerous, speeding does nothing but increases that danger. The distance needed for a car to stop at 60mph ranges from 120ft to 140ft. Weddington has a lot of traffic that goes to and from Charlotte. Remember that here in Weddington the speed limit is 35 mph unless otherwise posted. Here is a portion of the NC General Statute for speeding. You can always find the laws for NC at www.ncga.state.nc.us.

G.S. § 20-141. Speed restrictions.

- (a) No person shall drive a vehicle on a highway or in a public vehicular area at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions then existing.

In inclement weather this is especially crucial.

Weddington Deputies: J. Hunt, C. Black, R. Hedlund

Update from the Planning/Zoning Office...

New and Proposed Subdivisions

1. Weddington Matthews Rd – Preliminary Plat

The Weddington Matthews Rd Subdivision is a proposed 35 lot conservation subdivision on 49.69 acres located at the intersection of Weddington-Matthews Road and Hemby Road. The Planning Board approved the sketch plan with conditions at the February 27 meeting. The Preliminary Plat is currently under review.

2. Harlow's Crossing (formerly Carrington) – Final Plat

Harlow's Crossing Subdivision is located on both the northeast and northwest corner of Weddington-Matthews Road and Beulah Church/Hemby Rd intersection. The Preliminary Plat was approved in September 2016. The final plat for Phase 1 including Map 1 and Map 2 was approved in June 2017. This includes 71 lots on 117.64 acres.

3. Canisteo – Preliminary Plat

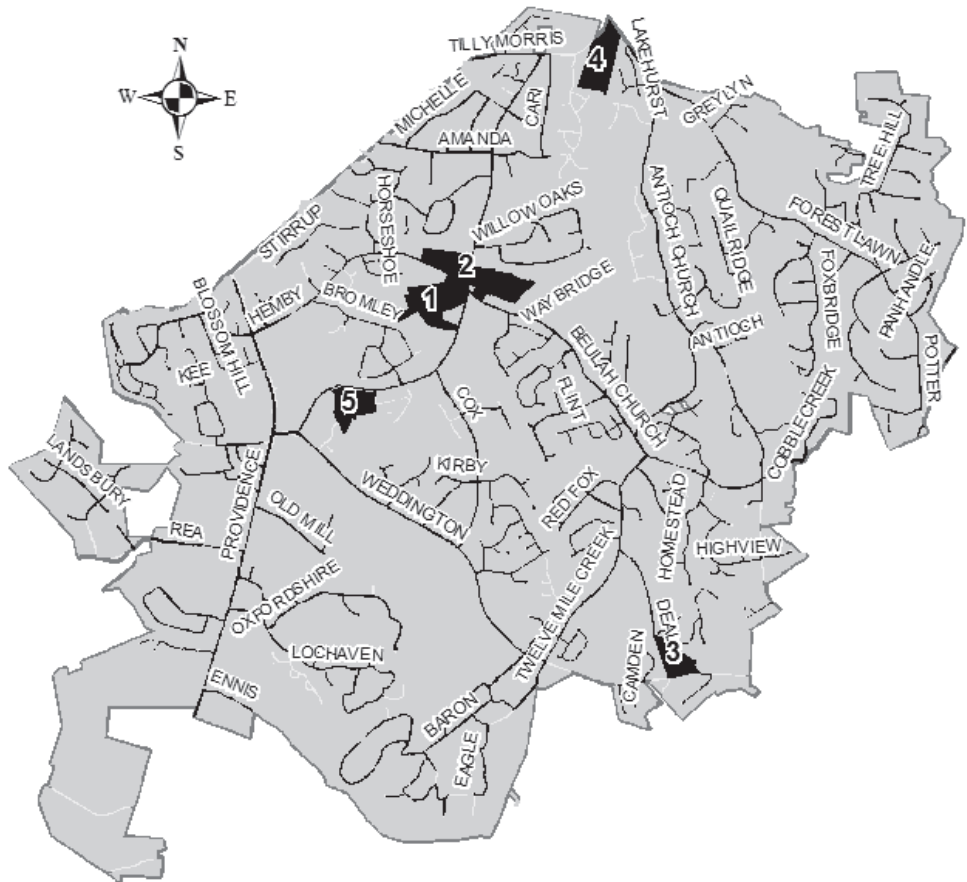
Canisteo is a 15 lot conservation subdivision on 19.96 acres. The subdivision is on the corner of Highway 84 and Deal Road. The Planning Board reviewed the Preliminary Plat in October and the Town Council approved the plat on October 9, 2017.

4. Graham Allen – Preliminary Plat

The Graham Allen Subdivision is located at the corner of Weddington Matthews Road and Antioch Church Road. Access will be provided onto both roads. The subdivision is a 25 lot conventional subdivision on 41.53 acres. The Town Council approved the construction plans on July 10, 2017.

5. Atherton – Phase 2 Map 3 Final Plat

The preliminary plat for Atherton was approved in January, 2014. Atherton is a conventional subdivision with 130 lots on 170.81 acres. Atherton has access off of Cox Rd, Weddington Rd and Weddington Matthews Rd. The final plat for Phase 2 Map 3 was approved in April, 2017 which included 21 of the 130 total lots.



Hospice of Union County

Holiday Auction— Saturday, November 18th 8:00 am—Noon
To be held at First Baptist Church of Monroe, 109 W. Morrow Avenue

Proceeds benefit uncompensated patient and family service at Hospice of Union County and Hospice of Anson County.

Admission is free (donations accepted). Raffle tickets are for purchase at \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Winner need not be present to win.

Tree of Love Lighting and Memorial Service
HOSPICE OF UNION COUNTY

700 W. Roosevelt Blvd
 Monroe NC 28110

Please join Hospice of Union County for an Outdoor Memorial Service on Thursday, December 7, 2017 5:30—7:00 pm

- Open to anyone who wants to remember a loved one during the Holiday Season.
- Light refreshments will be provided.
- Luminaries will be available for those who would like to light up the night in memory of loved ones.
- Light up a Life Angel ornaments and jewelry will be available for purchase.

RSVP

By calling 980-993-7300 by November 30, 2017

Town Survey

As we start to plan for 2018, we at the town would love to hear from you! We have been busy pulling together information on where we are as a community and want to get your feedback. How are we doing? What would you like to see in our future? Is there anything that you would like to prevent? All of this information is important to collect before we embark on planning for the future of our community.



As part of this process, we will be sending out emails and postcards in the next month with a survey link. We ask that each resident take the online survey once to ensure that we hear from everyone. The survey is focused on land use issues, transportation, parks and recreation and general quality of life. The survey can take anywhere from 10-30+ minutes depending upon how much you have to share. If you need accommodations for this survey, please contact Lisa Thompson, Town Administrator/Planner at planner@townofweddington.com or 704-846-2709.

We want to thank you for partnering with Town Council, Boards, and Staff to help shape our future!

Mark Your Calendar

2017 Holiday Schedule

Veteran's Day	Nov. 10
Thanksgiving	Nov. 23-24
Christmas	Dec 25-26

2017 Schedule of

Town Council Meetings

7:00 pm at Weddington Town Hall unless otherwise posted

Nov. 13	Dec. 11
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2017 Schedule of

Planning Board Meetings

7:00 pm at Weddington Town Hall unless otherwise posted

Nov. 27	Dec. 18
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A Letter from Mayor and Council

As noted in the last newsletter, our town continues to grow as an active vibrant community. Our current population is approximately 11,500 people. Our long-term planning efforts assume that the town will achieve a population of approximately 25,000 – 27,000 when fully built out with current town borders. The document that guides our vision is the Land Use Plan. It was developed with input from you, our residents. We are a residential town of approximately 11,000 acres. Only 35 acres are designated for commercial development. These 35 acres are located at Weddington Corners and are governed by a new Downtown Overlay District so the town has input and control over development.

The town’s financial position is strong. We finished FY2016-17 with a \$270,000 surplus driven by tight budgets and strong fiscal controls. In spite of a 5% decline in tax revenue in 2015, we have kept taxes flat for the last 4 years and will do so again in FY2017-18.

We continue to lead the way in our support of neighborhood schools. While this is a State and County role, we communicate directly with UCPS on all new development projects in Weddington. This helps them in their planning efforts. Our ordinances requiring low-density housing help manage the impact of the rapid growth of our school populations.

Later this year we will be conducting a town survey to get your ideas and understand your desires on how our town should develop going forward. We do these surveys approximately every 5 years. The last one was done in 2012. Please respond to the survey when you receive it. Your input is critical in telling your elected officials how they can meet your needs.

With rapid growth comes increased traffic congestion. Working with Union Power Cooperative and NCDOT we added a street light at the intersection of Weddington-Matthews & Tilley Morris road. It increases night visibility at this intersection and helps the ongoing efforts to improve public safety. We implemented a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) process. We are currently working with NCDOT on several projects including intersections, traffic flow and *line of sight* to improve traffic safety.

We had another very successful Litter Sweep on September 23rd. Over 50 volunteer hours were given by our residents picking up trash along our roadways. These efforts build pride in our community. I along with the council want to thank everyone for their time and effort to keep Weddington clean and a *Great Place to Live*.

Campaign signs are sprouting up around town. The 2017 elections are now in process with voting on November 7th. Please take part in the election process. Less than 1 in 6 registered voters participated in the last election. Do your homework and vote for the candidates you feel can best lead our town’s future direction.

We are here to serve you. We encourage you to be engaged in your community. Town Council meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Give us your thoughts and ideas on how we can continue to improve the town of Weddington. Contact Lisa Thompson at town hall if you are interested in serving on a committee or board.

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Have a story idea for us? A question you want answered? Something you'd like to see in the newsletter? Give us a call. Drop us a note. Send us an e-mail. We'll do our best to respond.

Members of the Weddington Town Council are available to speak to any club, group or neighborhood meeting. If your group would like a council member present to talk about issues facing Weddington, call Town Hall at 704-846-2709 to schedule a speaker.

