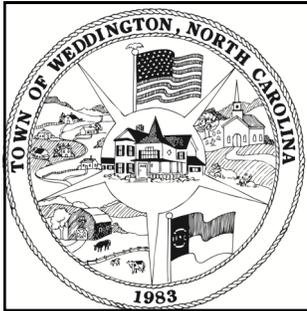


# The Weddington Journal

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The Town of Weddington presents...

# FOOD TRUCK FRIDAYS

Why cook?  
Come out, bring your chairs, hang with friends & neighbors!

Featuring:  
DJ Fannie Mae

**CINCO de MAYO**  
Friday, May 5  
5:30 – 8:30 PM

**CELEBRATE MOMS**  
Friday, May 12  
5:30 – 8:30 PM

**SPRING FLING**  
Friday, May 19  
5:30 – 8:30 PM

**HONOR VETERANS**  
Friday, May 26  
5:30 – 8:30 PM

LOCATION : TOWN HALL



## Coyote Safety Tips

Coyotes can be found in any open space and are being seen more and more in urban areas of the country. Today coyotes live in every part of North America.

Weddington is a rural community. Our residents need to remember that we have coyotes living here too which are wild and dangerous animals. During the springtime while our families are outside enjoying our backyards, hikes in the woods, or other outside activities, the coyotes may be more territorial as they guard their mates, dens, pups and food sources.

### How can I keep my pets safe from coyotes at home?

- Never feed coyotes.
- Keep unattended cats and dogs indoors or in a completely enclosed run, especially at night and **DO NOT ASSUME** that a fence will keep them out of your back yard.
- Always accompany your leashed pet outside. Make sure you turn on lights if it is dark out to check your back yard for unexpected wildlife.
- **NEVER** leave pet food outside at night.
- Unless you have a coyote proof yard all pets in coyote prone areas should only go outside while on a 6 ft. leash or shorter held by a person. The smaller the dog the greater the risk. Coyotes are **FAST**. They can run up to 40 MPH, and have been clocked sprinting 45 MPH. (Even if you are standing in the yard with your pet), there is no way you can stop a coyote from running in at that speed, and biting, killing, or carrying off your small pet.

### How can I keep my dog safe out on walks?

- Keep dogs on short leashes while walking outside; it is recommended to walk your pets on a leash no longer than 6 feet.
- Avoid walks in bushy areas or paths near abandoned properties. Walk in high pedestrian traffic areas.

### What should I not do?

- Do not turn your back or run away from a coyote – That is acting like prey.
- Do not allow a coyote to get in between you and your pet or child. If they are within 50 feet of you, do **NOT** bend down to pick up small animals. This may make you look like you are cowering and small. Get your pet as close to you as possible and make yourself look **BIG!**

### What should I do if I see a coyote?

- Yell, clap your hands, use noise-makers such as whistles and horns.
- **GET BIG!** You want to appear bigger than the coyote to scare it off. Raise your arms, wave them around, and shout as loud as you can to scare off the coyote. If you have on a jacket **OPEN** it up and flap it like a cape.



- Keep your pet as close to you as possible, but do not bend over.
- Carry an air horn to blow or scare the coyotes away while hiking or walking.
- Remember to walk away backward, but never turn your back and run away.

### Is my bigger dog safe?

Coyote size determines the size of its prey. Easily they can kill small pets like cats, and small dogs. Single coyotes are known to kill animals up to the size of a Bobcat (20 to 30 lbs). Packs of coyotes can take down an animal weighing over 500 lbs. Any loose large dog is at risk without close supervision.

Coyotes are smart animals, and are well known for their athletic abilities. As spring and summer family activities head outdoors, please be aware of your environment.



# Property Purchase

The Town of Weddington is excited to announce the purchase of 3.232 acres of property at 6924 Matthews-Weddington Road. This property sits adjacent to the current town hall and directly behind Weddington Corners Shopping Center.

The property was purchased from long standing Weddington residents Ella Virginia Matthews and Kenneth Jeffrey Matthews, and has been in the JT Matthews family since February 9, 1932.

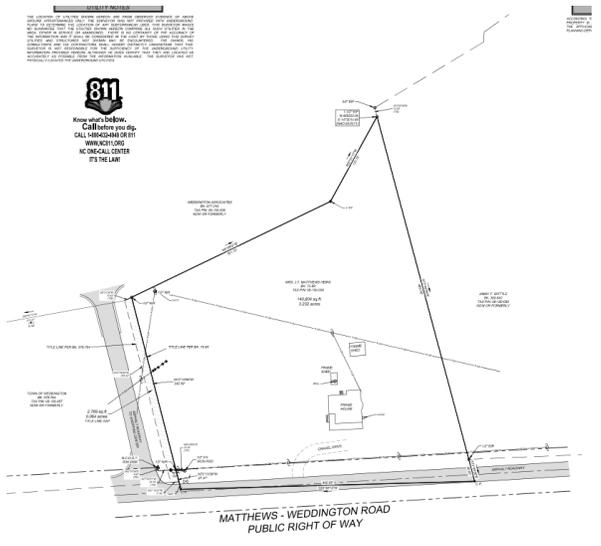
**Purchase Price:** The purchase price was \$592,250.00 and was paid in full out of the Town’s fund balance. Our fund balance is set aside for these opportunities, to assist with infrastructure expenditures, and for strategic long-range planning initiatives.

### Why did the Town purchase the property?

The purchase of this property provides the Town a combined total of 5.322 contiguous acres in the center of our downtown district. The property provides our community with so many wonderful growth opportunities. Examples include:

Expansion of the town hall facilities if needed, green space, a potential town park, expanded area to support town events, and other outdoor activities for our town residents.

The Town would also like to recognize the Matthews family for a generous \$35,000.00 charitable contribution to the Town of Weddington.



# Town Events



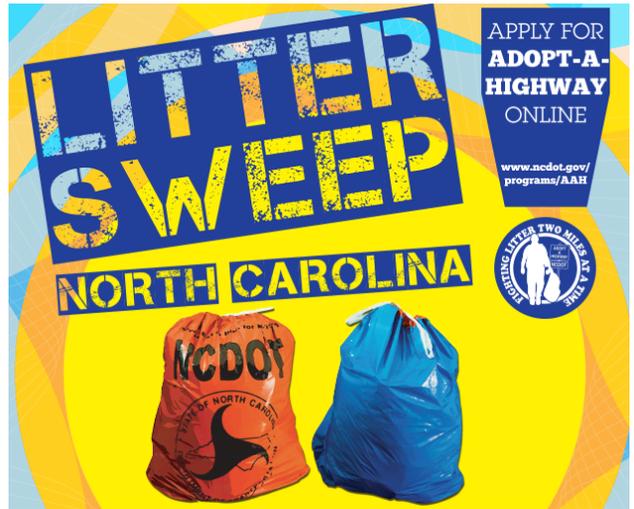
**Saturday, April 22, 2017 10:00 - 12:00  
TOWN HALL PARKING LOT**

The Public is encouraged to gather sensitive documents—old tax returns, banks statements, cancelled checks, etc—and bring them by to be shredded, free of charge! Documents will be shredded on the spot to be recycled.

Litter Sweep is the N.C. Department of Transportation's statewide roadside litter removal initiative in which volunteers participate in local efforts to help clean up North Carolina's roadways.

This year's Litter Sweep is scheduled for **Saturday, April 22, 2017 8:00 AM -10:30 AM**. Volunteers should meet at Town Hall to receive cleanup supplies, such as orange trash bags, gloves and orange safety vests. There will be donuts, coffee, water and soft drinks provided by the town and a \$25 prize for the most unusual piece of litter.

Please contact Janet Peirano at 704-846-2709 if you have any questions.



# Theatre

IN OUR  
Schools

Weddington High School Presents

*Footloose*

Performances April 20, 21 & 22 @ 7:00 PM

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Central Academy of Technology and Arts Presents

*Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*

Performances Mar 23, 24, 25 & 31 and Apr 1 @ 7:00 PM,  
Mar 26 & Apr 2 @ 2:30 PM

<i>2017 Holidays</i>	
Good Friday	April 14
Memorial Day	May 29
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	Sept. 4
Veteran's Day	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving	Nov. 23-24
Christmas	Dec 25, 26

<i>2017 Schedule of Town Council Meetings</i>		
<i>7:00 pm at Weddington Town Hall unless otherwise posted</i>		
April 17	May 8	June 12
July 10	Aug 14	Sept 11
Oct 9	Nov 13	Dec 11

<i>2017 Schedule of Planning Board Meetings</i>		
<i>7:00 pm at Weddington Town Hall unless otherwise posted</i>		
March 27	April 24	May 22
June 26	July 24	Aug 28
Sept 25	Oct 23	Nov 27
Dec 18		

## **TOWN EVENTS cont.**



The annual Tree Lighting Event was once again a wonderful community event. Thank you to all the volunteers and sponsors who helped make this a success. Entertainment was provided by the Weddington High School Chorus, Weddington Middle School Chorus, Weddington Elementary School Wildcat Purr-Cussion Squad, Antioch Elementary School Chorus, Siler Presbyterian fa-la-la-la Singers and the First Baptist Church of Weddington handbells and singers. The WCVFD manned our fire pits while the children roasted marshmallows and made s'mores. A special thanks to Hunter Farms for providing the beautiful Christmas Trees at a reduced cost, and for donating the pumpkins for the Weddington Fall Festival.

## **Letter from the Town Council**

Weddington continues to grow as an active vibrant community. Our reputation for great schools, low taxes, and large lots in a rural setting with limited commercial areas are what fuels this growth and makes Weddington *a great place to live*.

Your council worked with NCDOT to rebuild the accident-prone curve on Tilley Morris road near the entrance into the Vintage Creek subdivision. We continue to work with NCDOT on adding turn lanes, roundabouts and repairing road shoulders in our efforts to support public safety and manage the increasing traffic congestion as our town grows.

Our fire department recently received an ISO class 3 rating from the North Carolina Department of Insurance. This applies to all three fire stations and supports the superior safety services needed for the growing number of residents living in Weddington. It will also provide reduced insurance costs for the commercial businesses in our town.

Union Public Works has been expanding water lines in parts of the town and adding fire hydrants as part of the process. If you have a new fire hydrant near your home, check with your insurance carrier as this may have a positive impact on your rates.

The recent auditor's report from Rowell, Craven & Short shows that the town is in sound financial condition. From a projected annual budget deficit 3 years ago, the town will now report a \$200,000+ surplus of revenue over expenses. This can be attributed to conservative budgets, tight fiscal spending and other actions taken by the council. We are now able to fund in the budget a new line item *infrastructure* category to support roads, street lighting and other growing needs of the town while keeping taxes unchanged.

Town Hall, also known as the Thomas-Wren House, is a 124-year-old historical building and a visible landmark at the corner of Hwy 84 and Weddington-Matthews road. . . affectionately known as *the yellow house*. Restoration efforts over the past year to the foundation, brick work, roof repairs and grounds will insure the viability of this building for years to come.

We are here to serve you. We encourage you to engage in your community. Town Council meetings are the second Monday of each month at 7pm. Give us your thoughts and ideas on how we can continue to improve the town of Weddington. Contact Lisa Thompson if you are interested in serving on a committee or board. We want to make our town a place where you can ease your burdens of life and enhance your joy of living.

Mayor Bill Deter, Mayor Pro Tem Don Titherington, Councilmembers: Scott Buzzard, Janice Propst, Mike Smith

# “Deputy Corner”

Greetings Everyone,

I just wanted to give a quick reminder to everyone. With the warm weather brings more activity in areas. I just wanted to bring a reminder about safety and how you can prevent theft in your area.

**Cars:**

- Keep car doors locked when not in use.
- Remove any valuables out of the vehicle.
- If possible park cars in the garage.

**Residences:**

- Keep the outside of your house well-lit.
- Keep all doors and windows to house secure. (Locked)
- Install a good security system. This can include motion sensor lights, alarm system, and even cameras.
- Keep trees and shrubs trimmed around windows and doors.
- When on vacation have a neighbor collect your mail for you.
- Keep any object, which may be used to break a window, not accessible.
- Always report any SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY to 911!!

These are some helpful tips that can prevent theft. Your contributions to preventing crime in Weddington can make a real difference in keeping it safe.

If you have any questions or concerns please let us know. We are here to serve and assist you in any way we can.

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Town Of Weddington  
Facebook Page



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Stop by the Town Hall to purchase  
Town Apparel

- hoodies (Dark gray) \$20
- long sleeve t-shirts (navy, white, dark heather) \$13
- short sleeve t-shirts (navy, white, red, purple) \$8
- baseball hats (khaki, navy, white) \$13
- car magnet \$3

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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.

