

# The Weddington Journal

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## WEDDINGTON TOWN HALL

### Information you might not know...

Weddington Town Hall is one of the most unique in Union County. It was built in 1894 and was originally known as the Thomas-Wrenn House. What is now the current Council Chambers was an addition in 1962. The Town agreed to purchase the house in 1992 for use as the Weddington Town Hall and it was designated as a Weddington Historic Home in 1994. Like most homes, but especially with one that is 122 years old, significant wood rot and assorted weather related damage occurs. In April the Town contracted with a company which specializes in the restoration of old, historic buildings. The contractor, Nu Hue, was given the task to come as close as possible to bringing the building back to its magnificent origin. We are delighted with the outcome and invite you to drive by and see for yourself.

## An update on the Water Tower from Union County Public Works

We wrote you last December to update you on the progress of the new water tower being built on Hemby Road in Weddington. When completed, this new tower will significantly improve the water pressure in the Weddington area. At the time, we expected the tower to be in service by the end of May. The tower is essentially complete, however we regret that there has been a delay in the construction of the pump station that supplies water to this tank. Without the completion of this pump station we cannot fill the tank to its proper operating level to create this higher pressure in our system.



Our contractor working on this pump station has not yet completed all the work necessary to place the water tower in service. We are confident that once the pump station is up and running, we will be able to complete the project quickly and provide more consistent, sustainable water pressure for you and your family.

**We now expect the project to be completed by late July or early August 2016.** We appreciate your patience and understanding as we complete the project, and will be providing you further updates as we are ready to put the water tower in service. Should you have any questions, please call me at (704)296-4211.

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# TOWN EVENTS

## Easter Egg Hunt - March 26, 2016

We had a wonderful event for our kids and families this year. We had over 4000 eggs filled with candy hidden around the Town Hall. The children enjoyed various crafts including the popular spin art. Several lucky children were the winners of bikes in the raffle giveaway. Once again our DJ didn't disappoint. He provided fun music to go along with the hula hoop and limbo contests. The Easter Bunny and the Chick-fil-A cow made an appearance for pictures. Thank you to everyone who brought in canned goods. The Union County Community Shelter thanks you as well.

Everyone worked so hard on this event. It was a wonderful fun-filled day for the community.



### 2016 Easter Egg Hunt Sponsors!

Chick-fil-A

Harris Teeter

Kuester Company

Park Sterling Bank

Polivka

RCS, Inc.

Southeastern Gymnastics

Taylor Made Solutions



## TOWN EVENTS..continued

### Spring Litter Sweep - April 16, 2016

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 100 hours of volunteer time invested. What a great way to show your town support and help keep Weddington "litter" free.

Congratulations to Kelsey Stanton for the most unusual "trash" item found – a switch blade knife. The Spring Litter Sweep was a great and productive day! Keep an eye out for the Fall Litter Sweep date to be sometime in October.



### Country Festival - September 17, 2016



Weddington will once again feature:

***"Art at the Corners"  
and our famous "Baking Contest"***



Please visit our website at [www.townofweddington.com](http://www.townofweddington.com)  
to get entry rules, guidelines and applications.

#### Calling all Bakers

Dust off your recipes and enter to win 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the following categories:

Pies (fruit or pumpkin), Cakes (Layered, Bundt or Angel Food), Candy, Cookies (need a dozen drop or rolled only) and/or Brownies, and Bread (Yeast, Quick, Muffins, Pastry, Coffee Cake)

#### Art at the Corners

Stop by and visit your local artists.

We have an early bird rate of \$40 if you register before August 15th. It will be \$50 after that date.

For an application please visit our website at [www.townofweddington.com](http://www.townofweddington.com)

## *Update from the Planning/Zoning Office...*

### **New and Proposed Subdivisions**

#### **Carrington – Sketch Plan**

Carrington is a proposed 71 lot conservation subdivision located at the intersection of Weddington-Matthews Road and Hemby Road. Public Involvement meetings were held on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, and the Planning Board approved the sketch plan with conditions at the December 21<sup>st</sup> meeting. The conditions have since been met by the applicant and staff is awaiting submittal of the preliminary plat.

#### **The Enclave at Weddington – Sketch Plan and Preliminary Plat**

The Planning Board approved a sketch plan application for a 42 lot conservation subdivision named The Enclave at Weddington on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. The proposed subdivision will have one access point off Antioch Church Road and will preserve the existing ponds on the property, as well as large sections of hardwood forest. The Council approved the preliminary plat on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

#### **Sugar Magnolia – Preliminary Plat**

On December, 21<sup>st</sup>, The Planning Board approved the Sketch Plan for the 18 lot conservation subdivision, Sugar Magnolia, located off Highway 84. The Public Involvement meetings were on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The applicant has submitted the preliminary plat and it will likely be on the July Planning Board agenda for review.

#### **Amenity site at The Falls at Weddington**

The Town Council approved the preliminary plat for the 185 lot subdivision, The Falls at Weddington, on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. The Town of Weddington Zoning Ordinance requires a conditional zoning approval for a subdivision amenity center, and the Town Council approved an application for an amenity center on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The approved site plan includes a club house and a pool, and the applicant is also required to get Council approval for all construction documents. The Construction Documents were approved on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 by the Town Council

### **New Policy in Weddington**

#### **Viewshed and Conservation Land – Section 58-58; Section 58-4**

The Town Council approved two text amendments to further prioritize viewshed in conservation subdivisions, both in Section 58-58 and Section 58-4. Furthermore, the Council also approved an amendment to Section 58-58 to encourage both sides of a conservation subdivision to contain 50% conservation land when the entire property is bisected by a major or minor thoroughfare.

### **Conditional Rezoning**

#### **All Saints Anglican Church**

All Saints Anglican Church submitted a conditional zoning request for a church on approximately 8 acres, located off Hemby Rd. Phase 1 includes a 13,000 square foot structure, parking, and stormwater management facilities. The Planning Board reviewed the application on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and recommended approval with conditions to the Town Council. The Town Council approved the conditional rezoning on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and approved the construction documents on October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The church is currently under construction.

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**Threshold Church**

The Town Council approved Phase I for the Conditional Zoning request from Threshold Church in December of 2014 and the approved plan includes parking and a new driveway. Threshold Church has submitted a sketch plan for Phase II, and is undergoing the traffic impact analysis procedure with Town Staff and the Town’s traffic consultant.

**Interested in the roads in Weddington?**

The Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) is the federally-designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Charlotte urbanized area. The CRTPO will hold a public input period for the Division Needs tier between July and September, and the Town will post the official dates on our website ([www.townofWeddington.com](http://www.townofWeddington.com)) when they are finalized. Please refer to the website [www.crtpo.org](http://www.crtpo.org) for more information and to add your input!

***PUBLIC SAFETY UPDATE***

**Unsafe Driving at Optimist Park**

Established in 1987, Weddington Optimist Park provides a positive and safe environment for our community to create lasting and joyful memories. Built entirely through dedicated volunteers, children learn sportsmanship, teamwork and the values to become productive future citizens.

Unfortunately in the last few weeks some of those future citizens who are now driving have demonstrated a blatant disrespect for the park. On several occasions, witnesses have reported young drivers doing “spin-outs” in the parking lots and speeding down the “straight away” at 30+ mph. These actions are clearly unsafe and is a serious concern for park officials.

If you are a coach, player, umpire or spectator, we ask for you to drive safely and adhere to Optimist Park’s maximum speed limit of 15 mph. If you witness any unsafe driving, please get a vehicle description and call 911 to report it.

The Weddington Public Safety Committee’s vision is to share ideas and information to help make our community to be a safe and enjoyable place to live. If you as a Weddington citizen have any suggestions to complement our efforts, please have your voice heard.

***Mark Your Calendar***

2016 Country Festival: September 17, 2016

2016 Tree Lighting: December 9, 2016

***2016 Holiday Schedule***

Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	Sept. 5
Veteran’s Day	Nov. 11
Thanksgiving	Nov. 24-25
Christmas	Dec 23, 26

***2016 Schedule of  
Town Council Meetings  
7:00 pm at Weddington Town Hall  
unless otherwise posted***

July 18	Aug. 8	Sept. 12
Oct. 10	Nov. 14	Dec. 12

***2016 Schedule of  
Planning Board Meetings  
7:00 pm at Weddington Town Hall  
unless otherwise posted***

June 27	July 25	Aug. 22
Sept. 26	Oct. 24	Nov. 28
		Dec. 19

## A Word From Our Tax Collector

*Weddington property taxes are due on September 1 of every year and payable without penalty until January 6 of the following year. Property owners whose payments are postmarked on or after January 6 will be assessed a penalty of 2 percent interest for the month of January and an additional ¼ percent every month thereafter until the bill is paid.*

*The town tax rate for FY2016 is \$0.052 per \$100 assessed valuation. The 2016 tax bills will go out at the end of July. The Town does not send tax notices to taxpayers whose taxes are paid through their escrow account. If you pay your taxes directly and have not received a tax notice by August 15, please contact the Tax Collector.*

*You may also make your tax payment online via our secure website at [www.townofweddington.com](http://www.townofweddington.com). There is a fee of \$4.95 for use of this service. Please see the following helpful hints for paying via the website:*

Name

Tax Type  Tax Year  Leave Tax Type Blank

Receipt Number  **\*\*This field is the bill number on your tax notice**

Map Number  **\*\*This field is the property ID number on your tax notice**

*For further information regarding Weddington taxes  
 Contact: Kim Woods, Tax Collector  
 Town of Weddington  
 704-846-2709  
 704-844-6372 Fax  
[kwoods@townofweddington.com](mailto:kwoods@townofweddington.com)  
 Union County Tax Office  
 704-283-3848*

## FINAL FISCAL YEAR BUDGET APPROVED

A public hearing on the Fiscal Year 2017 budget was held at the June 13, 2016 Council meeting and a final budget for the Town was approved by the Town Council. The tax rate will remain unchanged at 5.2 cents. The bulk of the budget is for public safety and is used to pay for fire and police services. A summary of the budget is shown here. A more detailed version is available on the Town’s website.

<b>Revenues</b>		
Ad Valorem Taxes		\$1,072,250
State-Collected Revenues		831,250
Zoning and Subdivision Revenues		83,150
Other Revenues		6,000
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$1,992,650</b>
<b>Operating Expenditures</b>		
Administrative Expenditures		\$484,170
Planning and Zoning Expenditures		292,400
General Government Expenditures		1,216,080
<b>Total Expenditures</b>		<b>\$1,992,650</b>



# “Deputy Corner”

The majority of contact law enforcement has with the public happen during emergencies or emotional situations. Those situations are not always the most effective times for relationship building with the community, and some community members may feel that Deputies are unapproachable on the street.

In an effort to break down barriers and allow for a relaxed, one-on-one interaction, feel free to contact me and invite me to your community gathering or event in order to discuss how we can make your community a safer place to live and work.

I hope that members of the Weddington community will feel comfortable to ask questions, bring concerns, or simply get to know our Deputies. These interactions are the foundation of community partnerships.

Please call or email me in order to arrange a meeting .

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## New Congressional District Map

Many voters are confused about what District they now live in with the new Congressional District map.

Follow this link and type in your address and your new District information will be provided to you:

<http://www.ncsbe.gov/webapps/redistrict/uscongmaps.html>

### Stop by the Town Hall to purchase Town Apparel

Modeled by:  
Mayor Bill Deter,  
Mayor Pro-Tem Don Titherington  
Councilman Michael Smith  
Councilwoman Janice Propst  
and Councilman Scott Buzzard

short sleeve t-shirts  
(navy, white, red, purple) \$8

long sleeve t-shirts  
(navy, white, dark heather) \$13

hoodies  
(dark gray) \$20

baseball hats  
(khaki, navy, white) \$13

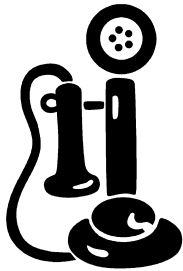
Weddington bag  
or car magnet \$3



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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.

