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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

As I sat down to begin this letter, I couldn't help but think back to this time last year, and how excited the town was to kick off spring with our awesome Food Truck Friday events. The beginning of May brings with it the buzz of prom, spring sports championships, high school graduations, college graduations, weddings, all kinds of celebrations that bring us together as a community. So, I wondered, what exciting and great news do I have to share during this scary and very difficult time with the COVID-19 pandemic?

It seems like life as we know it has come to a screeching halt. We have been told to stay home, schools are closed, people are working from home and many are not working at all. Yet, despite all of this, there have been great things going on in our community.

We have witnessed teachers parading through neighborhoods in town to see their students. Residents are donating thousands of dollars to provide meals for needy families. Neighbors have gone door to door collecting non-perishable food for local food banks. Union County residents have come together to try and ease the heartache of all Union County seniors by setting up an Adopt-a-Senior Facebook page.

When life stopped for us all, a few decided that nothing was going to stop them. I could not be prouder to live in Weddington and Union County than I am right now. Our Weddington staff has done a tremendous job of keeping the town running. Although town hall has been closed,

staff have been working their normal hours from home and have really done a fantastic job. We have all had to adjust our lives and I pray that very soon we will return to our old normal.

As the restrictions begin to be lifted and we slowly begin to venture out, please remember all the important recommendations from the CDC, which you can find at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>.

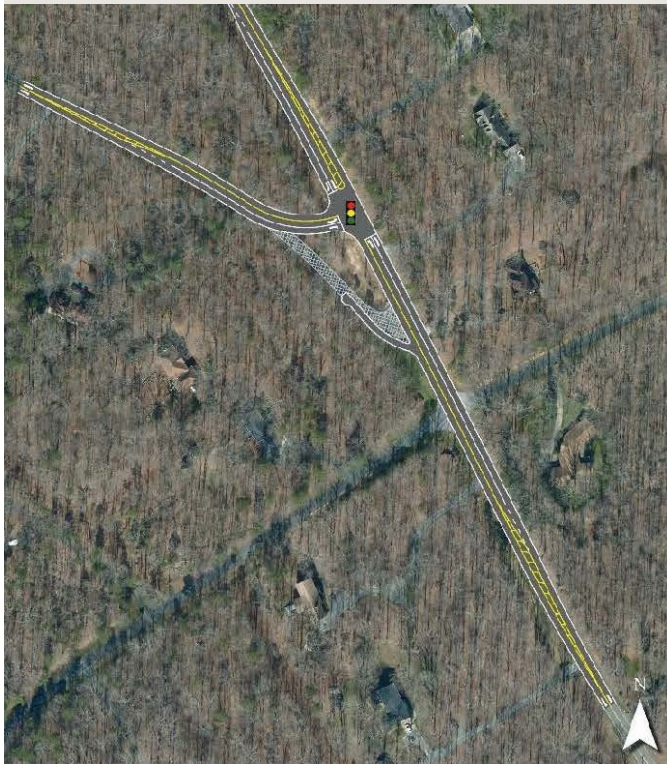
While we continue to navigate this situation please be mindful that everyone deals with stress and fear in their own way. Try to be more tolerant and accepting of people that handle this crisis differently than you. Pray for one another, check on your neighbor, and offer to help the elderly if possible. We will come out of this a stronger community. I wish each of you safety and good health.

Warmest Regards,
Elizabeth Callis
Mayor of Weddington



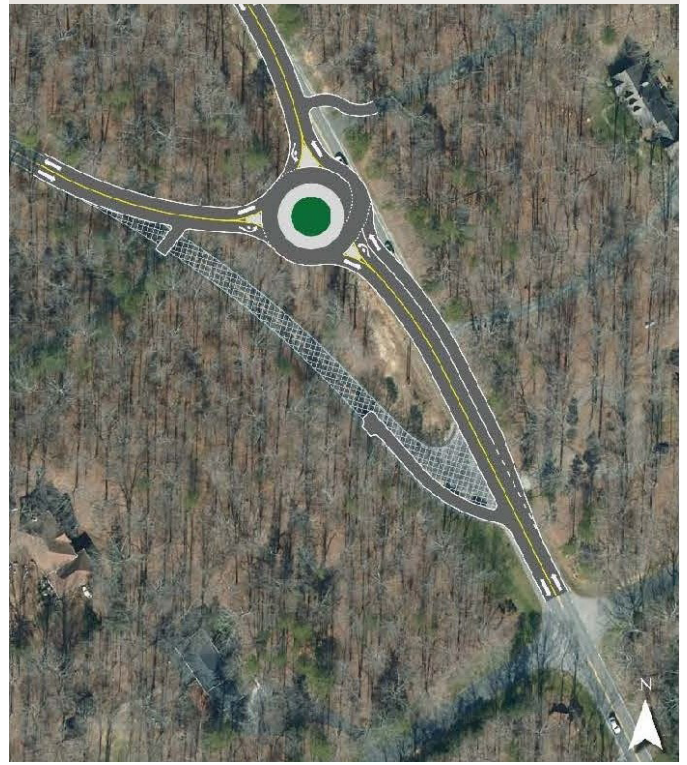
FOREST LAWN AND POTTER ROAD DESIGN ANALYSIS

SIGNALIZED INTERSECTION



The Town, in cooperation with Union County, NCDOT, and the traffic firm RS&H, is analyzing two alternative designs for the intersection of Forest Lawn Drive and Potter Road. Currently, a stop sign at the significantly skewed approach of Forest Lawn Drive is the only intersection control. This intersection was identified for this study due to the high number of crashes recorded at this location, with 35 crashes over the past five years. Future traffic volumes indicate the stop-controlled intersection will not be able to accommodate anticipated growth, with degrading level of service over time. Sight distance and proximity to the Wellington Woods neighborhood are

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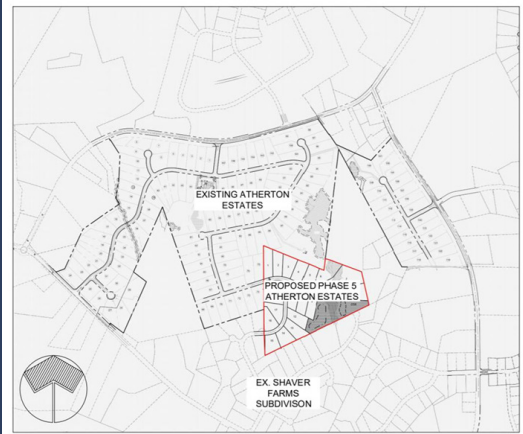


also concerns at this location. The two alternatives will be presented at the May Council meeting. The Council will vote to support one option to be finalized with cost estimates in June.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

- **March 2020 - Gather public/stakeholder feedback on proposed alternatives**
- **April 2020 - Incorporate feedback and select preferred alternatives**
- **May 2020 - Finalize design concepts and present to the Town Council for approval**
- **June 2020 - Finalize intersection recommendations**

Subdivision Application from Shea Homes



The Town received a new subdivision application from Shea Homes. The proposed subdivision includes 19 lots on 27.4 acres. The property is north of the Shaver Farms subdivision and will be a continuation of the existing Atherton subdivision. The property is zoned RCD and the proposed lots are a minimum of 40,000 sq ft with approximately 20% of the development in common open space. The proposed subdivision will have one access point through the existing Atherton subdivision via Summer Harvest Drive. An emergency only access will be provided through existing Shadowmere Lane.

To review the sketch plan or for updates and tentative dates for the Planning Board and Town Council review, please visit <https://www.townofweddington.com/development-projects-and-subdivisions>.



Wobble Before You Gobble at the Weddington Turkey Trot

Get ahead of those pumpkin pie calories at our first ever Weddington Turkey Trot! Join us on Thanksgiving Day, November 26th for an active and fun morning with the whole family. Keep an eye out for more details coming soon!



Food Truck Fridays Cancelled

The Town of Weddington is actively taking precautionary measures in response to the rapidly changing circumstances of COVID-19. The Town of Weddington will be cancelling Food Truck Fridays for Spring 2020. The safety of our community is our top priority and we urge residents to please stay at home.

HELP US PREVENT WILDFIRES IN OUR COMMUNITY

North Carolina Forest Service officials continue to urge citizens to refrain from burning yard debris through the end of May, which historically marks the end of the spring wildfire season in North Carolina. Please consider alternatives to burning. Some types of debris such as leaves, grass, and stubble may be of more value if used for mulch instead.

Most wildfires are caused by human action and careless debris burning. Minimizing the burns will reduce the risk of wildfires.

For tips to protect property and prevent wildfires, or to access the Online Burning Permit System, visit www.ncforestservice.gov. For additional information or questions regarding issues specific to Union County, you can contact the County Fire Marshall at kevin.rigoli@unioncountync.gov, or NC Forest Service District 12 Forester Beth Plummer at beth.plummer@ncagr.gov.



FILL OUT YOUR 2020 CENSUS!

The Town of Weddington encourages residents to fill out the 2020 Census. It is currently underway and more households across America are responding every day. Over 70 million households have responded to date, representing over 48% of all households in America. A few reasons to complete the 2020 Census are:

- It's quick and easy. The 2020 Census questionnaire will take about 10 minutes to complete.
- It's safe, secure, and confidential. Your information and privacy are protected.
- Your response helps to direct billions of dollars in federal funds to local communities for schools, roads, and other public services.
- Results from the 2020 Census will be used to determine the number of seats each state has in Congress and your political representation at all levels of government.

TOWN TO TAKE DOWN THE MATTHEWS HOUSE

The Town will be demolishing the Matthews House at 6924 Matthews-Weddington Road. This property sits adjacent to the current town hall and directly behind the Weddington Corners Shopping Center. The property was purchased from long-standing Weddington residents Ella Virginia Matthews and Kenneth Jeffrey Matthews, and had been in the JT Matthews family since February 9, 1932.

The Town originally purchased the property to provide our community with so many wonderful potential growth opportunities, including the expansion of the town hall facilities, green space, a town park, or expanded

area to support town events and other outdoor activities for our residents.

In August 2018, the Council looked into renovating the house but determined that the cost of saving it would exceed the resulting renovation. After much deliberation, they decided it would not be a good use of the property as occupancy and uses would be limited. As a result, the Matthews House will be demolished to pave a way for more public green space.



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