

# WEDDINGTON JOURNAL

*The Official Newsletter for the Town of Weddington, North Carolina*



## *Weddington Traffic Study*

A Level of Services Analysis was performed by Kimley-Horn and Associates on five intersections within town limits, results are located on pages 4 and 5.

### WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WEDDINGTON

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## Weddington Roots

The Town of Weddington's heritage is based on rural land, and generosity.

The delightful Town of Weddington, located in Union County, NC, was named after Ruben Boswell Weddington. Mr. Weddington was a prosperous farmer whose crop consisted primarily of cotton and corn. According to available documents, he was an excellent business man who donated large amounts of money to local schools, churches and community members in need. The Sandy Ridge Methodist Church, along with a two-story school house (Weddington Academy) were gifted by Mr. Weddington. The trustees of Sandy Ridge Methodist Church subsequently changed



the name to Weddington Methodist Episcopal Church South. Mr. Weddington died in July 1910.

Fast forward to 1983, the citizens of Weddington came together in an effort to incorporate the town. The proposed town ran along the Mecklenburg County line from NC-16 to Tilley Morris Road, down Antioch Church Road and Huntington Drive to Twelve Mile Creek Road, north of New Town Road to Ennis Road and back to a line west of NC-16 to the Mecklenburg County line. The estimated area encompassed 750 to 1000 people.

Obtaining protection from annexation was the primary reason behind the citizens' desire to incorporate the town. They would have the



right to enact zoning controls and would have the ability to maintain the character and future development of the town. The citizens wanted to preserve the rural character of the area and continue to maintain control over their lives.

The original 1985 Land Use Plan provided the opportunity to preserve the scenic country roads uncluttered by signage, broad expanses of open spaces, high quality residential areas, fresh air and clean water. The plan recognized that the opportunity to preserve the area, now called the Town of Weddington, would only come once. The original goal is still applicable today, and is updated with the Town Survey for verification.

In the next issue of the Weddington Journal, we will share more about the Survey and Land Use Plan, plus some other interesting history about the Weddington Cemetery.





# Food Truck Friday, Success!

Food Truck Fridays 2019 was a wonderful success thanks to the participation from our fantastic community. We met in the Town Hall parking lot from 5:30-9pm the first four Fridays in May. The food trucks offered a variety of different types of food ranging from Italian, Tex-Mex, Caribbean, barbeque, Irish, American, lobster offerings, ice cream, specialty cakes, Italian ice, beverage trucks, and more! There were plenty of activities for children including bounce houses, lawn games, face painting, and balloon art. Local businesses set up booths with information and free swag while DJ Fannie Mae entertained the masses with her music. The Town of Weddington would like to thank all of the food trucks and vendors who participated in Food Truck Fridays; we look forward to working with you again in the future!



## A Message from Mayor Callis

It has been an exciting spring for the Town of Weddington. We kicked off the month of April with our Litter Sweep and Shredding Event. We had an outstanding turnout of volunteers and hundreds of residents that brought old papers to shred. In May, we held our annual Food Truck Friday events. The attendance from in and around Weddington was wonderful. The goal, to meet, socialize and build community was achieved. Thank you to all those who enjoyed great food and fellowship with your neighbors.



As Mayor, I had the privilege of attending the JROTC Banquet at Weddington High School at the end of May. The Town of Weddington presented them with a Certificate of Appreciation for their dedication to volunteerism. They have been a tremendous asset to this community and we are so fortunate to have them.

Town Council has been busy working on the site plans for our new park and we are making some headway. Keep up with the latest updates on the website and submit any questions or comments. We always want to hear from our residents.

Enjoy a safe and restful summer!

Warmest Regards,  
Elizabeth Callis

# Weddington Traffic Study Results

The Town of Weddington contracted with Kimley-Horn and Associates to provide a Level of Service Analysis on 5 intersections within the town limits. The study does not include the funded improvement projects located along Providence Road and Weddington Road. The list and recommended improvements are below.

The current study includes updated traffic counts; some of our roads had sections with counts that were up to 10 years old and several had never undergone a traffic study at all. The most recent traffic study took place ten years ago in 2009 in tandem with the local area regional transportation plan and included projections and counts for the Town of Weddington. Studies revealed that traffic counts are higher in 2019 than what was originally projected for 2030 on some of our roadways.

As part of the study, Kimley-Horn analyzed crash data over the past three years. Potter Road at Forest Lawn had the most crashes with the highest crash type as 'rear ends' followed by Beulah Church Road at Twelve Mile Creek with the most crashes caused by a 'fixed object.' Antioch and Forest Lawn had the 3rd highest crash rate with the most crashes due to the angle of the intersection; 4th was Antioch Church Road at Beulah Church Road also due to a bad angle. The safest of the five intersections studied was New Town Road at Twelve Mile Creek with the most crashes being caused by rear ends.

Kimley-Horn obtained future volumes using a regional demand model to determine anticipated annual growth. The model includes the proposed Weddington Rd. at I-485 interchange and the Tilley Morris connection to the Waverly Shopping Center Development. The traffic volume projections developed for the AM and PM peak hours at the intersections include existing counts and a linear growth to the 2045 horizon year.

Each intersection was given a grade of A-F based on its volume and seconds of delay (see charts on page 5.) A-D are acceptable, according to NCDOT and F is failing with over a 50 second delay per vehicle. A full report can be found on the Town of Weddington's website at [www.townofweddington.com](http://www.townofweddington.com).

## Weddington Property Tax Information

Weddington property taxes are due on September 1, 2019 and are payable without penalty until January 5, 2020. Property owners whose payments are postmarked on or after January 6, 2020 will be assessed a penalty of 2% interest for the month of January and an additional  $\frac{3}{4}$  percent every month thereafter until the bill is paid. The Town does not send tax notices to taxpayers whose taxes are paid through their escrow account. If you pay your taxes directly and did not receive a tax notice by August 15th, please contact the Tax Collector.

If you pay using Bill Pay from your checking account, please make sure the address is:

P. O. Box 745166  
Atlanta, GA 30374-5166

You may also make your tax payment online via our secure website: [www.townofweddington.com](http://www.townofweddington.com). Please note, there is a fee of \$4.95 for use of this service.

For further information regarding Weddington taxes, please contact:

Kim Woods, Tax Collector  
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(P) 704-846-2709  
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<b>Potter Road and Forest Lawn Drive</b>				
Recommended Improvement – Signal with turn lanes on all approaches				
<b>Morning Peak</b>	East Bound	West Bound	North Bound	South Bound
2019 Existing	C		A	A
2045 No Build scenario	F		A	A
<b>Evening Peak</b>				
2019 Existing	D		A	A
2045 No Build scenario	F		A	A

<b>Beulah Church Road and Twelve Mile Church Road</b>				
Recommended Improvement – Signalize with turn lanes on all approaches				
<b>Morning Peak</b>	East Bound	West Bound	North Bound	South Bound
2019 Existing	A	A	F	
2045 No Build scenario	A	A	F	
<b>Evening Peak</b>				
2019 Existing	A	A	C	
2045 No Build scenario	A	A	D	

<b>Antioch Church Road and Beulah Church Road</b>				
Recommended Improvement – Signalize as-is (no turn lanes needed)				
<b>Morning Peak</b>	East Bound	West Bound	North Bound	South Bound
2019 Existing	B	D	C	B
2045 No Build scenario	C	F	F	C
<b>Evening Peak</b>				
2019 Existing	A	A	A	A
2045 No Build scenario	B	B	B	B

<b>New Town Road and Twelve Mile Creek Road</b>				
Recommended Improvement – Southbound turn lane only				
<b>Morning Peak</b>	East Bound	West Bound	North Bound	South Bound
2019 Existing	A	A		D
2045 No Build scenario	A	A		F
<b>Evening Peak</b>				
2019 Existing	A	A		C
2045 No Build scenario	A	A		F

<b>Antioch Church Road and Forest Lawn Drive</b>				
Recommended Improvement – Signalize (already has turn lanes)				
<b>Morning Peak</b>	East Bound	West Bound	North Bound	South Bound
2019 Existing	A	A	F	C
2045 No Build scenario	A	A	F	F
<b>Evening Peak</b>				
2019 Existing	A	A	F	D
2045 No Build scenario	A	A	F	C



## Council Recap

The Council reported that the Food Truck Friday events have been extremely successful. They are delighted with the great turn out and participation from the residents.

The Town passed its Fiscal Year 2019-20 budget and kept taxes at 5.2 cents per 100 assessed dollars. Funds were set aside for the Tilley Morris Roundabout, a new signal at Forest Lawn and Antioch Church Rd, and to start zoning and construction plans for the new town park. The rezoning and construction plan process for the park will continue through the summer and fall. Bidding can begin this winter for an early spring groundbreaking!

A Proclamation was approved recognizing May 15, 2019 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and May 12 through May 18 as National Police Week. The Town and our citizens recognize and appreciate the contributions made by law enforcement officers at all levels of government. Another proclamation was presented to the Weddington Optimist Park to observe June 19, 2019 as Optimist International Day in honor of the Centennial of Optimist Clubs. Thank you, Weddington Optimist Club, for your contributions to our community.

Amendments to the lighting ordinance were approved. The new text addresses the color of LED lights and evaluates performance related to light trespass, sky glow, and high angle brightness control.

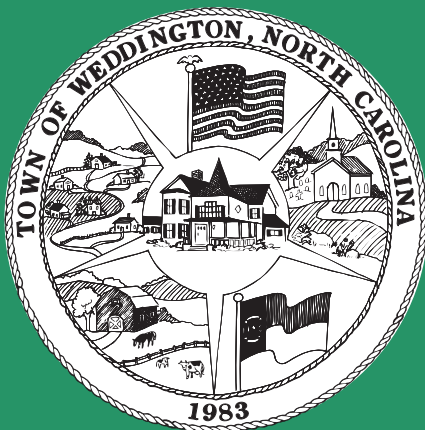
Amendments to the Erosion Control Ordinance were approved. The Town is waiting to hear from the State for program delegation so the Town can start enforcing the ordinance. Weddington hopes for better oversight and control over erosion violations for subdivisions under construction.

Land Use Plan revisions continue. The updated Plan should be ready for a final recommendation and public hearing in August.

Weddington has partnered with Haven Creative Agency to create a new brand story, color scheme, tag line and logo for the Town. We hope to start rolling out the rebranding plan in July.

The Town Council heard an intersection analysis report from Kimley Horn and Associates. Weddington now has the information needed to be proactive and partner with NCDOT to seek funding for some safety and improvements to our intersections.

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