



WEDDINGTON JOURNAL

Getting to Know the Weddington Town Council

For the next few months, the town will be sharing a series about Weddington Town Council members. Each Council member who participates will share why serving their community is important to them, and will give a little background information about how they came to live in the Town of Weddington.



In this issue we would like to introduce Council Member Janice Propst, a native of Weddington. Her family has been a part of this community for over five generations. Her great grandfather, Jacob Allen Deal, came to this community in 1878, settled, married, raised a large family, and created a successful family farm. Propst spent her childhood in Weddington but left for a short while to attend Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. After receiving her degree, she returned to the Charlotte area. Twenty years ago, she returned to the Town of Weddington and built her home on the family farm.

The November 2019 election began Janice's second term on Council and will be her fifth year serving the Weddington Community. Janice shared the following sentiments about living in Weddington,

"I love the rural character of Weddington. Weddington today, like in the past, is still a community mostly centered around family. My fondest memories of this community come from having a wonderful extended family living right nearby on the farm. My grandfather was one of nine brothers so I was fortunate to grow up with great aunts and great uncles who lived just down the street. My great aunts and uncles loved us just like we were their own grandchildren. With the farm came all the great farm animals, trips to fish at the pond with my grandfather, riding in the truck to help feed the cattle, my grandmother's wonderful farm fresh meals, picking fresh vegetables from the garden, or rides on the back of the truck as my dad helped my grandfather harvest the bales of hay. Weddington was just a beautiful, very rural community with family farms dotting the countryside.

I am looking forward to working with our new Council in the new year. We have such a great group of public servants on this Council and I know we all want the best for our little town. Hopefully we can get started on creating a town park over time, and find new ways to give our residents a feeling of community. We will have our "Food Truck Fridays" in May, and hopefully expand on the events we offer. We want our residents to feel a part of the community no matter where they have come from, they belong and Weddington feels like home.

I have always volunteered and been active in protecting our community. I initially ran for Council because others in the community actually asked me to. As a native of the town, I do think it's important for people that have lived here awhile to be a part of the process. I know the history of our town, and respect the families that made this community a great place to live. I think knowing the past, helps preserve a part of the past for our future."

The Town of Weddington would like to thank Council Member Propst for sharing with us her ties to the Weddington Community and why being a Council member is so important to her. We hope that as a community, you will get to know your Council Members through this series and we look forward to sharing information about another Council member in next month's edition of The Weddington Journal.

January Council Meeting Recap

The first Council Meeting of 2020 was held on the evening of January 13th. The Council amended the regular meeting schedule to change April's meeting from the 13th to the 6th so it will not conflict with Easter Monday or the UCPS Spring Break Schedule.

The text amendment for the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance was adopted and a public hearing was called for February 10th for text amendments to establish Stormwater Review Board duties for the planning board.

Staff was authorized to enter into a contract for repairs to the Wesley Chapel Volunteer Fire Department on Hemby Road.

The Council discussed events to be held in conjunction with the Weddington Fitness and Community Center. There will be a defensive driving class offered in March. Keep an eye out for more information!

The Council appointed two new planning board members. The town has received a lot of positive feedback regarding the new traffic signal on southbound Twelve Mile Creek and Hwy 84.

Town Council Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at the Weddington Town Hall. Meetings are open to the public and Weddington residents are encouraged to attend.