

# The Weddington Journal

Official Newsletter of the Town of Weddington

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## NEW COUNCIL TAKES OFFICE

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**Mayor**  
 Walker Davidson  
**Mayor Pro Tem**  
 Daniel Barry  
**Council**  
 Pamela Hadley  
 Barbara Harrison  
 Werner Thomisser



At the December Town Council meeting, outgoing Mayor Nancy Anderson was presented with a plaque and an original print of sites of Weddington in appreciation of her 8 years of service to the Town. Representative Craig Horn presented a Resolution from the State of North Carolina thanking her for her years of service. Former Councilman Tommy Price presented a plaque and an original print of the Town Hall to Robert Gilmartin who served on the Council for 8 years, and Councilmember Werner Thomisser presented Jerry McKee with a plaque and an original print of Town Hall in recognition of his 4 years on the Council. The beautiful prints were painted by Ms. Jean Lee Pirkey, a resident of Weddington.

Walker Davidson was sworn in as Mayor of Weddington, and Barbara Harrison and Pamela Hadley were sworn in as Town Council members.

Immediately prior to the meeting, a reception was held to honor Gene Baucom for his years of service to the Town as a Weddington Deputy, to thank the outgoing Mayor and Council members and to welcome the new Mayor and Council.

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**TREE LIGHTING = GREAT NIGHT!**

Approximately 300 people attended the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree Lighting at the Weddington Town Hall on December 2. The tree was decorated with ornaments made by the children of our town, including craft decorations from students at Weddington and Antioch Elementary Schools. Weddington High School's Carrousel Princess Lauren Kempf helped light the tree. Refreshments were served and there was a surprise visit from Santa Claus. Local performances by Weddington Elementary, Weddington High, Siler Presbyterian Al-le-lu-la Co., Girls Scout Troop 2753 and Southbrook Church were enjoyed by all.



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

### **Providence Road & Weddington Road Construction Update**

Work on Providence Road (Highway 16) and Weddington Road (NC 84) is complete. Scurry Construction and NCDOT will continue to monitor Providence Road for the next 2-4 months. Landscaping on both roads is complete other than some Loropetalum (a flowering shrub) that will be planted this fall. The Town is working with NCDOT and the Union County Urban Forester on a landscaping plan to add supplemental plantings to the medians along Providence Road and Rea Road.

NCDOT has begun preliminary work (surveying, engineering, etc.) on the traffic circle at the Weddington Road and Weddington-Matthews Road intersection. Funds for the traffic circle have been approved by NCDOT. Work should begin as soon as school is out for summer.

Weddington Church Road will be relocated to behind the Weddington Methodist Family Life Center and just north of the lake. NCDOT has obtained the proper permits from NCDWQ (NC Division of Water Quality) and the US Army Corps of Engineers. The construction contract should be awarded within the next month and construction will begin in March.

### **Hemby/Beulah Church Road and Weddington-Matthews Road Intersection Update**

Installation of turning lanes and a traffic signal at the Hemby/Beulah Church Road and Weddington-Matthews Road intersection is complete.

### **Weddington United Methodist Church Campus Signs**

On July 11<sup>th</sup> the Weddington Town Council approved a Conditional Zoning Application and Text Amendments to allow Weddington United Methodist Church to construct campus wide orientation signs. Weddington United Methodist Church has erected these signs on their properties throughout town to aid drivers and pedestrians.

### **Union County Elevated Water Storage Tower**

The Weddington Town Council rescinded their approval of the Union County elevated water storage tower conditional zoning application on September 12, 2011. The water tower had originally been approved on August 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Town Council and Union County Board of County Commissioners had a joint meeting on October 10, 2011 to discuss the elevated water storage tower. Both parties agreed to resume talks after the Union County Water and Sewer Master Plan is approved. The Master Plan was subsequently approved by Union County in December 2011.

### **Additional Planning and Zoning Information**

In 2011 the Town issued the following permits:

- Zoning Permits for New Houses-51
- Upfit Permits for Additions or Remodeling Projects-74
- Accessory Use Permits for Pools or Detached Structures-31
- Compliance Permits for Completed Houses-42
- In 2010 there were 34 new homes permitted, 80 upfits permitted and 51 accessory structures permitted.

The Town approved a Land Use Amendment to the Matthews (6924 Weddington-Matthews Road) and Spittle (6874 Weddington-Matthews Road) properties on October 10, 2011. The land use classification was changed from Traditional Residential and Residential Conservation to Business. The properties were not rezoned and are located directly behind the Weddington Corners Shopping Center.

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The Town is considering renewing its annexation agreement with Charlotte prior to 2014. The current annexation agreement is set to expire in 2014.

The Town has received a petition for voluntary annexation of 6.177 acres located at the northwest corner of Providence Road and New Town Road. This area includes three commercial parcels with existing commercial uses. The area includes parcels 06-183-004F, 06-183-005 and 06-183-022.

Town staff and the Planning Board have been working on the Town's signage ordinance. Text amendments have been made to freestanding, ground, building mounted, attached, orientation, lighted, luminous, etc. signs in the last 3-6 months. Work on the signage ordinance will continue.

## A Word From Our Tax Collector



Weddington property taxes were due on September 1, 2011 and were payable without penalty until January 5, 2012. Property owners whose payments are postmarked on or after January 6, 2012 will be assessed a penalty of 2 percent interest for the month of January and an additional  $\frac{3}{4}$  percent every month thereafter until the bill is paid.

For further information regarding taxes Contact:

Kim Woods, Tax Collector  
Town of Weddington  
704-846-2709  
704-844-6372 Fax  
[kim@townofweddington.com](mailto:kim@townofweddington.com)

### **REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS WEDDINGTON SCHOOLS LIAISON**

The Town is seeking applications for an individual interested in serving as a Town Liaison on school related issues. One of the responsibilities of this person would be to attend Union County School Board Meetings and to give updates to the Town Council on local school issues. In order to be eligible for appointment to a board a person must be an adult (21 years or older) permanently residing inside the town limits and file an application on a form provided by the Town Clerk. All applications will be kept on file for a period of two (2) years from the date of submission. The Council will only consider citizens for which there is a current application on file. The Town Clerk may be instructed to investigate and verify all statements contained in the application.

Applications may be obtained by calling Amy McCollum at 704-846-2709 or from the Town's website at [www.townofweddington.com](http://www.townofweddington.com). Please submit completed applications by February 9, 2012 to Weddington Town Clerk, 1924 Weddington Road, Weddington, NC 28104, by fax to 704-844-6372 or email to [amy@townofweddington.com](mailto:amy@townofweddington.com).

Note: Information provided in the application shall be considered a matter of public record and may be subject to disclosure upon request pursuant to North Carolina's Public Records Law, N.C.G.S. Section 132-1, et seq.

**CMC-Waxhaw**, Union County's first freestanding emergency department opened for Patients December 12.

For more information about CMC-Waxhaw, visit [www.cmc-waxhaw.org](http://www.cmc-waxhaw.org)



### **Community Emergency Response Teams**

The Town Council has had preliminary discussions regarding a CERT program for the Town of Weddington. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. The program is designed to train citizens in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations.

If you are a citizen of Weddington and would be interested in joining a CERT or would like to help in forming a CERT program in Weddington, please call the Town Hall at 704-846-2709 or send an email with your contact information to [amy@townofweddington.com](mailto:amy@townofweddington.com).

If there is enough interest in the community to start a CERT, we will notify all the interested citizens of the first meeting. This meeting will be an open forum, available to all citizens interested in learning more about the CERT initiatives for Weddington.

*If you would like more information on the CERT program, please go to this government web site that is dedicated to CERT: <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/index.shtml>*

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM RECENT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The following are only a few bullet points from the Council Meetings. Please visit the Town's website and review the minutes for further detail on these items or call the Town Hall with any questions.

### **SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

- ✦ Presentation by Weddstock Committee recapping the event
- ✦ Approval of text requiring annual inspections of entrance gates in gated subdivisions and emergency gates
- ✦ Approval of changes from conditional use permits to conditional zoning districts in residential zoning districts
- ✦ Approval of placement of town entrance monuments
- ✦ Amendment to Fees Schedule

### **SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 CONTINUED TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

- ✦ Rescinded prior approval of the water tower and requested Union County consider a ground storage tank
- ✦ Discussion of Fire Service
- ✦ Approval of policy regarding awarding of contracts

### **OCTOBER 10, 2011 SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL WORK SESSION WITH THE UNION COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

- ✦ Discussion of Fire Service within the Town of Weddington
- ✦ Discussion of Weddington Water Storage Facility
- ✦ Discussion of WCWAA remediation plan

### **OCTOBER 10, 2011 REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

- ✦ Approval of the Spittle and Matthews Land Use Amendment from Residential Conservation and Traditional to Business
- ✦ Instructed the Town Attorney to Draft a Resolution to Union County stating that Weddington wishes to proceed with a municipal fire district
- ✦ Tabled discussion of a Weddington Water Storage Facility until the updated Union County Water and Sewer Master Plan is completed
- ✦ Appointment of Mr. Gene Melchior to the Public Safety Advisory Board

### **NOVEMBER 14 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

- ✦ Approval of text amendments regarding temporary signs and freestanding ground signs
- ✦ Approval of an increase in the Providence VFD subsidy for 24 hour staffing
- ✦ Approval of a \$5,000 grant to Wesley Chapel VFD for their fund drive
- ✦ Rescinded the resolution to Union County regarding a municipal fire district that was passed in October
- ✦ Approval of amendments to the Town Council Rules of Procedure
- ✦ Approval of an amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Union County regarding WCWAA
- ✦ Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding for the development of a Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan for Cabarrus, Stanly and Union Counties

### **DECEMBER 12, 2011 REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

- ✦ Recognition of Mayor Nancy Anderson for her 8 years of service to the Town
- ✦ Recognition of Councilman Robert Gilmartin for his 8 years of service to the Town
- ✦ Recognition of Councilman Jerry McKee for his 4 years of service to the Town
- ✦ Swearing in of Walker Davidson as Mayor and Pamela Hadley and Barbara Harrison as Councilmembers
- ✦ Approval of text change for construction announcement signs
- ✦ Appointment of Daniel Barry as Mayor Pro Tem

### **DECEMBER 15, 2011 SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

- ✦ Presentation by Providence VFD on the transition to a Municipal Fire Service Area
- ✦ Town Liaison to attend Union County Planning Board Meetings
- ✦ Appointment of John Giattino and Reappointment of Jeff Perryman to the Planning Board
- ✦ Appointment of Pamela Hadley to fill the Council seat on the Public Safety Advisory Board
- ✦ Appointment of Jennifer Romaine to the Public Safety Advisory Board

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**Spring Litter Sweep**

The Town of Weddington Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is seeking volunteers to participate in The Spring 2012 Litter Sweep Campaign. Litter Sweep is a statewide roadside litter cleanup drive sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). This local effort is scheduled for Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. Interested volunteers and community groups are asked to meet at the Weddington Town Hall, 1924 Weddington Road, Weddington, NC 28104. Trash bags and orange safety vests will be provided. Bring your own gloves. Coffee and donuts will be served to volunteers. Please contact the Town Hall at (704) 846-2709 if you have any questions.

**2012 Weddington Welcome Magazine**

A new "Welcome to Weddington" magazine will be published early this spring by The Biz Well Corporation. This annual magazine will include an abundance of useful information about local attractions, entertainment, shopping, education and important phone numbers. It is the type of magazine that is kept throughout the year for future reference. The magazine is distributed to the local doctor and dentist offices, banks, and will be available at the Weddington Town Hall. A digital version will also be available on the Town of Weddington website to be viewed or downloaded.

**Weddington 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

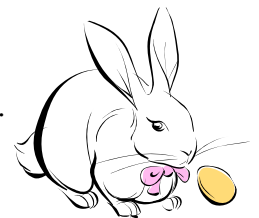
Weddington's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Weddington Town Hall. Bring your Easter Basket and enjoy a Town Easter Egg Hunt along with games and prizes and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Mark the date on your calendar and watch for more information.



**Urban Archery Season**

The Town of Weddington has been approved to participate in the Urban Archery Season for 2012. The Urban Archery Season is an extension of the normal deer season and is available only for incorporated municipalities. It is a legally sanctioned and recommended activity by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission to help control deer. The approved season is January 14, 2012 to February 19, 2012.

Union County is the 13<sup>th</sup> most dangerous county in North Carolina for the number of deer-vehicle collisions. Some advice for motorists when it comes to deer: slow down in posted deer crossing areas, heavily wooded locations, and near bridges and overpasses. If a collision is imminent don't try to swerve out of the way which could result in hitting a tree or barrier on the roadside or moving into the lane of oncoming traffic.



**2012 Holiday Schedule**

Good Friday	Apr. 6
Memorial Day	May 28
Independence Day	July 4
Labor Day	Sept. 3
Veteran's Day	Nov. 12
Thanksgiving	Nov. 22-23
Christmas	Dec 24-26

**2011 Schedule of  
Town Council Meetings  
7:00 pm at Weddington Town Hall  
unless otherwise posted**

Feb 13	March 12	April 9
May 14	June 11	July 9
Aug. 13	Sept. 10	Oct. 8
Nov. 13	Dec. 10	

**2011 Schedule of  
Planning Board Meetings  
7:00 pm at Weddington Town Hall  
unless otherwise posted**

Feb. 27	March 26	April 23
May 21	June 25	July 23
Aug. 27	Sept. 24	Oct. 22
Nov. 26	Dec. 17	

# “Deputy Corner”

## Please welcome our two newest deputies!



**Deputy Chris Black**

Chris is married and has two boys. He attended CPCC and Wingate University before being hired at the Union County Sheriff’s office. Chris has been with UCSO since 2006. Before coming to Weddington he patrolled Union County and worked in the jail.



**Deputy Ryan Hedlund**

Ryan is married with one daughter. He is from Los Angeles and moved to Union County in 1992. Ryan has been with the Union County Sheriff’s office for 6 years as a Deputy.


### **UNION COUNTY IS IMPLEMENTING EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM**

Union County has contracted with Emergency Communications Network to license its CodeRED high-speed notification solution.

The CodeRED system provides Union County officials the ability to quickly deliver emergency messages to the entire county with a single recorded message informing residents of action steps they should take in the event of an emergency.

Please go onto the Union County website at [www.co.union.nc.us](http://www.co.union.nc.us) and follow the link to the CodeRED community notification enrollment page and make sure your phone number is included. You can also call 704-283-3572 to provide the information over the phone. This system works for cell phones too as long as there is an associated street address given. All businesses should register as well as those with unlisted phone numbers.

Any questions should be directed to Union County Emergency Communications Department at 704-283-3572

**We will miss you Deputy Gene Baucom!** 

Deputy Gene retired in December after 20 years of service to Union County. Seven of those years were in Weddington.

We wish him lots of rest and relaxation. Thank you Gene for your hard work and dedication.

Deputy Tyler Mills  
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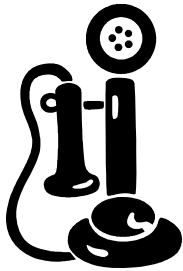
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Have a story idea for us? A question you want answered? Something you'd like to see in the newsletter? Give us a call. Drop us a note. Send us an e-mail. We'll do our best to respond.

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.

