

The Weddington Journal

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WEDDSTOCK DID IT AGAIN!

Weddstock 2011, a huge success! Nearly 5,000 people came together on the Hunter Farm for a fun filled family day on Saturday, August 20th. The event began with the first annual Weddstock 5K and 1 mile fun races at Weddington High School. Organized by committee member Jerilyn Davidson, funds were raised to resurface the school track. Craig Horn, our State representative, said the race represented the epitome of a group of local volunteers getting together for a great project for our kids and to promote community pride.

The main stage sponsored by radio station 106.9 kicked off at 10am with a tribute to our troops with the National Anthem. Lite 102.9 sponsored inflatables, and kids could ride a pony, feed the petting zoo animals, catch a fish in the fishin' hole, milk a cow, try paintball, bungee jump, climb the rock wall, jump on inflatables and make a bird house with the generous folks from Home Depot, endless fun! The mechanical bull riders were hollerin' all day long, Horse training clinics, fishing from Mineral Springs Millings, raffles, and wagon rides were all busy. The teens enjoyed the 96.1 "Goat Room" from 7pm-11pm, with laser tag, water gun fights, and a Funkytown Dance party on their stage. There was something for everyone!

The Waxhaw Woodturners made and sold wooden crafts. There were tons of local businesses and great foods to pick from including hamburgers, sausage, fantastic BBQ, ribs, onion rings, fudge puppies, Italian ice, and more!

Thank you to all our generous sponsors: The Town of Weddington, The Hunter Farm, Mario's Pizza, Weddington Corners, The Home Depot along with Danny Greene and Kevin Donaldson, Clean Cut Construction, Southeastern Gymnastics, Orthodontist Dr. Wesley Robinson, Chesterbrook Academy, Hull and Coleman Orthodontics, Chick-Fil-A, Young & Polite Children's Dentistry, Carolina Family Chiropractic, Kids R Kids Learning Academy, Matthews Fun Machines, Carolina Select Lacrosse, Bull Ranch Farms, The Union County Sheriff's Explorer Group... A heartfelt, special thanks to Southbrook Church for rallying their members only 48 hours before the event and showing up in massive numbers to volunteer! We couldn't have done it without them!

Thank you also to the Weddstock Committee which worked for months to put together a professional, awesome event: Sharon Sanders, Wendy Tonetti, Sue Fitch, Sanna Tucker, Debbie Cramer, Melissa Wadsworth, Jerilyn Davidson, Lisa Stewart, LA Smith, Sandy Simpson, Torrie Newman, Shruti Vasa and Eric Anderson (the real cowboy)! , the entire Anderson family, and Pistol, the resident goat for his inspiration!



See you next year!



A Word From Our Tax Collector

2011-2012 Weddington Property Taxes

Weddington property tax notices will be mailed to property owners around the first of September. Taxes are due on September 1, 2011 and payable without penalty until January 5, 2012. Property owners whose payments are post-marked on or after January 6, 2012 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.



You may also use our Drop Box located beside the Town Hall to pay your Weddington Tax bill.

The town tax rate for FY2012 is **\$0.03** per \$100 assessed valuation. If your Union County tax bill is paid by your mortgage company through an escrow account, your Town of Weddington tax will be billed to your mortgage company. 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, please contact the Tax Collector.

Tax information may also be accessed via our website at www.townofweddington.com.

For further information regarding taxes

Contact: Kim Woods, Tax Collector

Town of Weddington

704-846-2709

704-844-6372 Fax

kim@townofweddington.com

Union County Tax Office

704-283-3848

2011 Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving	Nov. 24 and 25
Christmas	Dec 23 and 26

2011 Schedule of Planning Board Meetings

7:00 pm at Weddington Town Hall unless otherwise posted

Sept. 26	Oct. 24	Nov. 28
Dec. 19		

2011 Schedule of Town Council Meetings

7:00 pm at Weddington Town Hall unless otherwise posted

Sept. 12	Oct. 10	Nov. 14
Dec. 12		

BUDGET NEWS

The fiscal year 2012 Town General Fund budget was approved at the June 13th Town Council meeting. There is no change to the current tax rate of 3 cents per \$100. The following is the final approved budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012:

Ad valorem taxes	\$ 587,750
State-collected revenues	618,750
Zoning & subdivision revenues	11,000
Other revenues	<u>22,520</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$1,240,020</u>

General government expenditures	\$ 609,095
Administrative expenditures	434,275
Planning & zoning expenditures	<u>196,650</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$1,240,020</u>

Items of note included in the above budget are the continued funding of contract deputies from Union County Sheriff's Department to service the Town as well as funding for the Providence Volunteer Fire Department paid firefighters. In addition, with the completion of the widening of Providence Road money has been budgeted for the maintenance and landscaping of the medians. Also, the Council approved funding for several community events such as Weddstock, a Tree Lighting ceremony and an Easter Egg Hunt.

A copy of a more detailed version of the FY2012 budget is available on the Town website or at Town Hall. Questions or comments regarding the budget are welcome and can be directed to Town Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord, the Mayor or any Councilmember.

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.

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - APRIL 28, 2011

- Review of Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2011-2012
- Approval of Budget Amendments to the FY 2010-2011 Budget

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MAY 9, 2011

- Joint Work Session with Providence Volunteer Fire Department Board of Directors

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MAY 9, 2011

- Special Recognition to Town Resident Erik Blowers, owner of God Bless the USA, Inc. for receiving the COG - Excellence in Clean Cities Initiatives
- Presentation by Weddington High School Principal Brad Breedlove
- Approval of Freestanding/Ground Text Amendment

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - JUNE 13, 2011

- Approval of Resolution Adding Providence Forest Drive, Woodview Lane and Pinewood Court in the Providence Forest Subdivision to the State Maintained Secondary Road System
- Approval of Resolution Adding Dockside Court in the Lake Forest Subdivision to the State Maintained Secondary Road System
- Approval of Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget with a 3 cents tax rate
- Approval of Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2010-2011
- Approval of Changing Provider of Property and Liability Insurance to Martin and Harrill

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - JULY 11, 2011

- Work Session with the Providence VFD Board of Directors to Discuss the Progress of the Merger, Other Options for Fire Service and the Financial Needs of the Fire Department

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - JULY 11, 2011

- Special Recognition of Deputy Ronnie Honeycutt on his Retirement
- Special Recognition of Scouts from WUMC Troop #99 who achieved Eagle Scout in 2010
- Approval of Code Enforcement Proposal
- Approval of Amendment to the Urban Forester Interlocal Agreement with Union County
- Approval of Landscape Maintenance Agreement for Town Hall
- Approval of Ordinance Adopting Orientation Signs Text Amendment
- Approval of Weddington UMC Conditional Zoning District Minor Amendment
- Presentations by Mr. Scott Shew – Director of EMS for Union County, Wesley Chapel VFD Chief John Rogers and Providence VFD Interim Chief Daryl Matthews
- Presentation by Finance Officer Leslie Gaylord on Explanation of Budget Process
- Directed Staff to Draft Letter to the Fire Marshal advising that the Council is working with the Providence VFD to help it assess and move forward with resolving its current funding issues with possible solutions including but not limited to the following: Support of a potential merger with the Wesley Chapel VFD and Support of expanding the Providence VFD District as a precursor to converting it to a Fire Tax District. (The Council passed a motion in support of working with the Board of Commissioners, Fire Marshal and Fire Commission on this option.)

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - JULY 20, 2011

- Work Session with Union County Public Works Officials Regarding the Proposed Water Tower

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.

- Directed Legal, Mayor Pro Tem Daniel Barry and Councilmember Jerry McKee to Review Current Town Council Rules of Procedure for Possible Amendments
- Approval of Union County Water Tower Conditional Zoning Application

SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - AUGUST 17, 2011

- Directed Staff to Send a Letter to the Union County Fire Commission and County Commissioners endorsing a map provided by the Providence VFD showing the proposed moving of the fire district lines

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 4-8 months. Landscaping on both roads is complete other than some Loropetalum (a flowering shrub) that will be planted this fall.

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 in the next 6-12 months.

Weddington Church Road will be relocated to behind the Family Life Center and just north of the lake. NCDOT is currently working with NCDWQ (NC Division of Water Quality) and the US Army Corps of Engineers to obtain proper permits for construction.

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 has been completed. The new traffic signal is in place and will be fully functional within the next month.

Weddington United Methodist Church Campus Signs

On July 11th 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 will erect these signs on their properties throughout town to aid drivers and pedestrians.

The actual Text Amendment will allow orientation signs to be erected only on church campuses and educational and government facilities containing several buildings located on one or more lots.

Union County Elevated Water Storage Tower

On August 8th the Weddington Town Council approved Union County's Conditional Zoning Application for a 198 foot tall, 1.5 million gallon water tower at 247 Providence Road South (west side of Providence Road between the First Baptist Church and Rea Road).

The application was approved with the request that the balance of property (4-5 acres) not being used for the water tower be deeded to the Town of Weddington to be used as a park or open space.

Carolina Thread Trail

The Town of Weddington along with Union County and eleven other Union County municipalities selected the Trust for Public Land as the consultant for the Carolina Thread Trail Plan. The Carolina Thread Trail will connect more than two million citizens with hundreds of miles of pedestrian, equestrian and bicycle trails that wind through fifteen counties in North and South Carolina.

The Carolina Thread Trail, Trust for Public Land and Steering Committee held four Listening Sessions in July 2010 and four Open Houses throughout Union County in January and February 2011. From those meetings, maps and trail locations were selected. The current trail does not run directly through Weddington but does border the Town in Wesley Chapel and Waxhaw. The Carolina Thread Trail Map has been approved by all participating communities and Union County.

Please visit www.carolinathreadtrail.org for more information.

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Additional Information

The DrumSTRONG Event took place on May 21-22.

The Weddstock Event took place on August 20th.

The Town Council approved a text amendment to replace all Conditional Use Permits (CUP's) with Conditional Zoning Permits (CZ's) throughout the *Zoning Ordinance*. This text amendment allows all reviews to be a legislative process rather than a quasi-judicial process. The legislative process allows for much more citizen and Town Council input prior to the Public Hearing and Consideration.

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★ **NC House Speaker** ★
★ **Thom Tillis is** ★
★ **scheduled to come to** ★
★ **Western Union** ★
★ **County on September** ★
★ **30. More details to** ★
★ **come and will be** ★
★ **posted on the Town's** ★
★ **website** ★
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Surgery Prices

Canine Spay: \$75.00
 * In Heat or Pregnant + \$15.00
 Canine Neuter: \$55.00

Feline Spay: \$65.00
 * In Heat or Pregnant + \$10.00
 Feline Neuter: \$50.00

Cryptorchid Males: \$125.00
 Umbilical Hernia Repair Females: \$15.00
 Umbilical Hernia Repair Males: \$20.00
 * If your pet is in heat or pregnant you will be asked to pay additional charges at pick up.

Vaccines and Test

Rabies: \$8.00 (1 year only)

DHPP: (Canine Distemper) \$10.00
 Bordetella: (Canine) \$10.00
 Heartworm Test: (Canine) \$15.00

FVRCP: (Feline Distemper) \$12.00
 FELV/FIV/HW Test: (Feline) \$25.00

*No other testing or vaccines are available at this time.

Other Services/Items Available

Nail Trim: (Canine or Feline)
 \$5.00

Post Operative Pain Medication:
 \$8.00 - \$10.00

Leashes: \$2.00 DONATION
 Carriers: \$8.00 DONATION

Note: Pricing for all services is subject to change.

Monroe Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic is a program of the Humane Society of Union County, Inc. which is a nonprofit organization under IRC 501 (c)(3). **YOUR DONATIONS ARE GREATLY NEEDED** and will help us prevent unwanted births & unnecessary euthanasia!!!

Please make checks PAYABLE to: HSUC & MAIL to: HSUC, PO BOX 101, Monroe, NC 28111 or go to www.hs-uc.org and use PayPal.
 THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Review your Medicare Benefits!

The ONLY time to make changes for next year is October 15 -December 7. During this time you can stretch your healthcare dollars by reviewing your Part D Prescription Drug Plan & Medicare Advantage plans. Please call Council on Aging at 704-292-1797 to make an appointment.

Senior Wellness Expo
November 3rd

9:00am until Noon at the Agricultural Center 3230-D Presson Road, Monroe, 28112. This is a great opportunity to learn about services available to seniors as well as attend free screenings. Screenings range from Dermatologist to Dentist to Blood Pressure & Blood Sugars. This is a free event open to the public!

Monroe Low-Cost Spay/Neuter Clinic

Located: 4015 Waxhaw Hwy (Hwy 75) Monroe, NC 28112
 CALL TODAY FOR AN APPOINTMENT: 704.292.7729

Prepayment is required for scheduled services. Fees for any additional services will be payable at pick up. Debit/Credit Card, Money Order, or Cash Accepted — NO Checks.

Email us at www.monroespayneuter@frontier.com



VACANCIES ON TOWN OF WEDDINGTON

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The Town is seeking applications for the following Boards and Committees:

Planning Board – There will be two individuals whose seats on the Planning Board will expire in December. Council can reappoint the individuals currently serving or can appoint new individuals to this position. The terms are for four years. The Planning Board meets the 4th Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Planning Board members also serve on the Board of Adjustment and Historic Preservation Commission.

Public Safety Advisory Committee – There is a current vacancy on the Public Safety Advisory Committee due to a resignation. The vacancy is for an unexpired term ending December 2014. This Committee meets on an as needed basis.

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. Please submit completed applications by October 3, 2011 to Weddington Town Clerk, 1924 Weddington Road, Weddington, NC 28104, by fax to 704-844-6372 or email to 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.

WEDDINGTON ELECTIONS

Weddington voting districts are solely for the purpose of ensuring that members of the Town Council live in the different areas of the town. Each Council seat is elected by all of the voters in Town. This fall we will be electing the Mayor and Councilmembers from Districts II and IV. Regardless of the district where you reside, you will see those council seat races on your fall ballot.

The following individuals have filed to run in Weddington:

Mayor	District II	District IV
Stephanie Belcher	Scott Buzzard	Ken Evans
Walker Davidson	Pam Hadley	Barbara Harrison
	Hughie Sexton	Jerry McKee*

* Denotes incumbent currently serving as Councilmember in the noted District.

Election Day is November 8. For questions or additional information contact the Union County Board of Elections at 704-283-3809.



4TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING

When: December 2, 2011
Rain Date: December 3, 2011
Where: Weddington Town Hall
Time: 5pm - 8:00 pm

Join in the Celebration with your friends and neighbors as we kick-off the Holiday Season with Music, Special Performances and Treats

Please bring new gloves, hats and scarves to be given to the Union County Christmas Bureau

Kids - please bring a homemade ornament for the tree!

FALL LITTER SWEEP

The Town of Weddington Parks & Recreation Advisory Board is seeking volunteers to participate in The Fall 2011 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, October 1, 2011 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.

!SAVE THE DATE!

March 31, 2012 – 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt
April 2012 – Spring Litter Sweep
August 2012 - Weddstock

“Deputy Corner”



Welcome Our Newest Weddington Deputy

Please join us in welcoming Tyler Mills as our newest Deputy. He is replacing Ronnie Honeycutt who retired in June. He is a life long resident of Union County and has been with the Union County Sheriff's Office for 7 years. Tyler has a B.S. in Criminal Justice and is an SRT member, Field Training Officer and Member of the Honor Guard Team. He is married with twin boys.

NEWS YOU CAN USE!

MAPNIMBUS

In the very near future UCSO will be going live with an online crime mapping program called Map Nimbus. This program is top notch and will allow citizens to pin-point crimes that have been reported in their area as well as other areas of Union County. This interactive Google Maps interface will allow citizens to view crimes based on type, location, time & date, as well as sex offender status. Be on the lookout for this new service to Weddington residents.

Deputy Sheriff Gene Baucom
genebaucom@co.union.nc.us

Deputy Sheriff James Walker
james.walker@co.union.nc.us

Deputy Tyler Mills
tylermills@co.union.nc.us

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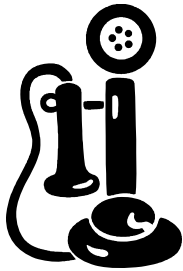
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Town Hall Hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9AM to 1PM
or by appointment



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.

