



Woodfin Journal



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From Your Mayor...

Fall is now upon us and hopefully, each of you has had a full and enjoyable summer. A lot is going on in our town, including new apartment complexes, new homes and new businesses.

Our greenway planning as well as our “Whitewater Wave” project is underway as this is being written. Hopefully, by the coming spring, we will begin to see the results of our bond vote as well as other grants which will help us complete this project over a much shorter time than originally proposed.

There is a lot of interest in the greenway project among other municipalities, and hopefully, one of these days a person will be able to walk or bike for several miles across Buncombe County.

The Town continues to remove junk cars from various properties and we will continue to do so. Basically, if you have a motor vehicle on your property with no current tag on it, it is considered to be a “junk” vehicle and is subject to being towed. These vehicles must be covered with a car cover or a tarp to remain on your property.

As always, if you have any questions or complaints, please feel free to contact our Town Hall or me, personally at any time. We are always willing to help you with your problems or concerns.

Enjoy your fall season and make effort to remain safe always.

Jerry



Free Spay & Neuter Assistance to Any Woodfin Resident

The Board of Aldermen have re-authorized a program that will provide vouchers to get your dog or cat spayed or neutered for free. This program is absolutely free and includes a rabies shot as well. Any Woodfin citizen can take advantage of this program by filling out an application. Call Ben Dannemiller at 828.253.4887 ext. 1006 for details or to get started.

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Important Phone Numbers:

Emergency 9-1-1

- Woodfin Police 253-4889
- Woodfin Town Hall 253-4887
- Woodfin Public Works 645-7063
- Curbside Management– 252-2532
- Woodfin Fire District 255-7561
- Woodfin Water District 253-5551
- Metropolitan Sewage District (MSD) 255-0061
- Woodfin Community Center 253-4888.
- Woodfin ABC 658-9300



Are you looking for an affordable site to hold your big event?

The Town of Woodfin has a large community center available at extremely reasonable daily rates.

Kitchen facilities, tables, chairs, a stage, ample parking and more.

Call or email Town Hall to arrange a tour or make a reservation.



Municipal Elections are November 7th. Polls open at 6:30 AM and stay open until 7:30 PM.

Cold Weather is on the Way, Is Your Family Ready?

While it still seems a bit far out, the truth is that **Old Man Winter** will be paying us a visit sooner than you think and this is one “guest” who you definitely better prepare for. Our website has some great information about prepping your house, car and family for winter and if you aren’t sure you’re ready why not click on over and take a peek. In the event that you don’t have time for that here’s a quick run down of what to do:

Home—get your heater checked or serviced. If you use pro-

pane, wood or other combustibles it is almost past time to get it ordered and delivered. Also, go ahead and close off those crawlspace vents and/or secure the basement for cold weather.

Car—make sure it is serviced, especially the fluids and tires. It might be worth throwing a bag of cat litter and a small shovel in the trunk in case you get stuck in snow or ice.



Also, if the forecast does call for snow, gas up well ahead of time. In an emergency your car heater can be a life saver—but only if your engine can run.

Family - We’ve stressed this before, but most of us still haven’t done it, please create an emergency kit for your family. At a minimum it should have water, food that doesn’t require cooking, blankets, flashlight, battery powered radio, medicine and a way to stay entertained that doesn’t need a plug! And don’t forget your pets, keep them inside!

Election Season is Here...Again

While many of us are tired of hearing about politics and elections it is—for good or ill—election time again. On Tuesday, November 7th at 6:30 AM the polls in Woodfin will open and remain that way until 7:30 PM where registered Woodfin voters will be able to cast their votes for three (3) of the 7 positions on the Woodfin Board of Aldermen. Some happy few of

us will also have the opportunity to elect 3 members to the Woodfin Water Board as well.

(Just a quick note, the Woodfin Water District is entirely separate from the government of the Town of Woodfin and has a three member board. Not all Woodfin Water District voters are residents of the Town of Woodfin and not all Woodfin residents are voting members of the

Woodfin Water District..)

While these positions are often overlooked they play a very important role in your day to day life, so if you live here you might want to take the time to help decide how it is run. To check your voter registration status or see where to vote go to www.buncombecounty.org.

Woodfin Holiday Program Kicks Off



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Somewhere at the North Pole Santa is busy making his list and checking it twice. And while Santa does his best to get to everyone in need, he can't do it alone. That's where you come in.

For the last 20 plus years the Town of Woodfin has collected funds to provide for needs in our community –and while it might seem a little early to think about Christmas, the truth is we have to start collecting money now if we're going to be able to help spread holiday cheer.

The Woodfin Holiday Program started with a simple idea. A police officer came across a family with no presents for the child. The officer did what all of us would like to do that day and became a hero. That officer went out and spent their own money to buy a few presents and some food so that the family's season would be a little bit merrier. Since those humble beginnings this remarkable program has expanded to provide toys, clothes, food and heating assistance to some of our most vulnerable residents. Over the course of the last few decades this program has latterly helped thousands of people in need right here in Woodfin. Best of all 100% of your donations go directly to help people. The Town handles all of the fundraising

costs, banking expenses and other matters out of the Town's budget.

In keeping overhead out of the fundraising side of things the Town can assure you that every penny you donate goes to make our community a better, happier place. With your help we can make a real difference in the lives of children and older residents by providing that little lift to get someone through a bad winter or just make sure that every child in our Town has a reason to celebrate the holidays.

To donate, please send your check to:

Woodfin Town Hall
c/o Holiday Program
90 Elk Mountain Rd.
Woodfin, NC 28804



Or you can stop by Woodfin Town Hall or simply flag down one of our police officers and hand it directly to them. We'll mail you a receipt and our gratitude.

So please, take time today to be a hero to a child or an older citizen in need. You'd look good in a cape.



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Where Community Matters!



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Make Sure Your House, Car and Family Are Prepared For Cold Weather! This Summer was a little cooler and much wetter than we've had lately, if Winter follows suit we can anticipate a lot more snow and ice this year than we've had for the last couple. Please go to our website www.woodfin-nc.gov to find out how to avoid making Winter memories that you'd rather forget and start preparing today!

Traffic Calming Pilot Program

Our roads and streets are designed for the efficient and rapid movement of people and materials from point (a) to point (b), unfortunately sometimes our roads become a little too efficient. How so?

Well one area where we don't really prize "rapid movement" of cars is in our residential neighborhoods. We post the speed limit on these roads based upon an expectation that they will see more intense pedestrian use as well as need to accommodate a number of vehicles entering and leaving the street system at infrequent intervals. As people become more used to their

daily routines, however, they tend to cut corners. A little bit faster out of the neighborhood to get to work on time or a little bit faster into the neighborhood because it's hot and you've got ice cream in the car...well you get the idea. Along with adding a little extra weight to the accelerator some of us can also apparently determine which stop signs are worth stopping for and which are a waste of time.

These little allowances we grant ourselves when it comes to operating a vehicle build up over time and create potentially dangerous conditions for our residents.

That's where the speed bump pilot project comes in. Currently we have placed about a dozen of these in areas where complaints about speed and ignored traffic signage have been consistently reported. We'll examine our results at the 6 month and 12 month anniversary of installation to determine overall effectiveness. And while we understand that traffic calming policies aren't always convenient, they are for most of us less inconvenient than getting a traffic ticket which is an alternate method of traffic calming that isn't all that popular either.



The Town has fielded numerous requests for speed bumps over the last few years and has begun a pilot project to test their effectiveness.