



# Woodfin Journal

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## From Your Mayor...

First of all, let me wish each one of you a -belated- but very happy new year! Hopefully, 2019 will be a good year for you.

Hopefully, everyone got through the season's snowfalls and ice storms with a minimum amount of trouble. I want to thank our Public Works folks for their dedication and hard work through the storm maintaining our street system and picking up everyone's trash. I would also like to remind you that while all of us are anxious for spring to get here our area has experienced some of its most monumental snow events in March and April so it might be best to plan accordingly.

Our Greenway and Blueway projects are underway and hopefully, you will see the beginning of construction before long. There is a tremendous amount of interest in these projects and when finished, they will be a showpiece for the Town of Woodfin.

The Town is still receiving complaints about automobiles which have no tags or insurance. We will continue to respond to these complaints and, when necessary, we will have the vehicles towed. To avoid the expense and trouble of having your vehicle removed from your property there are simple steps that you can take to fix the problem such as moving the vehicle into a garage, getting it tagged and insured or even potentially covering it in a fitted car tarp. Town staff will be happy to advise you on how to bring your vehicles into compliance if you need help.

Also, the recent heavy rains have caused some stream channels to become partially blocked with trees or other debris. If you have such a blockage on your property, please make an effort to have the channels opened up to allow water to freely flow. As usual, if you have problems or concerns, do not hesitate to contact our town hall or contact me personally to have your issue addressed.

I look forward to continue serving you.

*Jerry*

M. Jerry VeHaun, Mayor of Woodfin

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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
- Woodfin Community Center 253-4888.
- Woodfin ABC 658-9300
- Woodfin Elementary School 232-4287
- Metropolitan Sewerage District 254-9646



*Littering is illegal –obviously –and is a fineable offense in North Carolina.*

*If you see someone littering you can report them immediately on your mobile phone by hitting \*HP*

*You can also submit a report online by going to:*

*https://  
www.ncdot.gov/  
initiatives-policies/  
environmental/litter-  
management/  
Pages/swat-a-  
litterbug-  
report.aspx*

*You'll need the date, time, location, vehicle tag number.*

*Help Keep Woodfin and all of NC Beautiful, swat a litterbug the next time you see one!*

## Get Ready to Race the Woodfin 5K

**Woodfin, North Carolina- February 4, 2019.** The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Woodfin 5K launched its online registration today ([www.woodfin5K.com](http://www.woodfin5K.com)), with an early-bird \$20 fee up until February 17, 2019. The regular registration fee of \$25 begins on February 18.

The **Woodfin 5K** is scheduled for **Saturday, April 27, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.**, and boasts one of the most challenging and picturesque 5K runs in Western North Carolina.

The Woodfin 5K is a fundraiser for Woodfin Elementary School, one of the oldest and most successful primary schools in North Carolina. Established over a hundred years ago, the school has served the Buncombe County community with pride and distinction.

“The Woodfin 5K is one of the premier running events in western North Carolina and draws participants from a four-state area”, said race director John Conley. “The event harnesses the cultural energy of the Town of Woodfin and offers runners a challenging tour of this historic city”.

The Woodfin 5K generated over \$12,000 for the Woodfin Elementary School



student population last year, and race organizers are anticipating a record-breaking field to help generate nearly \$15,000 for student curriculum enhancements and supports.

“The Woodfin 5K is the signature running event in Woodfin and one of the best 5K’s in the Asheville area.”, said Woodfin 5K Board President Charlie Glazener. “This race allows the community and friends of our community to support a historic and most worthy educational institution that will pay dividends for many years to come.”

Participants can expect a well-supported event on a rolling looped-course, starting and finishing on the Woodfin Elementary School Campus at 108 Elk Mountain Rd., Woodfin, NC 28804. Last year, over 200 runners and walkers signed up for the event and finishers enjoyed

entertainment by DJ Jeff Levenson, food for sale by Woodfin Elementary School Parents, and a number of interactive booths set up by event sponsors.

Online registration runs through April 18, 2019 and packet pick up begins at the campus on Friday, April 19.

**About Woodfin Elementary School:** Woodfin Elementary is a small school located just north of Asheville, serving learners in grades Kindergarten through fourth grade. The school is part of the Erwin district in the Buncombe County Schools system. The purpose of Woodfin Elementary School is to promote academic and civic excellence in a caring environment and to prepare each student to meet their greatest potential in the areas of academics, social development, and citizenship. The school seeks to nurture the whole child.

Woodfin Elementary has been an integral part of the local community for over 100 years. The school is proud of the strong family ties that continue to support the school and the local businesses and civic groups that contribute to the success of its students. Woodfin’s annual Fall Festival and spring Woodfin 5K brings families, faculty and the community together for fun filled days that leave a lasting impact.





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## Are you planning a Birthday Party or Get Together for Your Child this Spring or Early Summer?

If so, now is the perfect time to book your time slot for one of our covered picnic pavilions either at Roy Pope Memorial Park (the home of Avery’s Little Corner) or the Woodfin River Park on Riverside Drive.

The Town rents these picnic shelters for \$30 for a 3 hour increment. Weekend days fill up fast, so if you want to make sure that your party is booked call us today at 828.253.4887 and ask for Town Clerk Jody Jones or email [jodyjones@woodfin-nc.gov](mailto:jodyjones@woodfin-nc.gov).



## Woodfin Business Registration—A Way to Connect People & Businesses

If you own a business located here in Woodfin you’ll be receiving a letter in the next few weeks that will register your business with the Town of Woodfin. Under the ordinance that created the business registration program each local business will be required to register with the Town of Woodfin every year as outlined under state law.

A natural first question is, “What is the Business Registration For?” Simply put, since the General Assembly revoked the local Privilege License many Towns—including Woodfin—have struggled with keeping up to date on what businesses are coming and going within the jurisdiction. This makes it difficult to ensure that businesses are operating in appropriately



zoned areas and that they are in compliance with all local rules and regulations, like the sign ordinance. The business registration program seeks to remedy that problem by making sure that all businesses and non-profits are entered into our records.

The business registration program, however, isn’t simply limited to creating a list for Town staff to ensure compliance with local laws. The

Town also intends to compile an easily searchable data base of local companies that can better connect Woodfin residents and visitors with local businesses that can meet their needs.

Eventually, we hope to expand this web based service to allow for local companies to place free employment notices, advertise commercially available land and buildings and make it easier

for all of us to keep Woodfin dollars local.

In an age of expanding globalization of markets and internet based superstores it’s increasingly important for communities to develop strategies that promote local businesses as a way of keeping more money in our local economy longer.

When you spend your money with a local business you’re paying the salary of the people that pay yours. The Woodfin Business Registration Ordinance is one way your Board of Aldermen are working to make sure that our community remains a great place to live, work and play!