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~ A Waxhaw Community Newsletter ~

The Village News

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the twelve days of
CHRISTMAS
historic downtown waxhaw

4 weekends of events beginning November 29

Nov 29	Holiday Festival of Lights <i>*Over 75,000 lights, Christmas Concert on Main, SNOW, carriage rides, reindeer games, Santa visit</i>	5-9 pm
Dec 1	Christmas Tea with Mrs. Claus <i>presented by The Museum of the Waxhaws</i>	2-4 pm
Dec 6	Senior Citizen Christmas Party <i>*Waxhaw residents only American Legion Post #208</i>	Noon
	First Friday Main Street presents A Dickens of A Christmas Living Windows <i>Theatrical performances, Charlotte Chorale carolers, Kensington Elementary Court Musicians, carriage rides</i>	5:30-8 pm
	Waxhaw Arts Council Benefit and Preview Gala <i>at Eight Legs Gallery / Stewart's Village Gallery</i>	5-9 pm
Dec 7	GingerSnap 5K Race	8 am
	Polar Express Reading and Trackless Train Ride <i>at Library Association of Waxhaw Book Store</i>	10 am
	Passport to Christmas <i>at JAARS Center</i>	8:30-12 noon 1:30 - 5 pm
Dec 13-14	The Christmas Story with Live Nativity <i>presented by Waxhaw United Methodist Church</i>	6:30 pm, 7 pm 7:30 pm, 8 pm
Dec 14	A Walk Through Bethlehem Outdoor Tour & Nativity <i>@Waxhaw Baptist Church</i>	6-9 pm
Dec 15	Christmas Parade followed by Snack with Santa	3 pm
Dec 16-21	Santa's Ride thru the neighborhoods <i>see ride schedule online at waxhaw.com</i>	7 pm
Dec 19	Red Green and Bluegrass @Museum of the Waxhaws	7-10 pm
Dec 24	Community Christmas Eve Service <i>by Crossroads Church @ Fox Family Farms</i> Community Christmas Eve Service <i>by Five Stones Church @ downtown</i>	4:30 pm, 6:30 pm 5 pm, 7 pm

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A Message from the Town Manager



Building for the Future

Over the last two years, your Waxhaw Board of Commissioners has been hard at work in developing plans and programs to help the town prepare for and meet its future. This work has involved many hours of debate, public input and staff work. This month, I want to share those accomplishments.

Beginning last year and continuing into this year, the board has created a multi-year strategic plan. A great deal of citizen, staff and Board input was used to identify a number of activities that must be undertaken between 2013 and 2028. The plan focuses on areas such as policy development and enhancement, financial forecasting, facilities and services offered. Many of these items have been completed and others currently underway.

Another focus area was the development of small area plans. Plans are wrapping up for the Eastside, Hillcrest, and Waxhaw-Marvin areas, with the Highway 16 plan still underway. The small area plans are used as road maps for needs identification and outline how the areas should develop. Small area plans are important to the residents so they are aware of what the future holds for their neighborhood and for the Town government so we can make the best decisions for the areas. It is a win-win.

On November 12th the Board of Commissioners approved the Form Based Code for the downtown. The staff and Board had heard complaints that the old code was no longer meeting the need for the future. The traditional code primarily focused on use of a property and contained little, if any, flexibility. The new code focuses less on a property's use and more on appearance to ensure that a building, its use, and appearance fit the town. The new code addresses 21 of 28 recommendations by the NC Department of Commerce on how to improve activity in the downtown.

A new sign ordinance was approved this year. Sign ordinances are a much discussed item in many communities. Like our other efforts, the sign ordinance rewrite contained a great deal of community input, staff work and board debate.

Facilities and open space successes were also a part of 2013. In late 2012, we were successful in acquiring property that will house a new municipal facility in downtown Waxhaw. Along with the facility is planned retail and restaurant with the construction of a pedestrian plaza, restoration of the McDonald House and additional parking. The plan will also enhance our recently restored water tank. We were also successful in acquiring 34 acres on Waxhaw-Marvin Road. Initial discussion has focused on an equestrian-type facility but a formal plan has not been adopted by the Board. The Town obtained additional land for a greenway near Prescott residential on Waxhaw-Marvin Road and obtained a grant from Carolina Thread Trail to do enhancements. Lights are expected to be installed at the H.C. Nesbit Park soon as well. We acquired a shell building for a new police department with upfits underway and move-in scheduled for the spring of 2014. The building will serve the town for many years into the future.

As we close out 2013, I want to take a time to recognize and thank our three outgoing Board Commissioners - Mayor Pro-tem Erin Kirkpatrick, Commissioners Joyce Blythe and Brett Diller. Each of these individuals care deeply about Waxhaw and its future and each made important contributions to the betterment of the town.

In December, Paul Fitzgerald, Jim Warner and John Hunt will be joining the Board. Each of these individuals has served on Board-appointed committees and we look forward to working with them as we continue to build on the success that was achieved this year.

Thanks for being a part of our community we call Waxhaw.

Mike McLaurin
Waxhaw Town Manager

Friday Nov 29

5-9pm Holiday Festival of Lights *downtown*
5-9pm Free Carriage Rides *downtown*

Saturday Nov 30

10am-4pm Christmas Crafts for Kids
@ *Museum of Waxhaws*
5-9pm Free Carriage Rides *downtown*

Sunday Dec 1

2-4 pm Christmas Tea with Mrs. Claus
@*Museum of Waxhaws*

Friday Dec 6

12 noon Senior Citizen Christmas Party
@ *American Legion*
5:30-8pm First Friday Event
"A Christmas Carol"
Living Windows *downtown*
6pm Yes Virginia The Musical
@*Western Union Elementary*
5-9pm Waxhaw Arts Council
Benefit and Preview Gala
@ *Eight Legs Gallery/*
Stewart's Village Gallery
7pm Theatrical Production of
"A Christmas Carol"
@ *Cuthbertson High School*
5-9pm Free Carriage Rides *downtown*

Saturday Dec 7

8am GingerSnap 5K Race
8:30-noon Passport to Christmas
@ JAARS Center, Waxhaw
10am Polar Express Mini Train Rides
@ *Library Association Bookstore*
10am-4pm Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
@ *Museum of Waxhaws*
10am-6pm Christmas Open House
@ *Stewart's Village Gallery*
1:30 - 5pm Passport to Christmas
@ JAARS Center, Waxhaw
3pm Yes Virginia The Musical
@*Western Union Elementary*
6:30pm Covered Bridge Lighting
@ *Millbridge Club House*
7pm Theatrical Production of
"A Christmas Carol"
@ *Cuthbertson High School*
5-9pm Free Carriage Rides *downtown*

Sunday Dec 8

11 am Moravian Lovefeast
@ *Waxhaw United Methodist*
10 am-6 pm Christmas Open House
@ *Stewart's Village Gallery*

Friday Dec 13

6:30pm The Christmas Story with
Live Nativity
Times: 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8 pm
@ *Waxhaw United Methodist*
5-9pm Free Carriage Rides *downtown*

Saturday Dec 14

9am-1pm Special Christmas Market
@*Waxhaw Farmer's Market*
10 am-6 pm Christmas Open House
@ *Stewart's Village Gallery*
1-3 pm Polar Express Experience
@ *Cuthbertson High School*
6-9 pm A Walk Through Bethlehem
Outdoor Tour & Live Nativity
@*Waxhaw Baptist Church*
6:30 pm The Christmas Story with
Live Nativity
Times: 6:30, 7:00, 7:30, 8 pm
@ *Waxhaw United Methodist*
5-9 pm Free Carriage Rides *downtown*

Sunday Dec 15

3pm Christmas Parade *downtown*
4pm Snack and Photos with Santa
@ *Waxhaw Woman's Club*
10 am-6pm Christmas Open House
@ *Stewart's Village Gallery*
2:30-5pm Eat, Drink and Be Merry
5th Annual Christmas Party
@*Prestige Properties of the*
Carolinas downtown

Thursday Dec 19

7-10pm Red Green and Bluegrass
@*Museum of the Waxhaws*

Friday Dec 20

5-9pm Free Carriage Rides *downtown*

Saturday Dec 21

10am-6pm Christmas Open House
@ *Stewart's Village Gallery*
7pm The Longest Night Service
@ *Waxhaw United Methodist*
5-9pm Free Carriage Rides *downtown*

Sunday Dec 22

10am-6pm Christmas Open House
@ *Stewart's Village Gallery*

Tuesday Dec 24

4:30pm; 6:30pm Waxhaw Community Christmas Eve Service @ *Fox Family Farms*
5:00pm ; 7:00pm Five Stones Church Community Christmas Eve Service @ *Town Lot corner of Highway 16/North Main downtown*
7:00pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ *Waxhaw United Methodist Church*

First Ever Christmas Tree in David G. Barnes Park Ready for Festival of Lights

The Holiday Festival of Lights celebration on Friday, November 29th from 5-9 pm will feature a few new elements this year including a 22 ft. Christmas tree brought in from Boone, NC earlier in November. The Waxhaw Public Services Department placed the tree in its temporary home at the entrance to David G. Barnes Park where children will be able to enjoy it throughout the Christmas season. For a listing of activities during the Holiday Festival of Lights, see page 6 for details.



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November 29, 2013 5-9 pm

5-7pm

Christmas Concert on Main

Live Performance by 7 area churches
and the

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7pm

Santa Arrives

Illumination of Downtown

7:30-9pm Visit with Santa

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Business Spotlight



Waxhaw Business Association Business of the month by Dorothy Moloney

John Bean at AdvCoach was recognized as the September 2013 Business of the Month by the Waxhaw Business Association. AdvCoach operates a business coaching practice in Charlotte, with a mission to ensure the financial health and growth of the business community and local economy. John joined the WBA in May of 2013, and soon after commenced assisting Karen Johnson in the formation of the WBA's "Waxhaw Entrepreneurs." John has been extensively trained as an AdvCoach, and works with small and mid-size businesses to help provide turnkey and strategic business solutions. AdvCoach is the country's premier source for coaching small to mid-size businesses. John's resume is extensive, and you may want to contact him:

johnbean@advcoach.com

Haston General Contractors, Inc. is the Waxhaw Business of the Month for October, 2013. Haston is owned by Don Haston, a community-oriented gentleman, who lives and works in Waxhaw. Haston builds new homes, does remodeling, commercial "uplifts," handyman work, with no job too small. All this in Waxhaw, but not limited to just Waxhaw, and definitely within the Charlotte area. The company is licensed as a general contractor as well as electrical, in both the Carolinas. Mike McConnell, Haston's Project Manager, represents the firm at the Waxhaw Business Association's meetings. Mike is a resident of Indian Trail, married to Sue, with a seven-year-old son, Marcus. Congratulations, Haston! If you need a General Contractor, consider Haston at www.hastongc.com.



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A Dickens of a Christmas Living Windows

December 6, 2013

5:30-8:00pm

Historic Downtown Waxhaw

Storefront Windows Come Alive



A Dickens of a First Friday

Stuff the Stocking for Jody



5:00pm—8:30pm

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A Visit with Santa

Silent Auction

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Dickens Carolers

2nd Annual Waxhaw Arts Council Benefit & Preview Gala

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Stewart's Village Gallery

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December 6, 2013

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2013 Waxhaw Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 15

3 pm

Snack with Santa
after the parade

@Waxhaw Woman's Club



Please consider bringing a clothing or toy donation for a less fortunate family. All donations will be given to the Heart of Waxhaw and distributed to local families in need.

Ginger Snap 5K



December 7th, 2013 * 8:00 am
Historic Downtown Waxhaw, NC

4th ANNUAL!!



Blake's Story



Blake Haines is an active young man who recently broke his neck in a trampoline accident. He is the nephew of Waxhaw resident Terry Haines and could use your help in obtaining the therapies and resources needed to make a full recovery. Prior to his injury in September of 2013, Blake had just signed up for the Air National Guard (ANG) and accepted a job with Bombardier Aerospace. The day of his accident, he had just returned from his second week of ANG training. The scope and timeframe of Blake's rehabilitation make it cost prohibitive for many insurance companies to cover all necessary costs. Blake is an inspirational person with the motivation to succeed in his recovery. Your generous donation and prayers will ensure that Blake continues on to the next great chapter in his life...God willing...fully recovered. Thank you so much for your consideration!

Ways to Help Blake

- 1/ Support Blake's Pancake Benefit on December 7th
- 2/ Give Online at <https://www.youcaring.com/PrayforBlakeHaines>
- 3/ Gingersnap 5K Runners! "Run for Blake" on December 7th by Purchasing a Wrist Band and Wearing It During the Race
- 4/ Most Importantly...Pray for Blake

Once again...thank you for your consideration and prayers!

Snap to Recovery



Pancake Breakfast Benefit for

Blake Haines

December 7, 2013

7:00 am to 10:00 am (While Supplies Last)

Gingersnap Village (Under the Waxhaw Water Tower)

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Leaf Vacuuming Program

This program will begin Monday, October 28, 2013
and continue through Friday, January 31, 2014

The town will be divided into two zones for service. Areas north of the railroad tracks will be vacuumed on Mondays and Tuesdays each week. Areas south of the railroad tracks will be serviced on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

In order to have your leaves vacuumed, they must be raked to the edge of the street.

Please avoid placing them in the ditches if possible as this leads to storm drain blockage. Piles should consist of leaves only—limbs, rocks and other items damage vacuum machines and equipment. If these items are noticed in your piles of leaves, they will not be vacuumed!

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Stuff the STOCKING for JODY!

December 6th

5:00 PM– 8:30 PM

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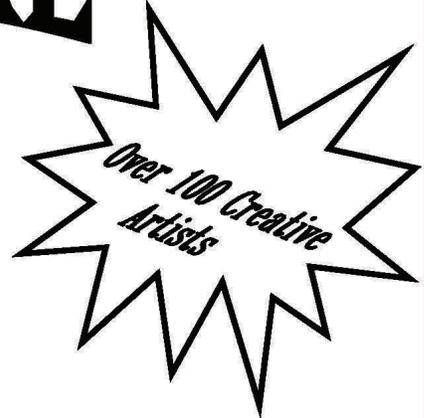
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MillBridge Announces the 2013 “Light Up MillBridge” Holiday Festival *Community Events Celebrate Life’s Simple Pleasures For Residents*



MillBridge, one of Waxhaw’s master-planned communities, announced today the date and continuation of its annual holiday luminary festival to be held Saturday, December 7, 2013. Light Up MillBridge is hosted by the community’s developers, Landeavor, LLC, and created with the active involvement of the MillBridge Homeowner’s Association. The event has grown and evolved over the years to mirror the community’s dedication to life-long learning and to celebrating life’s simple pleasures.

“We are proud to welcome the greater Waxhaw community to activities at MillBridge and show off our community’s southern hospitality, the spirit of our

residents, and the lights and luminaries of the magical holiday season,” said Annie Kilby –senior vice president of marketing, Landeavor, LLC.

During Light Up MillBridge rows of luminaries light MillBridge’s one-and-a-half mile main thoroughfare and lead visitors through the illuminated covered mill bridge to the 16-foot evergreen Christmas tree in the center of Community Park, awash with white holiday lights. Professional carolers join a catered dessert event in the expansive Community House, while Santa takes notes and wishes from happy visiting children at the Community Gazebo.

Passport to Christmas
JAARS Center
7405 JAARS Road, Waxhaw
Saturday December 7, 2013
8:30 am - 12:30 pm
or
1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Start a new family tradition with JAARS Passport to Christmas. An opportunity for children to experience Christmas around the world!

Children ages 6-12, accompanied by a parent,

- can get a taste of world cultures, languages, foods, crafts, and stories
- have their photo taken as the pilot of a mock Kodiak airplane and email it from JAARS to friends and relatives
- watch the dubbing of children’s voices into gospel films and videos
- learn why 209,000,000 people around the world can’t fully celebrate.

Cost: \$5 per person
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2014 Arbor Day Photo Contest "Young and Old"

The Urban and Community Forestry program of the N.C. Forest Service is accepting entries for its 2014 Arbor Day Photo Contest through February 28, 2014. The competition is open to North Carolina students in 5th through 12th grades, including public, private and home school.

This year's theme is "Young and Old" reflecting not just the beauty of North Carolina's trees and forests but also the values and benefits they provide now and that have been enjoyed for many generations.

For judging purposes the competition will be divided into 5th – 8th grades and 9th – 12th grade. A panel of judges will select a First Place winner from each category and one overall Grand Prize winner. Honorable mentions may also be awarded. The First Place winners of each grade division will receive \$50 and a tree to plant on their school grounds. One Grand Prize winner will receive \$150, a tree to plant on their school grounds, and a framed reproduction of their photo. All winners will be honored at the state Arbor Day event on March 22, 2014 in Raleigh.

All decisions of the judges are final. Entries will be judged as follows:

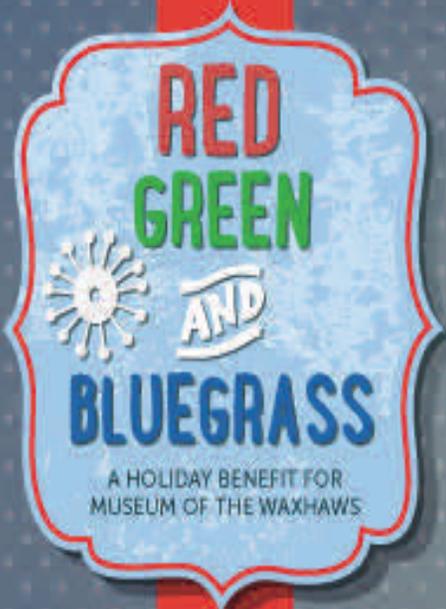
- 50% - Photo and caption: how well does photo and caption express the contest theme; overall aesthetic of the photo (composition, technique, use of light, impact and originality).
- 50% - Photographer's Statement: evidence that student researched the benefits and importance of trees in our communities as it relates to the contest theme; how well the statement addresses the contest theme; spelling and grammar.

In order to enter, participants will need to download and complete the entry form, and be sure to include a caption and photographer's statement. One photo per photographer may be entered. Schools may select up to six best photos for entry. Each photo should be submitted electronically in a JPEG format (maximum of 6 megabytes), along with an accompanying entry form and emailed to jennifer.rall@ncagr.gov. Any school submitting more than one photo should submit photos on a CD by mail to Jennifer Rall, NC Forest Service, 1616 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1616. Entry forms, along with a complete list of submission requirements, can be found under the Urban and Community Forestry link on the N.C. Forest Service website at <http://ncforestservice.gov>.

Winning photos will be selected by March 7, 2014. Photographers of the winning photos will be notified by March 14, 2014 and prizes will be awarded at the N.C. Arbor Day celebration on March 22, 2014 in Raleigh.

For more information, contact Jennifer Rall at: 919-857-4849 or jennifer.rall@ncagr.gov.

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Twelve Days of Christmas A Holiday Tradition in Waxhaw

Christmas is celebrated in a big way in the small, quaint town of Waxhaw, NC. The 12 Days of Christmas begins the Friday after Thanksgiving Day and continues for four weekends (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) leading up to Christmas Day.

It all begins with the Holiday Festival of Lights on Friday, November 29 from 5 – 9 p.m. From 5-7 p.m., seven area churches and the Kensington Elementary North Pole Stars will present a live Christmas concert on North Main Street. Bring your chairs and blankets and enjoy the serenade to Christmas. At 7 p.m. it's the countdown to the illumination of the entire downtown. Between 75,000 and 100,000 lights will light up the downtown. Then it's time for the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. The jolly pair will arrive in a big way on a Town fire truck and be ushered to David G. Barnes Children's Park on South Main Street. Children will be able to visit with Santa at his workshop, play reindeer games, and play in snow. "Though we are in the South, we've come up with a unique way to still give our local children the joy of a white Christmas," said Lisa Hoffman, events coordinator for the Town of Waxhaw. Over 300 gallons of faux snow will grace a 20 x 20 snow play area in David G. Barnes Park and two amazing snowmaking snowmen will throw snow into the air for the children. Free carriage rides will also run throughout the evening. In the spirit of Christmas, event-goers are asked to consider bringing a clothing or toy donation for a less fortunate family. All donations will be given to the Heart of Waxhaw and distributed to local families in need.



The Museum of the Waxhaws will host two events to round out the first weekend. On Saturday, November 30th, children can come out and make Christmas crafts and then on Sunday, December 1st, it's Christmas tea time with Mrs. Claus. Call the Museum of the Waxhaw at (704) 843-1832 for reservations.

The second weekend in the 12 Days celebration is packed with excitement. It begins at 12 noon on Friday, December 6th when the Town of Waxhaw celebrates its senior citizen residents by throwing them a Christmas Party. Sponsored by area restaurants, a sit-down meal is served to seniors who are residents of Waxhaw, volunteers from area businesses and schools serve the meals, and gifts and entertainment abound. The Senior Citizen Christmas Party began in 1982 as a request by then

Mayor Lola Blackburn and has continued ever since. "Our seniors look forward to this event every year. For some it is the only holiday celebration they receive," said Hoffman, "and we are proud to be able to offer them a little cheer during the holiday season."

The ever popular First Friday event in Waxhaw follows the Senior Citizen Christmas Party. From 5:30 – 8 p.m. several windows in downtown Waxhaw will be transformed into living windows with scenes from the Charles Dickens' popular tale "A Christmas Carol." Area middle and high school students and adult actors will perform small scenes every 15 minutes in the windows. The Charlotte Chorale will walk the streets caroling in period costumes and the Kensington Elementary Court Musicians will perform. A holiday treasure hunt will ensue. Complimentary carriage rides will be available. And merchants will be open late so you can start your holiday shopping and feasting early. The Waxhaw Arts Council will also host a benefit and preview gala that evening at two of the area's art galleries – Eight Legs Gallery and Stewart's Village Gallery. The ribbon cutting for downtown Waxhaw's newest restaurant on the scene, Heritage Food and Drink, which promises fresh farm to table cooking, will also occur at 6 p.m.



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Over 1500 runners including over 500 girls from the Girls on the Run organization will hit the streets early on Saturday, December 7 at 8 a.m. A special pancake breakfast fundraiser for Blake Haines, the nephew of Waxhaw's Small Town Main Street Chairman Terry Haines, will be held from 7 – 10 a.m. that morning. For a \$5 donation, you will receive pancakes from Stack's Kitchen and the joy of helping Blake Haines receive the therapies he needs to snap to recovery from his paralyzing neck injury. The day continues with Polar Express mini train rides at the Library Association Bookstore next to Maxwell's Restaurant on South Main at 10 am and a Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day at the Museum of the Waxhaws. The JAARS Center will host the Passport to Christmas which promises a unique hands-on learning adventure with your child. Explore lan-

guages and cultures from around the world through stories, crafts, and foods. That evening, as you drive through downtown Waxhaw and enjoy the view of the illuminated downtown, be sure to drive over to the Millbridge Club House off Kensington Drive in Waxhaw to witness the area's only covered bridge lighting at 6:30 p.m. The weekend rounds out with the Moravian Lovefeast at the Waxhaw United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. on Sunday and a Christmas Open House at Stewart's Village Gallery.

The third weekend in the 12 Days Celebration brings the Christmas Story to life with a live nativity at Waxhaw United Methodist Church with show times every half hour from 6:30 – 8 p.m. on both Friday 12/13 and Saturday 12/14. You'll also want to head over to the Waxhaw Baptist Church for "A Walk Through Bethlehem Outdoor Tour and Live Nativity from 6 -9 p.m. on Saturday evening. And for that Norman Rockwell Christmas feeling, you'll want to come on down to Waxhaw on Sunday, December 15 at 3 p.m. for the Waxhaw Christmas Parade followed by a snack and photos with Santa at the Waxhaw Woman's Club on South Main Street. While junior is getting his or her photo taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus, make sure to stop over at the "Eat, Drink and Be Merry 5th Annual Christmas Party" at Prestige Properties of the Carolinas just a few doors down.



The fourth and final weekend of the 12 Days Celebration brings the Red, Green and Bluegrass festival at the Museum of the Waxhaws from 7- 10 p.m. on Thursday, December 19, as well as the longest night service on Saturday December 21st at the Waxhaw United Methodist Church. And if you still haven't found that perfect gift, you've got one more weekend to purchase local artist works at the Christmas Open House at Stewart's Village Gallery on McDonald Street in downtown Waxhaw.

Of course, it wouldn't be Christmas if the 12 Days Celebration wasn't wrapped up with a celebration of the true meaning of Christmas. Several area churches will host Community Christmas Eve services on Tuesday, December 24. Crossroads Church will host community services at 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm in a unique setting at Fox Family Farms in Waxhaw. Five Stones Church will host community services at 5 pm and 7 pm in downtown Waxhaw under the Waxhaw water tower at the corner of highway 16/75.

Waxhaw has quickly become known for its creative, fun-filled, family events and the 12 Days of Christmas is sure to deliver. For a full listing of events during the 12 Days of Christmas in downtown Waxhaw, go to www.waxhaw.com/12DayofChristmas or call 704-843-2195.

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Town Calendar

Monthly Meetings and Special Events

ABC Board meets the 2nd Monday of each month at Waxhaw Community Center at 6:00 pm.

American Legion Post 208 meets the 1st Monday of every month at 7 pm at the American Legion Post Hall. Phone: 704-243-0600. Rental inquiries: 704-243-0186

American Legion Post 208 Women's Auxiliary meets the 1st Monday of every month at 7 pm

American Legion Rider's Club meets 3rd Monday of the month at 7 pm

Sons of American Legion meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 8 pm

Bingo is held every Tuesday from 7-9 pm

Autism Society of NC-Union County Chapter meets quarterly at the community room at CMC-Waxhaw. For meeting times/topics, email unioncountyautismsociety@yahoo.com or go to www.unioncountyautism.com.

Beautification Committee meets on the first Monday of each month at 4:00pm at Waxhaw Community Center.

Board of Commissioners/Public Hearings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Museum of the Waxhaws.

Carolina Regional Mustang Club meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Captain's Galley restaurant on Independence Blvd. in Matthews. Phone: 704-572-0006 or www.ponytales.org

Cub Scout Pack 53 meets every Tuesday at 6:30 pm (during school year) at Waxhaw United Methodist Church on McDonald Street. Cub Master Michael Krueger 704-621-8097 waxhawpack53@gmail.com or www.waxhawpack53.org.

Garden Club of Waxhaw meets the 4th Thursday of each month at different locations. Always looking for new members. Interested? Phone: 704-843-5931.

Historic Preservation Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Masonic Lodge 562 meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Masonic Hall on N. Main Street. Phone: 704-843-5537.

Park and Recreation Committee meets on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Waxhaw Community Center.

Planning Board meets on the 3rd Monday of every month at 6:30 pm at the Museum of the Waxhaws.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) Two Groups:

1. Meets each Monday at Bonds Grove Methodist Church 6:30 pm. Weigh-in 7 pm. Phone: 704-843-2735
2. Meets each Thursday at Waxhaw Bible Church 6 pm. Weigh-ins/program 6:30 pm. 704-843-5518/704-254-3880

Waxhaw Arts Council meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the following locations. For info call Lambeth Marshall 704-843-5060. October 2 at Stewart's Village Gallery, November 6 at CMC-Waxhaw, and December 4 at Eight Legs Gallery.

Waxhaw Business Association meets at 8 a.m. the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the American Legion Hall, Waxhaw. Phone: 704-575-0544.

Waxhaw Historic Preservation Commission meets the 2nd Thursday of the month 6:30 pm at Town Hall.

Waxhaw Line Dance Club offers line dancing and lessons every Friday night at the Waxhaw American Legion, 801 East South Main St. at 7:30 PM. No age limit or partner required. Beginner to intermediate dance levels. Call 704-843-9119 or visit www.waxhawlinedancers.com for info.

Waxhaw Lions Club meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7:00 pm at the Captain's Galley restaurant. Phone: 704-843-5537 or 704-634-1761.

Waxhaw Police Explorers meet every Wednesday from 6:30pm-7:30pm at the Waxhaw Police Department. For more information, please contact WPD at 704-843-0353.

Waxhaw Small Town Main Street Advisory Committee meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Town Hall Planning Department Conference Room. Meetings are not held July and August.

Waxhaw Volunteer Fire Department holds their business meeting at 7:00 pm the 2nd Thursday of each month at the firehouse. Phone: 704-843-4001.

Waxhaw-Weddington Sunrise Rotary Club meets Thursdays at 7:30 am in the CMC-Waxhaw Community Room. Phone: 704-618-8087

Waxhaw Women's Club meets the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at The Belk Building on Southeast Main Street. Phone: Gayle Eyre 704-975-2144

Waxhaw Woodturners meets the 1st Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Phone: 704-843-4907 or <http://waxhawwt.com>.

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