



CROSSROADS

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Town Council Meeting
September 14 • 6pm
316 E. Murray St.

Wallace PD Back to School Supply Drive



L-r: Sgt. Ramirez, Officer Harmon, Capt. Morgan

Once again this year, the Wallace Police Department partnered with the Wallace Walmart for the annual Back 2 School Supply Drive. The department accepted both physical supply donations and monetary donations Saturday, August 12 and August 19 at the store.

Donations are also accepted at town hall. Items needed include #2 Pencils, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, washable markers, blunt scissors, paper, book bags, dry erase markers, hand sanitizer, tissues and disinfectant wipes. All supplies and money collected go directly to the schools.



L-r: Officer Nolden and Officer Carney



WPD Equipment on display at Walmart during the BTS event 8/19/23

“Libby” app is online at the library



The Thelma Dingus Bryant Library is now part of Overdrive using the Libby app, which can be found in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store. Overdrive offers thousands of e-books, audio books, magazines, and more! Phones, tablets, and Kindles can be used and audio books can play in the car if you have Bluetooth capability.

To use Libby, download the Libby app to your device and sign in using your Thelma Dingus Bryant Library card. Browse the available items, borrow them and enjoy! Yes, it is different than holding a physical book, but for those of us with “old eyes”, the ability to make words big enough to read easily is a blessing!

Month at a Glance



Thelma Dingus Bryant Library
409 West Main Street • Wallace

September Storytime

Thursdays at 10:30 am

September 7- Stories about Grandparents

September 14- Johnny Appleseed

September 21- Friendship & Kindness

September 28- Fall Leaves



Check Out Our Newest Titles

Mysteries, crime drama, historic novels & uplifting stories have arrived at the Thelma Dingus Bryant Library this month. New Dean Koontz, Laura Childs and Danielle Steele titles are on the shelves and ready for you to check out!

Wallace Parks & Recreation

120 Medical Village Drive • Wallace

The final matches for the 2023 Adult Cornhole League will be played this month at the Campbell Center. Matches are played Tuesday & Thursday, 9/5 & 9/7. Tournament finals are scheduled 9/12 & 9/14.

Tuesday, September 5

6:30 Warriors vs. Wicked Whiskers

The Downtowners vs. Throdo Baggins

Cornhole Po Po vs. Hole Masters

7:00 All About the Bags vs.

Backyard Baggies

No Time Baggies vs. Team USA

Jeckyl and Slide vs. Bagnificent

7:30 Underrated vs.

Wicked Whiskers

The Downtowners vs. JetNet

Warriors vs. Throdo Baggins

8:00 Warriors vs. Backyard Baggies

Cornhole Po Po vs. JetNet

Underrated vs. Jeckyl and Slide

Thursday, September 7

6:30 Warriors vs. JetNet

Underrated vs. Throdo Baggins

The Downtowners vs. All About the Bags

7:00 No Time Baggies vs. Wicked Whiskers

Hole Masters vs. Bagnificent

Cornhole Po Po vs. Team USA

7:30 Jeckyl and Slide v.s. Backyard Baggies

Underrated vs. JetNet

Warriors vs. All About the Bags

8:00 No Time Baggies vs. All About the Bags

Team USA vs. Bagnificent

Hole Masters vs. Wicked Whiskers

Double Elimination Tournament

Tuesday, 9-12 and Thursday, 9-14.

Save the Dates!



Expect a formal Proclamation recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Day at the September Wallace Town Council meeting.

Shop Hop is a fund raiser sponsored by the Downtown Wallace Merchants Association. Your ticket gets you Coffee, Lunch. Free Gifts and Discounts!

Downtown Wallace Shop Hop
Saturday • October 7
9am - 3pm
Ticket Price \$40

Your Ticket connects you to Lunch • Coffee • Swag Bag Gifts
Plus Your Personal Invitation to **Discounts & Free Gifts** from your favorite Downtown Stores!
Sponsored by the Downtown Wallace Merchants Association

Downtown 'Get Down'
October 29
6-10 pm
at the Wallace Depot

NORTH TOWER Band

BREWS • 'BOO' ZE • BITES
FOOD TRUCKS • MUSIC

Celebrate Fall at the Wallace Depot with Food Trucks, a Beer Garden and Great Music with the North Tower Band! Save to date!

Cops & Bobbers is back this year! This Free Event is sponsored by the Wallace Police Department. To register call 910-285-2126. Free Fishing Pole for each child!

WPD Cops & Bobbers youth fishing event

ALL EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED
7 OCTOBER 2023
8:30AM - 12PM

REGISTER NOW @
wprd.recdesk.com
910-285-2126

FREE FISHING POLE FOR EACH CHILD!



WP&R Youth Football

Football starts young in Duplin County! Come out and cheer on the youngsters on Saturday mornings! Play continues in October and Play off games are in November.



Four County Youth Football League

Saturday 9/9 @ Beulaville Elementary School

9:00 am - East Duplin vs Wallace (8U)
10:15am - East Duplin vs Wallace (10U)
11:45am - East Duplin vs Wallace (12U)

Saturday 9/16 @ Warsaw Elementary School

9:00am - James Kenan vs Wallace (8U)
10:15am - James Kenan vs Wallace (10U)
11:45am - James Kenan vs Wallace (12U)

Saturday 9/23 @ North Duplin High School

9:00am - North Duplin vs Wallace (8U)
10:15am - North Duplin vs Wallace (10U)

Saturday 9/30 @ Wallace Legion Stadium

10:15am - Wallace vs Richlands (10U)
11:45am - Wallace vs East Duplin (12U)

ADMISSION FEE :12 & under – Free /13 & up - \$5.00

COACHES MUST HAVE SHIRT, HAT OR LANYARD THAT IDENTIFIES THEM AS A COACH TO GET IN FREE. FIRST TEAM ON THE SCHEDULE IS CONSIDERED THE HOME TEAM AND SHOULD BE INFORMED TO SIT ON THE HOME SIDE

What's coming to Tin City?

There has been a lot of speculation about what is coming to the Tin City area of Wallace.

A strip center is under construction between the Realo Drug Store and Sensations Restaurant. The initial plans included a drive through window on one space of the building, but there is no formal announcement of a tenant for that space.

Across the street, the same developer is planning a car wash and fast service oil change.

The Tin City Convenience location has been purchased by Royal Farms to build one of their "World Famous Chicken and Fresh Kitchen"

convenience/food/gas complexes. This will be similar to the Kinston location opening soon on W Vernon Ave. near the Hwy



Photo courtesy of Kinston Mayor Don D. Hardy.

70 & 258 interchange. You can find more photos of the Kinston store on Mayor Don D. Hardy's Facebook page. Wallace Planning Director Rod Fritz expects the Wallace location to be operational in 2025.

There is also a housing development planned across from Walmart that will extend from Hwy 41 through to Hwy 11. Plans to finish building out the Eastwood Acres subdivision are also in the works. There is another housing development planned for Hwy 11 south of Wallace Elementary School.

Public Services in action

Public Services Director Brent Dean explained why paving Harrell St. took Public Services longer than expected - it had an issue- when it was milled it down there was no sub base under the asphalt, just dirt. Almost 20 inches of rain in the next 20 days made things worse. Almost 80 tons of stone were brought in to wedge the road before paving. Brent says Medical Village Dr. is next up, and plans to get that milled on the weekend to not impact the businesses there. There is a list of potholes to be paved all around town as well.

The Rockfish Creek restoration project begins this month, and the Currie St. ditch project has started. That will help stop the erosion of the open storm drain ditch that runs from South Teachey St. to Currie St. There are also well projects under construction. They are being completed by DPH.

Work has begun on the water asset inventory that the town received a grant for. This will map our water system which will then be put in a digital format for easier access and accuracy. The Storm water mapping project is almost complete, it was also funded by a grant.

The Railroad Crossing signals on Main Street are scheduled to be removed by DOT.

Wallace has hired an animal control contractor. People may see him setting traps to help control the cat and dog population problem we have in town. We will not be holding animals, they will go straight to Kenansville.

From the Mayor's Desk

The town has been active in many ongoing projects. In addition to road projects and drainage maintenance, we are pleased to introduce "Libby" an online library of books and audio files available from the Thelma Dingus Bryant Library.

There has been a lot of activity at Farrior Park at the Boney Mill Pond, including the installation of new playground equipment and installation of the Dog Park.

We have had several ribbon cuttings for new businesses recently, from the new Ollie's on Highway 117 and Wendy's on Highway 41 to One Eleven Mane on W. Main St.

We have also been wrapping up easements for sewer lines that will be key to the town's future growth.

"Downtown Get Down", a fall concert on October 28th is being presented at the Wallace Train Depot will feature the band North Tower. The event will be from 6 to 10 PM at the Wallace Train Depot and will feature both music and food trucks. This is a great new fall event leading into the upcoming holiday season.



Wallace Mayor Jason Wells

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