

# Crossroads

A Monthly Newsletter for the Town of Wallace

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## THIS MONTH

April 4 | 10:30 AM  
TBD Library Storytime  
Rainbows

April 6 | 10AM  
DWMA Shop Hop  
Train Depot Open

April 11 | 10:30AM  
TBD Library Storytime  
Unicorns

April 11 | 6PM  
Town Council Meeting  
Town Hall

April 18 | 10:30AM  
TBD Library Storytime  
Picnics

April 18 | 1PM  
Farrior Park Ribbon Cutting  
Farrior Park

April 25 | 10:30AM  
TBD Library Storytime  
Pets

April 27 | 1-6PM  
CSF Garden Gala at  
The Gardens at  
Johnson Nursery

May 2 |  
Big Trash Day

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 3-4 |  
Carolina Strawberry Festival  
Downtown Wallace

May 9 | 6PM  
Town Council Meeting  
Town Hall

May 27 |  
Memorial Day  
Town Offices Closed

## STAY CONNECTED

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## Carolina Strawberry Festival Garden Gala coming April 27

The Carolina Strawberry Festival will start this year with a pre-festival event, the Garden Gala on April 27 hosted by the Gardens at Johnson Nursery. The idea was to add another event to the festival, provide more opportunities to promote the community, thank our big sponsors and extend the festivities.

This inaugural kick-off event promises an enjoyable experience with food, drinks, music, and an opportunity to explore the beautiful gardens at Johnson Nursery. VIP and regular ticket holders will get opportunity to tour the gardens, have refreshments - wine from Duplin Winery, Burgaw Brewing, domestic beers and imported Italian wines. Homemade pizzas will also be available.

General Admission tickets are \$35 and include 1 complimentary drink, Gala T-shirt and koozie (while supplies last), and a Calibrachoa Superbells® Strawberry Punch™ from Proven Winners!



VIP tickets are \$75. VIP guests will receive access to the VIP tent, with complementary hors d'oeuvres catered by the Mad Boar, a Gala T-shirt and koozie (while supplies last), two complementary drinks, and a Calibrachoa Superbells® Strawberry Punch™ from Proven Winners!

Live musical entertainment will be provided by *The Catalinas*. The event runs from 1-6 pm and an *After Party* will be hosted by the Mad Boar. More information coming soon! Get ready for a Berry Good Time! For tickets and further details, visit [www.carolinas-trawberryfestival.com](http://www.carolinas-trawberryfestival.com).



## Murphy Family Ventures gifts WVFD for build at training ground

The Wallace Fire Department appreciates the generous donation from Murphy Family Ventures. The donation will be used to build a shed at the existing training ground. And as always we are still recruiting new members. We encourage people to attend meetings to learn about what we do.

## David Jordan honored by street naming in Wallace



Many of you may be familiar with or have heard of David Jordan, who passed away in March 2021. Mr. Jordan dedicated close to 40 years of service as a council member for the Town of Wallace, with 31 of those years served as Mayor Pro Tem. Additionally, he proudly served as a US Army veteran and devoted his life to education.

Throughout his 30-year teaching career, he held positions such as assistant principal at Wallace-Rose Hill High School and ultimately retired as principal at Charity Middle School. Mr. Jordan's commitment extended beyond the classroom, as he spent 28 years on the Board of Trustees for James Sprunt Community College. He exemplified care and dedication in all aspects of his life, serving his profession, family, community, and faith.

In recognition of his steadfast dedication to the community, the Town Council of Wallace honored his memory by renaming Powell Street, where Mr. Jordan and his wife Nancy resided to Jordan Street. We hope you will support our effort in honoring David and the enduring impact he made on our community, both Wallace and Duplin County.



Nancy Jordan

A ceremony to celebrate the street being re-named was held March 15 at the crossroad of North Graham St, and Jordan St. The event was attended by Nancy Jordan and many members of the Jordan family.

Wallace Mayor Jason Wells commented on the effect Mr. Jordan had on his life, both as a student at Charity Middle School, and as a young Wallace Town Council member. He explained that Mr. Jordan was "near and dear" to him when he first came on the board and explained things he did not understand.

Former Mayor Charley Farrior commented that "David was his friend, a good friend", and commented that David was a good council member and very good Mayor Pro-Tem. Farrior called David his right hand man, adding that he could always count on him.

The new street sign was unveiled At the end of remarks by family and friends of David Jordan who were in attendance at the event.

# Spotlight: Parks & Recreation

## Clement Park: Inclusive Playground and Community Center Plans

### Farrior Park at Boney Mill Pond: Ribbon Cutting

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#### AFTER HOURS & EMERGENCIES

After Hours/Nights/Weekends/

Holidays

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A public forum was held March 20 to hear public input on the plans for Clement Park. The architect working on the design for the Inclusive Playground at Clement Park developed four designs to consider. The Parks and Recreation staff and board have been involved in developing the plans.

The town is applying for a PARTF grant in early May to assist with implementing the plans and begin construction.

The first phase will build the inclusive playground that has been in planning for several years.

Additional plans call for new and relocated tennis courts, splash pad, updated sidewalks and parking. Currently the Clement Park Community Center is being renovated that will provide future meeting rooms for non profits, like the cub scouts as well as additional recreational classes like karate, Pilates and ceramics.



Clement Park proposal drawing

The Ribbon Cutting for Farrior Park at the Boney Mill Pond is scheduled for April 18 at 1:00 pm.

The park has a kayak launch, a fishing pier and a Kids Track Trail and a playground with a covered picnic area, restroom facilities and permanent cornhole boards and a dog park.



Playground at Farrior Park

The park's Track Trail offers adventures for kids to follow on the 1.5 mile walking trail. They can choose to find things in the natural setting, or an athletic walk where they can act like the animals.

Prompts include hopping like a frog or flapping their arms like a hummingbird as they walk around the trail around a pond.

The track trail is part of the Kids in Parks program in association with the National Parks Service. To find all the adventures available go to the *kids in parks.com* and enter Wallace, NC.

Work has begun to restore the Boney Mill Pond grist mill. This is one of the few remaining mills, and the hope is to be able to restore it to be operational.

### Getting your first passport?

Schedule your appointment  
at the Thelma Dingus Bryant  
Library!



The library has the blank forms to apply for a first time passport, can take your passport photo and mail the completed forms. Find a list of required ID documents requires at <https://travel.state.gov/>. Call the TDB Library at 910-285-3796 to schedule your appointment.



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