

# Crossroads

A Monthly Newsletter for the Town of Wallace

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## THIS MONTH

May 2 |  
Big Trash Day

May 2|10:30 AM  
TBD Library Storytime  
Firefighter

May 3 | 5:00PM  
Carolina Strawberry  
Festival  
Downtown Wallace

May 4 | ALL DAY  
Carolina Strawberry  
Festival  
Downtown Wallace

May 9 | 10:30AM  
TBD Library Storytime  
Mother's Day

May 9 | 6PM  
Town Council Meeting  
Town Hall

May 11|10AM  
The Learning Center  
at the Depot is Open!

May 16 |10:30AM  
TBD Library Storytime  
Police Officer

May 23 |1PM  
TBD Library Storytime  
Turtles

May 27 |  
Memorial Day  
Town Offices Closed

May 30| 10:30AM  
TBD Library Storytime  
Frogs

## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 13 |  
Town Council Meeting  
Town Hall

## STAY CONNECTED

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## It's all about the Berries!

It has been an amazing season for Strawberries this year! The berries are big and sweet! As always, berries will be available at the Carolina Strawberry Festival along with great music, great food, awesome entertainment and a variety of street vendors and specials in the downtown shoppes!

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**GARDEN GALA:** This year starts with 2 events being held the weekend before the festival-



The Garden Gala on Saturday, April 27 is a ticketed event being held at Johnson Nursery from 1-6 pm, with food, beverages, garden tours and live music by The Catalinas. Shuttle Service will be available to the event from the Mad Boar. The party continues in the evening at The Mad Boar. General admission is \$35 and VIP tickets are \$75. For tickets and further details, visit [www.carolinastrawberryfestival.com](http://www.carolinastrawberryfestival.com)

**RECIPE CONTEST:** The CSF Recipe Contest will be held Sunday, April 28 at the Wallace Train Depot. There are three categories for entries, and both adult and youth classifications. Cash prizes will be awarded for each category, for both age groups. Get all the details at [www.carolinastrawberryfestival.com/recipe-contest/](http://www.carolinastrawberryfestival.com/recipe-contest/)



**5K RUN:** Saturday starts at 8:00am with the 5k Run and Walk presented by Wallace Parks and Recreation. CSF has partnered with Wallace Parks and Recreation and Full Send Racing to sponsor the 2024 Carolina Strawberry Festival 5K!

The Parks and Recreation Department will use proceeds from the run to help fund the Inclusive Playground at Clement Park.

There is a new location for the run this year, with the Start, Finish and Celebration being held at the Campbell Center at Clement Park.

There are two races this year. The 5K is perfect and the Strawberry Jam 1 Mile non timed event perfect for all ages. Walk or Run 4 laps at the track at Clement Park to do the mile. Get details at [www.carolinastrawberryfestival.com/5k-run-walk/](http://www.carolinastrawberryfestival.com/5k-run-walk/)



May 3-4 2024  
DOWNTOWN WALLACE

**CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT:** Catch the action



**MAY 4 • 9 AM**  
Registration Per Team • \$50  
Winning Team Takes Half the Pot!  
Half the Pot goes towards the Strawberry Festival Artwork Award Recipient

To Register  
Contact Tony Horne at WoodmenLife  
115 SE Railroad St • Wallace  
910-305-5793

Downtown at 9:00 Saturday when the Cornhole Tournament sponsored by WoodmenLife gets underway.

Teams will compete to win half the pot from entry fees, with the other half going towards the winner of the 2024 art contest.

The entry fee is \$50 per team. To register for the event call Tony Horne at 910-305-5793.

**LITTLE MISS STRAWBERRY PAGEANT:** The



Main Street Stage is the place to be Saturday morning to see the Little Miss Strawberry pageant.

See contestants compete in three age groups, Baby Miss, Mini Miss and Little Miss. Contestants are judged on poise and personality on stage. Pre-registration is required for contestants.

For additional information please visit [www.carolinastrawberryfestival.com/miss-strawberry-pageant/](http://www.carolinastrawberryfestival.com/miss-strawberry-pageant/)

# Carolina Strawberry Festival Entertainment & Vendors

## Music • Fair Rides • Dinosaurs Alive

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### AFTER HOURS & EMERGENCIES

After Hours/Nights/Weekends/  
Holidays

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**FRIDAY & SATURDAY:** *FunTime Amusement Rides* will have rides and games for children of all ages operating Friday night and all day Saturday! This festival favorite brings the best rides to this event!



*Dinosaurs Live by Ed's Dinosaurs* will bring everything from a Brontosaurus to T-Rex to Wallace for the festival! Be sure and take in the Show! You may even get to see a Baby Dinosaur hatch!



**FRIDAY NIGHT:** *Food Vendors* will be set up so bring your appetite, and *The Beer & Wine Garden* will be open!



Dance off those calories with two favorite bands at the Wallace Train Depot! **North Tower** is up first with a great mix of Top 40, Beach,

Funk and Oldies Music. Eastern Carolina favorite, **Band of Oz** with their brand of Good Time Music close out Friday night!



**SATURDAY:** *Craft Vendors* and more will fill the streets Saturday. Find fair favorites, and explore the *Downtown Wallace Merchants* where you'll find great boutiques, home decor, gourmet food and more! The *food trucks* will be serving all day, and the *fair rides* will be running. There will be several chances to catch the *Dinosaur Show*.

*The Main Street Stage* will be emceed by *Kix FM Radio personality Clay McCauley*. In addition to the *Little Miss Strawberry Pageant*, find a mix of local talent on the Main Street Stage, serving up music, dance, cheer leading and gymnastics will entertain you.

After you have shopped till you drop, get some dinner and dessert at the food vendors, check out the Beer & Wine Garden and get ready to enjoy the Saturday Night entertainment line-up!



*Rivermist* is first up on the stage at the Wallace Depot. Enjoy Classic Rock, R&B, and a variety of favorites from

one of the best new bands on the scene. After that, get ready to shag the night away to the music of *The Tams featuring Li'l Redd!* Remembered for their chart topping hits, this group will play them all, and many more of your favorite tunes!



### 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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