

Haw River Happenings

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HAW RIVER FIRE DEPARTMENT ASKS ITS CITIZENS TO HELP "KEEP THE WREATH GREEN"

As the holiday season approaches, the Haw River Fire Department wants to remind citizens to help do their part in preventing deadly home fires and help us "Keep the Wreath Green".

Beginning Monday, November 21st, the Haw River Fire Department will display an illuminated wreath on the front of the Haw River Town Hall. This wreath will begin the holiday season filled with green lights. For each residential fire that occurs in the Haw River Fire District through New Year's Day, a green bulb will be replaced with a red one. Our hope is that the citizens will help us "Keep the Wreath Green" all season long.

With the hectic holiday season, it is easy for families to become complacent about fire safety. With the additional use of fireplaces, decorative lighting, live Christmas trees, and the burning of candles, the risk of fire in homes increases.

To prevent these holiday fires, and to help "Keep the Wreath Green", the Haw River Fire Department offers these holiday safety tips:

1. Choose holiday decorations carefully, using only those made of flame-resistant, flame-retardant, or non-combustible materials.
2. Keep candles away from decorations or other combustible materials and NEVER leave candles unattended.
3. Use only lights listed by an independent testing laboratory, such as Underwriter's Laboratories, and pay close attention to the manufacturer's instructions for use.
4. Closely inspect all holiday lighting before use to insure all wires, bulbs and connections are in a safe condition. Discard any lights with exposed wires, broken insulation, cracked or missing bulbs, or other defects.
5. Avoid the use of drop cords to operate holiday lights, or any other appliance.
6. Turn off all holiday lights, and extinguish all candles when leaving home.
7. When choosing a live Christmas tree, look for signs of freshness by lightly pulling branches through your closed fist. Fresh trees should retain their needles during this test. Immediately place the tree in water and keep the tree watered while in the house. Keep a close check on the dryness of the tree and remove the tree when needles easily fall off. Don't locate Christmas trees near heat ducts, open flames, or in front of doors or windows that might be needed as a means of escape from your home.
8. When preparing holiday meals, be diligent and don't become preoccupied by guests, or other holiday distractions. While cooking, keep combustibles, children and pets away from cooking appliances.
9. If entertaining at your home, always check on, between and under cushions, and inside trash cans for cigarette butts that might be left smoldering.

Ensure there is a working smoke alarm on each level of your home and practice fire escape plans with all family members and holiday guests.

Our hope is that during the 2016 holiday season we will be successful in preventing fire and avoiding tragedy in our community. Please help us have a great holiday season by practicing fire safety every day and help us "Keep the Wreath Green!"

Fall 2016

October 31, 2016

Important Phone Numbers:

- Town Hall 578-0784
- Public Works 578-5238
- Parks & Recreation 578-5600
- Fire Dept. 578-1355
- Police Dept. 578-4141
- Emergency 911



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On 10/15/2016 the Haw River Police Department hosted the 1st Annual Haw River Trail Run for Special Olympics Alamance. The run took place at Red Slide Park and ran along the banks of the river on the Haw River Trail / Mountains-to-Sea Trail.

The event brought in over \$2000 for Special Olympics Alamance which will be used to provide uniforms and transportation for the athletes of Special Olympics Alamance. Special Olympics Alamance serves nearly 400 adult and child athletes with developmental disabilities in Alamance County.



A combined fifty-two runners signed up for the event and participated in a 5k or 8 mile course. The 5k male race winner was David Alexander from Mebane with a time of 20:31; the 5k female race winner was Julie Steed from Burlington with a time of 27:36. The 8 mile male race winner was Sean Kurdys from Raleigh with a time of 1:08:42; the female 8 mile race winner was Jordan Lee from Hillsborough with a time of 1:09:32.



The police department was assisted by Haw River Fire Station 4, Faucette Fire Station 7, and members of the Mebane Police and Alamance County Sheriff's Office.



On August 2nd the Haw River Police Department hosted their first National Night Out. Approximately 200 Haw River residents came out to Red Slide Park to enjoy free hot dogs and drinks, live music, and entertainment for their children. National Night Out isn't just about free hot dogs it is also about meeting neighbors and getting to know the officers that serve the town. Next year's National Night Out goal is for each neighborhood to host their own event that different officers will come out and speak at.

If you are interested in hosting a National Night Out event next August contact Sgt. Fauls at the Haw River PD.



DON'T FEED THE GREASE GOBLIN!!



DO:

- Pour oil & grease in collection containers.
- Remove oil & grease from utensils, equipment & food preparation areas with towels & scrapers.
- Put food scraps in collection containers.
- Keep grease out of wash water .

DO NOT:

- Pour grease & oils down the drain.
- Use hot water to rinse grease off the surfaces.
- Wash fryers, griddles, pots, pans and plates with water until grease and oil have been removed.

The Secret Life of Grease:

- After grease travels down the drain, it is washed into the plumbing system.
- Grease sticks to the insides of the sewer causing build-up.
- Eventually, it can block the entire piping causing:
 1. Raw sewage overflow into your home, neighborhood, yard, or street
 2. Expensive clean-up
 3. Potential contact with disease-causing organisms

How Can YOU Prevent Stormwater Pollution?

- Don't over water. Use drip irrigation, soaker hoses or micro-spray systems.
- Use curbside yard waste recycling or take clippings to a landfill for composting.
- Don't fertilize or apply chemicals near ditches, streams or water bodies.

Yard Waste Disposal



The Town's burn season officially began on October 1st. The Town will pick up bagged yard waste such as leaves, brush clippings, and garden waste through March 31st. Tree limbs will not be picked up. Pickup will resume April 1, 2017.

Recycle Schedule

Nov	1	15	29
Dec	13	27	
Jan	10	24	
Feb	7	21	
Mar	7	21	
Apr	4	18	
May	2	16	30
June	13	27	

Heavy Trash Pickup

1
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3
7
7
4
2
13

PLEASE HAVE ITEMS CURBSIDE THE NIGHT BEFORE

Parks and Recreation Happenings

The Parks and Recreation Department has had an active summer and fall season. The department's Concert in the Park series was a success. The bands and all the people who came out to the events had a great time. The bands love coming out to Haw River to play and have a good time. Thank you to all who came out to the park to enjoy the Concert in the Park.



Recreation football has begun at the park. We have 2 age groups this year in football 8 and under and 10 and under teams. Both teams are playing well and the participants are

having fun. So come out and support your local youth football teams and have fun at the Haw River Municipal Park.

The Red Slide Park grant project has come to an end and the new additions to the park are complete. The park now has a playground, disc golf driving range, and corn hole boards for active recreation. For your passive recreation needs we have added picnic tables and park benches. So head over to Red Slide Park and check out the new park additions.

SERVICE

The Town of Haw River has a Planning & Zoning Board made up of 8 members. Five of the members are required to live within the town limits and three of the members are required to live in our ETJ. Service to the P&Z Board is for 3 year terms.

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve the town in this capacity please contact Town Manager Jeff Earp at 336-578-0784 or email at jearp@townofhawriver.com for an application.

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BE WATCHING FOR SANTA'S VISIT ON A HAW RIVER FIRE TRUCK!

Saturday, December 10th, 8:00 am until...

Rain date — December 17

REMINDERS

REFLECTIVE ADDRESS SIGNS:

- Reflective address signs are available from the Haw River Fire Dept.
- Prices: Large \$15.00 / Small \$7.50 Post \$3.00
- Call 578-1355 to order or stop by the Fire Dept. to have one made.

OFFICIAL PAYMENTS:

- Utility and rental payments can be made by telephone at 1-800-272-9829 on-line at www.OfficialPayments.com.
- Use Jurisdiction Code 3962 and your account number.

2016 (2017 in December) HAW RIVER LICENSE TAGS:

- Limited edition tags are available at the Town Hall for only \$2.00.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE:

- Town Hall will be closed November 24th & 25th, December 23rd, 26th, & 27th, and January 2nd 2017.
- Garbage and Recycle schedules will be unaffected by the Holidays.

YARD SALES:

- All yard sales, whether business or residential require a Yard Sale Permit. These permits are only \$2.00 and are available at the Town Hall.
- There is a limit of three (3) yard sales per address per year.

**Don't forget to set your clocks
back one hour on *November 6,*
2016 at 2:00 am.**

