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2017 Citizens Academy Graduation



The Town of Weaverville would like to congratulate the 2017 Citizens Academy graduates, who recently completed seven monthly sessions on local government topics. The session topics included general government administration, local government budgeting and finance, police, fire, water resources and planning and code enforcement.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Citizens Academy!



2017 Graduates

Nancy Detweiler
Steve Warren
Laura Ayres
Sara Veasey
Thomas Veasey
Kathy Eison
Cindy Wolff
Tom Plaut
Marian Plaut
Michele Wood
John Bowen
Dale White
Zack Kemp
Renee Garcia
Tom Tenbrunsel

Graduate Comments (cont'd)

Selena, I want to thank you and the Directors of each of the Town service facilities for such informative and enjoyable presentations at the 2017 Weaverville Citizen's Academy. I am proud to be a graduate. The enthusiasm with which each department approaches their responsibilities is infectious. Please thank each of your department heads (Fire, Police, Utilities, Water, Planning and Administration and Budget) for taking the time to show us first hand the detail of their operations. I urge citizens to sign up for future Academies. Thanks again. ~ Tom Tenbrunsel

My thanks to you and all the Department Heads, first for the idea of this program, and second for the dedication, knowledge, and pride all of them exhibited. I actually was very surprised to see how well run, and modern our departments are...and how CLEAN every facility was. It means a lot to me to see that our Town

Comments from our Graduates

Weaverville's Citizens Academy is a well organized, well orchestrated educational experience that gives participants an opportunity to better understand the intricacies of running a local government. The 7 month course took us through each of the town's departments and displayed the hard work and compassion our town's employees bring to the job everyday. After completing this year's Citizens Academy, I find myself incredibly grateful to raise my family in Weaverville and want to extend a special thank you to Selena Coffey, the respective department heads, and the entire team of town employees that make Weaverville such a great place to live. Thank You! ~ Zack Kemp

Very excellent presentations by your department heads which shows how well trained their departments are in carrying out their duties; well educated and articulate in conveying this information to the Academy members. ~ Steve Warren

Departments leaders and the employees I met, would be so giving of their time for us. I now have a renewed impression of Weaverville and all of the extraordinary people who run it. My thanks again. ~ Dale White

Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to participate in the Citizens Academy and learn how this wonderful little town of Weaverville supports its citizens. I love that our town has a well planned and thought-out budget, and is wealthy enough to provide needed funding to its many departments. I love knowing that planning and zoning have been carefully thought through, especially in anticipation of future development. I love that our police department wants to know the people who live here, and they always wave to us when we're out walking. I love knowing that the water we drink is the cleanest and purest around. I love knowing that our fire department has the best of everything to respond to any kind of emergency. Thanks to all of you for providing this opportunity to us all. I feel very lucky to have chosen to move and live in this wonderful little town. ~ Michele Wood

Town Seeking Community Input on Table of Uses

Weaverville's Town Council is in the process of considering amendments to its laws governing land use and zoning within the boundaries of the Town of Weaverville. These amendments represent the first substantial re-write of the Town's zoning ordinance since its original adoption in 1978. Town Council initiated this project in November of 2016 and the Town's Planning & Zoning Board has been diligently working on the project since that time. The primary goals of the amendments are to incorporate a Table of Uses so that the zoning ordinance is easier to understand, implement and enforce and to update the zoning ordinance to comply with recent legislative changes. No zoning map amendments are proposed.

Town Council, the Planning & Zoning Board and Town Staff would like to receive as much community input as possible on these proposed amendments prior to Town Council's consideration of adoption of the amendments. Citizens are encouraged to attend all meetings on the subject. The Planning & Zoning Board will be reviewing proposed Code Amendments related to the Table of Uses at its meeting on **Tuesday, August 1, 2017 at 5:45pm** at Town Hall Council Chambers. This meeting is open to the public. This also includes a community information and input meeting and Town Council workshop scheduled for **Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6:00pm** in Town Hall Council Chambers. A joint meeting of Town Council and the Planning & Zoning Board is scheduled for **August 15, 2017 at 6:00pm** at Town Hall and a Public Hearing on the subject has been set to be held during Town Council's regular meeting on **Monday, August 21, 2017 at 6:00pm**. Citizens can also submit comments by email to jeller@weavervillenc.org or by bringing written comments to Town Hall. Citizens wishing to discuss the amendments in person can schedule an appointment to meet with Town leaders or Town Staff by contacting the following:

Planning Director James Eller
Email: jeller@weavervillenc.org
Phone: 828-484-7002

Town Attorney Jennifer Jackson
Email: jjackson@weavervillenc.org
Phone: 828-484-7003

You can find all documents related to these proposed amendments at the following links:

[Table of Uses Concept Documents](#)

[Proposed Ordinance Amendments Related to Table of Uses](#)

Town Council Approves Brunch Bill

On June 17, 2017 the Weaverville Town Council passed an Ordinance in support of what has been commonly referred to as the 'Brunch Bill'. Prior to the adoption of the Ordinance, neither grocery stores, restaurants nor bars were permitted to serve alcoholic beverages before noon on Sundays. The Town's Ordinance went into effect immediately upon adoption. ABC Stores are not impacted by this Ordinance and will remain closed on Sundays.





Town Preserves Over 300 Acres of Land for Future Generations

The Town of Weaverville, in collaboration with the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy, has recently finalized the preservation of 310 acres of the Eller Cove Watershed for future generations. The Conservancy was able to partner with the Town to obtain a conservation easement with a grant from the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund and other donations for this project.

For more information regarding conservation easements or the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy, click [here](#).

2017 Fire on the Lake July 4th Celebration a Great Success

This year July 4th fell on Tuesday. The weather was hot and humid but without showers. The Kiwanis Club along with Steak and Shakes sponsored a 5K run through downtown Weaverville. This early morning race began at 8am. There were 250 runners. Money from this event goes toward scholarships for North Buncombe High graduates.

The vendors for the Town's July 4th Fire on the Lake event began setting up their booths at 4pm in front of the Community Center and actually started selling at 5pm. All activities were held at Lake Louise Park. Since parking is limited, shuttle service was provided from various parking areas around town. A very large tent was set up in front of the booths with tables and chairs for folks to get out of the heat, sit in the shade, and enjoy the food.



The Opening Ceremonies began at 7pm. The music and entertainment began at 7:15pm and lasted throughout the rest of the festivities. People enjoyed the music from a large stage located below the vendors. Featured this year was Weaverville's own Joe Lasher, Jr. and his band. Ashley Heath opened the show. Fans as well as all who attended enjoyed the music of Joe Lasher, Jr. and Ms. Heath.

Fireworks were displayed by Pyrotechnico and began at 10pm. Everyone raved about the display and said they were the best ever. I received so many comments that it would be impossible to list them all in this article. Several of my neighbors brought chairs and watched the fireworks from the street next to my house. They all commented what great fireworks for our small town!

It was estimated over 4,000 people came to Lake Louise Park for the event. Some of the remarks from the vendors afterward were as follows: Angie Moore, who helped serve the Bar-B-Que, said, "very little [food] was left over". Rick Harper with Covenant Church in the Highlands remarked that they "gave away 1,260 bottles of water and 1,200 glow in the dark bracelets". The North Buncombe High School Band "couldn't make funnel cakes quick enough as the line was so long". Bill Beck with the NBHS Booster's Club told me "the turkey legs were too large and didn't go over but the snow cones did". He said they would be back next year with a different menu.

A lot of hard work and planning go into the preparation for this one evening. A special thanks to **Selena Coffey, Weaverville Town Manager**, for organizing the event, coordinating the fireworks display, obtaining the stage and sound, lining up the Joe Lasher, Jr. and Ashley Heath.

Weaverville Police Chief Greg Stephens, and his staff for lining up the shuttle buses, street closures, and crowd control. **Weaverville Fire Chief Ted Williams** and his crew for traffic control, overseeing fireworks, and emergency standby. Also **Reems Creek Fire Department** was present to help. **Tony Laughter, Public Works Director, Rick Harper, and the entire team** for set up, additional help anywhere needed, and clean up after everything was over.

A special thanks for the fine booths present for the purpose of providing information or making money to help out their organizations:

- North Buncombe High School Band (food and games)
- Forrest Weaver and Family Bar-B-Que

- Chris Sexton (ice cream and lemonade)
- Kim Mallicoat (Korean food)
- North Buncombe High School Baseball Team (twinkies, friedoreos, ice cream sandwiches)
- Taiwana Conner (jewelry and dream catchers)
- Covenant Church in the Highlands (bottled water, face painting, glow-in-the-dark bracelets)
- North Buncombe High School Booster's Club (snow cones, turkey legs, corn, drinks, cotton candy, ice cream)
- Special thanks to Kim and Don Mallicoat for providing flowers for the stage.

~ Dottie Sherrill, Mayor
Town of Weaverville



Weaverville Tailgate Market

Located behind the Community Center overlooking Lake Louise.

This month at the market you will find the following... & MORE!

Garlic • Fresh Greens • Cucumbers •
Summer Squash • Beets • Tomatoes •
Tomatillos • Carrots • Ice Cream • Live Music •
Cookies • Plants • Coffee • Gifts • Sourdough Breads
& Baked goods • Handmade Items • Pot Pies •
Chicken • Raw Cow Milk • Gourmet Mustard •
Latino Foods • Trees & Shrubs • Pork • Photography •
Beef • Flower Bouquets • Pickles • Local Eggs • Dog
& Cat Treats • Jewelry • Natural Beauty Products •
Organic Granola • Jams & Jellies and more.....

Find the market online at weavervilletailgate.org
and be sure to "Like" our [Facebook page](#)
for the latest updates on what's going to be at
market each week!



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