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## Public Only Given Until April 1 to Submit Feedback on Salisbury Street Name Change to MLK Jr. Boulevard

Public comment / feedback invited on two street name changes

The Town of Wadesboro is considering changing the following street names:  
1) Changing "Salisbury Street" to "MLK Jr Boulevard" on Highway 74 from South Main Street to West Caswell Street  
2) Changing "Salisbury Street" to "West Martin Street" between Highway 74 and West Martin Street

If approved, the town would notify the local utility companies, all town departments, Anson County government, the North Carolina Department of Transportation - Division 10, and the US Postal Service. Individual property owners and residents would be responsible for notifying all other parties. Parties to notify may include the Department of Motor Vehicles, Social Security Administration, insurance companies, banks and credit card companies, as well as others whom may regularly send mail to the previous address.

Individual property owners and residents would be responsible for all individual costs associated with the change.

The Town of Wadesboro is requesting public feedback. Here is how feedback can be given:

- At the public hearing at the Monday, April 4 Town Council Meeting at Town Hall.
- By submitting written feedback to Wadesboro Town Hall in person; by mail to PO Box 697, Wadesboro, NC 28170 or by email to [WadesboroClerk@windstream.net](mailto:WadesboroClerk@windstream.net).

**Feedback must be received by 12 noon on April 1, 2016.**

## Wadesboro to Hold Special Budget Meetings in April

The Town of Wadesboro Town Council will be holding special meetings each Tuesday in April to discuss the 2016-2017 Budget. The meetings will be held at the Town of Wadesboro Conference Room at 5 p.m. Below is a list of the meeting dates:

- Tuesday, April 5
- Tuesday, April 12
- Tuesday, April 19
- Tuesday, April 26

## Gas Lease and Mineral Rights Information Meeting

The NC Cooperative Extension will be conducting a Gas Lease and Mineral Rights Information Meeting at the Anson County Cooperative Extension Center, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro, on Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m.

Due to the identification of some shale and other mineral resources in North Carolina, landowners in other areas of the state have been offered oil and gas leases by private companies as well as the offer to purchase mineral rights. However, some property owners are unaware of their rights, liabilities and contract negotiations regarding gas leases and mineral rights. Some citizens in other counties have signed contracts without enough knowledge to understand what they were signing.

James Robinson from the Rural Advancement Foundation International will be presenting information developed in conjunction with Dr. Ted Feitshans, attorney and economist at NCSU. It covers 1) the current state of hydraulic fracturing laws and regulations in North Carolina, 2) how landowners can protect themselves from predatory oil and gas companies, and 3) understanding landowner mineral rights.

If you would like to register for this event or have further questions please contact Aimee Colf at the Anson Cooperative Extension Service at 704-694-2415. Registration will be \$5 at the door. Light refreshments will be served.

## Area Native Americans Subject of Upcoming Meeting

The Chesterfield District Chapter, SCGS will meet Sunday, April 10 at 3 p.m. at the Visitors Center located at 100 Main Street in Chesterfield. Guest speaker Mr. Ansley Ray will present a program on the history of the Cheraw People and the Sumter Tribe of Cheraw Indians. He will bring Native American crafts and people in Native American regalia. If you have Indian ancestry or are interested in the history of this area, then this is a meeting you do not want to miss. Please come and bring a friend.

The meetings and research library are open to the public. Contact them at 843-623-2244, [Chesterfielddistrict@chesterfield.SCgen.org](mailto:Chesterfielddistrict@chesterfield.SCgen.org), or [www.chesterfield.scgen.org](http://www.chesterfield.scgen.org).

## Gang Awareness Workshop April 14

There will be a Gang Awareness Workshop on Thursday, April 14 at the Hampton B. Allen Library from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. Officer Kyle Randall with the Wadesboro Police Department will discuss the profiles of gang members and street gang organizations in Anson County, recognition of gang signs, and how gang members communicate. Prevention, intervention, diversion strategies and recommendations for educators, therapists, parents and law enforcement will be available. Lunch will be provided free.

Contact Suzanne Maness at (910) 627-1769, toll free (877) 211-5995 or by email at [connectionsfs@gmail.com](mailto:connectionsfs@gmail.com) to register. The deadline to register is Tuesday, April 12.

## Class of 1977 Meets April 30

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1977 has a reunion meeting scheduled for Saturday, April 30 at 4 p.m. at the Hampton B. Allen Library. For more information contact 704-465-2413.



## Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center Easter Egg Hunt

The Burnsville Recreation and Learning Center sponsored an Easter Egg Hunt and Raffle on Friday, March 25th. Thirty-nine children enjoyed the celebration along with parents, sponsors, and staff. "She-She the Bunny" (Ms. Sheila Raye) was present with fun and games for the youth. The youth were awarded gifts for the highest number of eggs found and the golden eggs.

## The Commedia Princess and the Pea Parade and Performance to Celebrate 2016 Week of the Young Child

You are invited to the 2016 Week of the Young Child Celebration sponsored by the Anson County Partnership for Children on Tuesday, April 12. The theme for this year's celebration is the fairy tale, *The Princess and the Pea*. Each year the



Anson County Partnership for Children joins communities nationwide in celebrating young children and those who serve young children as caregivers and child care providers. The celebration will begin with the annual Week of the Young Child Parade at 10:00 am on Rutherford and East Wade Streets. All children birth through Kindergarten, their parents, family members and child care providers are invited to participate in the parade. Parade line-up will take place in the gravel lot across Rutherford Street from the Ansonia Theatre beginning at 9:30 am. Children and parents are encouraged to be creative, dress in their favorite costumes and decorate their own "parade floats" using the "Princess and the Pea" theme. Costumes are not required to participate in the parade, but are encouraged. No gas powered vehicles are allowed. Each child who attends the parade will receive a free book from the Anson County Partnership for Children. Parade spectators on the parade route are needed to show support for the youngest Ansonians.

Anson County Partnership for Children; Anson Family Optometric, PLLC; and Anson County Arts Council are jointly sponsoring the free performances of *The Commedia Princess and the Pea* by The Charlotte Children's Theatre. The play is based on the classic fairy tale, *The Princess and the Pea* by Hans Christian Anderson, in which a tiny pea is placed under twenty mattresses by the Queen as a test to see if her beloved son's chosen bride is worthy of his hand in marriage. The performance before the parade is for Kindergarten children and the performance after the parade is for NC Pre-K children and their parents.

All Anson County children and their parents are invited to the free evening performance of *The Commedia Princess and the Pea* by the Charlotte Children's Theatre on Tuesday, April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Ansonia Theatre. Although the performance is free, please reserve your tickets by calling or coming by the Anson County Partnership for Children (704 694-4036) or the Anson County Arts Council (704 694-4950) as seating is limited. Each child who attends the performance will receive a free book from the Anson County Partnership for Children. Please call the Anson County Partnership for Children at 704-694-4036 for additional information regarding the 2016 Week of the Young Child parade and performances of *The Commedia Princess and the Pea*.

Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization which was formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership's mission is "helping to make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." For more information, contact Bonnie Morgan at 704-694-4036 or [bonnie.morgan@ansonchildren.org](mailto:bonnie.morgan@ansonchildren.org).

## Wadesboro Civitans Announce Scholarship Opportunities!

The Wadesboro Civitan Club, Anson County's oldest civic organization, will be accepting applications for college scholarships from now through May 5, 2016. The club will be awarding \$1,000 scholarships to four college bound students from Anson County this year.

Applications will be judged on academic achievement and financial need. In addition, because good citizenship and community involvement are important Civitan goals, applications will also be judged on the evidence of students' involvement and leadership in clubs, churches, extracurricular activities and charitable service to the community. A written essay addressing these activities will provide further support in the evaluation process. Finalists will be interviewed by the scholarship committee.

Application forms are available through the various high school guidance counselors or by contacting Beverley Getzen, Chairperson of the Civitan Scholarship Committee, at [bbgetzen@gmail.com](mailto:bbgetzen@gmail.com) or 704-694-7022. You may also write to the Wadesboro Civitan Club at PO Box 751, Wadesboro, NC 28170. We welcome the applications from all Anson County students, including those who are home schooled.

## Anson Women's League Announces Scholarship Opportunities!

The Anson Women's League will be accepting applications now through May 5, 2016. The club will be awarding \$500 scholarships to three college bound female graduates from Anson County this year. One scholarship of special note is the Eloise Rywak Scholarship offered each year by a special bequest from the family.

Applications will be judged primarily on academic achievement and financial need. We welcome evidence of students' involvement and leadership in clubs, churches, extracurricular activities, and charitable service to the community. A written essay addressing these activities will provide further support in the evaluation process. Finalists will be interviewed by the scholarship committee.

Application forms are available through the various high school guidance counselors, or by telephoning Beverley Getzen, Chairperson of the AWL Scholarship Committee, at 704-694-7022. You may also write to the Anson Women's League, PO Box 94, Wadesboro, NC 28170. We welcome the applications from all Anson County students, including those who are home schooled.

## Bowman Senior High School Class of 1974

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1974 wants each classmate to submit their current address, telephone number and email address in order for plans to be made for a class reunion. Please send the information to [74bearcats@gmail.com](mailto:74bearcats@gmail.com).

## Anson County Social Services Yard Sale is Sat.

Everyone is invited to come enjoy the great deals and fellowship at the Anson County Social Services Yard Sale. This event will take place on Saturday, April 2, from 7 a.m. to 12 noon in the parking lot of Social Services, located at 118 North Washington Street in uptown Wadesboro.

There will be lots of items, and you will be sure to find a deal on something you just have to have! Proceeds from this sale will benefit the American Cancer Society.

## Free Groceries - Mobile Food Pantry is April 6

The Mobile Food Pantry will be at Bethel Community Center in Wadesboro, located at 5180 Highway 742 South, on Wednesday, April 6, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food. Do not arrive before 9:30 a.m., but come by 11 a.m. If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, call 704-694-2445 to hear if it is cancelled. If you have not yet done so, bring proof of your income to register. You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

This event is sponsored by Anson Crisis Ministry and local United Methodist, Baptist, Apostolic, and Presbyterian Churches.

Interested in volunteering? Call Bethel coordinator Rev. Warren Lunsford at (704) 288-7378 or Pantry Coordinator Rev. Cindy Lunsford at (828) 891-2753.

## Bake and Yard Sale

The Burnsville Ladies Auxilliary Bake and Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, April 9, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Burnsville Fire Department. They hope to see you there.

## Ansonville Historical Society Spaghetti Supper

Everyone is invited to come enjoy a delicious spaghetti supper on Saturday, April 9 at the Ansonville Fire Department. This is the Spring Fundraiser for the Ansonville Historical Society. The meal includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, a dessert and a drink. You can eat in or carry out. The cost is only \$10 per plate, and the hours are 5 to 7 p.m.