

Town of Wadesboro Seeking to Combat Unsanitary Trash Piles

The Town of Wadesboro has recently seen a spike in trash in our community that is a threat to public health and community appearances. Large trash piles have been increasing in Town (as in the photo). Many in the community have called to express concern over these trash piles for sanitary, safety, and appearance reasons.

The Town is taking two actions to address these trash piles. First, the Town is seeking to encourage residents to take advantage of our dump trailer service, whereas the Town will park a dump body truck at a residence. The resident then can fill up the trailer with trash other than building material scraps for up to 3 days. The Town will then come pick up the trailer and take it to the landfill. The charge is \$25 plus any landfill charges above \$25 charged to the Town. To rent a truck, please visit Wadesboro Town Hall.

Secondly, the Town has instituted new rules and charges to hold accountable those that would put out these unsanitary trash piles. Specifically, the Town will pick up a maximum of 4 items per week from the following list:

- Household furniture;
- Household appliances and white goods;
- Mattresses and box springs;
- Televisions;
- Other approved electronics;
- Tires that are off the rim;
- Paint cans that are filled with sand and allowed to dry out to create a solid interior.

The Town does not pickup building material scraps.

Residents should call Town Hall to request pick up to ensure prompt pick up. Items placed out for collection should be put in an area that can be reached safely and reasonably by Town staff, and these items must be able to be picked up safely by 2 persons. The telephone number is 704-694-5171.

If items such as building materials are placed out in violation of these rules then the Town can charge the tenant and property owner with a criminal misdemeanor plus a charge of \$150 per load for cleanup costs. While these are serious consequences, the current approach has not worked and unsanitary trash piles have increased.

Senior Citizen Self Defense Class

Crime is a real concern in the world today, and seniors are often targets. While basic precautions and prevention efforts, like staying in groups and walking in well-lit areas, can go a long way, you may want to take a more proactive approach in a face-to-face confrontation.

Consider enrolling in the Senior Self Defense Class which begins on Monday, September 11 at 4 p.m. at Grace Senior Center. The class, instructed by Sensei Weaver Thomas, costs \$10 per session. Persons interested should call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information.

Grace Senior Center Sponsoring Trip to Boone, NC

Grace Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to Boone, NC on Thursday, October 19. The trip includes: lunch at Dan'l Boone Restaurant, visit to the Cheese Factory, shop at Tanger Outlets, stop at Deal's Apple Orchard and view the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The total cost of the trip is \$60 per person. A deposit of \$20 is due to reserve your seat. The final payment is due by September 22. Persons interested should call Grace Senior Center at 704-694-6616 to register and for additional information.

AA Offers a Helping Hand

This is a release from the local Alcoholics Anonymous group: If you want to drink that's your business, if you want to stop we can help. Call Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) at 704-826-7378.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. at the AA Building located at 2111 Country Club Road in Wadesboro, next door to Ambassador Health & Rehab.

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