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The Steel Wheels roll into town for GPAC show March 19. See page 3.



Annual egg hunt event is on March 19. See page 3.

TOWN HALL CALENDAR

March 22: Town Council regular meeting (7 p.m.)

March 29: Town Council work session (6 p.m.)

April 4: Town Council regular meeting (7 p.m.)

Town Council, Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment meetings are held in the training room in the new police station at 912 7th Ave. while the new Town Hall is under construction. The Town Council's regular meetings are recorded and broadcast (not live) on GTV11 (Time Warner 11, AT&T U-verse 99).



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Construction is well underway on the Panera Bread restaurant slated to open in the spring at the intersection of U.S. 70 and Jones Sausage Road.

Garner Continuing to Grow at a Rapid Clip

As you can see when you drive around town, Garner is continuing to grow fast. Here's a brief roundup of some of the more significant new projects:

The most visible ongoing development is still White Oak Crossing at U.S. 70 and Jones Sausage Road. Panera Bread and Red Robin Gourmet Burgers are well underway on the northwest quadrant of land at that intersection. Both restaurants expect to open this spring. A Sheetz and Zaxby's are also coming to that quadrant.

There's also new construction in the original part of White Oak Crossing on the south side of U.S. 70. Buffalo Brothers has built a restaurant in front of Target along White Oak Road. The eatery has received its certificate

of occupancy and should be opening sometime very soon.

On the residential side of things, Wilson Parker Homes is finishing up its model home in the Creekside subdivision off of Rand Road. The homebuilder plans to construct 92 single-family homes in that development. In addition, construction is well underway at Deer Harbor Apartments in Greenfield Park North.

Another notable project is the new corporate headquarters under construction in Greenfield Park North for STOCK America, a leading producer of sterilization equipment for the food and pharmaceutical industries. The 17,000-square-foot facility is expected to be completed in October.



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A Message from the Mayor



You can watch the mayor's 2016 State of the Town address at youtube.com/townofgarner.

As the article on the preceding page indicates, Garner continues to grow at an impressive rate, and with that growth comes more dining and shopping opportunities as well as the availability of a wider range of housing options. We're also adding corporate citizens who grow our tax base, and that's a good thing, too.



It pleases me greatly to know that,

even as we grow, we continue to retain a great quality of life. The Town offers exceptional services to citizens (such as the upcoming unprepared trash and yard waste collection), and these services are augmented by the business community offering things such as electronics recycling events (see below).

Garner also provides great recreational facilities and programming, as you can see by checking out the following page. And still another thing that enhances the quality of life here is the way the Town continues

looking for ways to engage citizens, whether it's through volunteer opportunities to clean up litter or a chance to learn the leadership skills that can make you a leader in your community (see page 4).

I believe that we're on the right track in Garner. What do you think?

Let me know your thoughts when I see you around town!

Ronnie S. Williams

Electronics Recycling Event to be Held March 19

WingSwept will be hosting its eighth Annual Technology Spring Clean on Saturday, March 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 800 Benson Road, the location of the new offices for the Garner-based tech firm.

If you have computers, monitors, printers, phones, scanners, televisions



or other old electronics that are just wasting space and collecting dust, come and drop them off. WingSwept is partnering with Triangle Recycling and Waste Industries to ensure that

all collected devices are disposed of responsibly. All hard drives collected will be shredded before disposal in order to eliminate the possibility of data theft.

F&D Huebner is offering a free McDonald's McCafé beverage to anyone who brings recyclables.

Unprepared Trash and Yard Waste Collection Slated for April

The spring unprepared trash and yard waste collection is just around the corner.

Residents can place trash, some bulky waste items and up to four rimless tires behind the curb for collection. Televisions and computer equipment will also be picked up. No appliances or hazardous wastes will be collected, nor will waste produced by any commercial tree service or other commercial activity/paid service.

Household items and yard waste can be placed behind the curb up to *one week* prior to the designated *Monday* for your route. Please separate piles for yard waste, trash and bulk wastes.

Here is the pickup schedule:

Monday routes (red and gray): Monday, April 4

Wednesday routes (orange and white): Monday, April 4

Thursday routes (purple and yellow): Monday, April 11

Friday route (brown): Monday, April 11

Friday route (blue): Monday, April 18

Tuesday routes (green, gold and tan): Monday, April 18

For more information, contact Public Works at (919) 772-7600.



Spring Eggstravaganza Saturday!

The annual Spring Eggstravaganza festival at Lake Benson Park (921 Buffaloe Road) is Saturday, March 19 starting at 10 a.m., with EGG HUNTS AT NOON. This year's event will feature music, games, inflatables, crafts and more. Food vendors will sell treats such as hot dogs and Italian ices. Bring your camera to have a picture taken with the bunny before the egg hunts begin.

Lake Benson Boathouse Now Open for Season

The Lake Benson boathouse (975 Buffaloe Road) has opened for the season. It offers great boating and fishing opportunities.

Boathouse hours are noon to 7 p.m. on Fridays and Sundays, and 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturdays. Friday operations will be suspended in July and August.

The boathouse rents jon boats (with or without motors) as well as canoes. Starting in April, kayaks will be available for rental. There's also free fishing from the boathouse dock when the boathouse is open. For more information, visit [garnernc.gov/departments/parks and recreation](http://garnernc.gov/departments/parks%20and%20recreation).

Town to Hold Spring Big Sweep/ Litter Sweep Event

Join the Town of Garner for its spring Big Sweep and Litter Sweep event on Saturday, **April 2**. This semi-annual event relies on volunteers from the Garner area to help pick up trash along roadways and waterways in town.

Pre-registration is encouraged but not required and can be done at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/garnerprcr> or by calling White Deer Park Nature Center at (919) 661-6982. On-site registration begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Holly Shelter at White Deer Park (2400 Aversboro Road) on the day of the event.

Volunteers should wear closed-toe shoes and bring sun protection. Breakfast, water, gloves, bags and other equipment will be provided.



Americana Band Coming to GPAC

The Steel Wheels play Garner Performing Arts Center on Saturday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the It's Showtime! series. The band has captivated audiences across the country with its original soulful mountain music. Learn more and purchase tickets in advance at garnperformingartscenter.com.



You can follow Garner GPAC on Twitter (@GPACgarner).



Garner Property Becomes State Certified

Garner made more progress on the economic development front recently when the Garner Industrial Site in Greenfield Park South was adopted into the North Carolina Certified Site Program. The site consists of approximately 151 acres located along U.S. 70 and Raynor Road.

Since 2001, the certified site program has provided a statewide inventory of industrial sites that have undergone a rigorous prequalification process to ensure they are “shovel ready” for immediate development.



The state of North Carolina has determined that the Garner Industrial Site in Greenfield Park South is ‘shovel ready.’

concerns and potential development costs. Sites are periodically recertified to ensure accurate, reliable data. North Carolina’s Certified Sites are highlighted in the state’s online da-

tabase of available buildings and sites via AccessNC.

“Having a certified site in our community will help Garner stand out from the competition as we continue to market Garner as a great place to locate a business,” Garner Economic Development Director Joe Stallings said. “We want to thank the property owners and economic development partners who have helped in this process. Without them we could not have made it through the process.”

For more information about the Garner Industrial Site in Greenfield Park South or other economic development opportunities in Garner, contact Joe Stallings at (919) 773-4431 or jstallings@garnernc.gov.



Read all of the Town’s news releases at garnernc.gov.

A certified site reduces the risks associated with development by supplying detailed information about the site including price and availability, utilities, access, environmental

Town Launching Citizen Leadership Academy

Want to become a leader in your community? Then sign up now for the inaugural session of the Garner Leadership Academy.

The academy is a series of classes offered to help you develop your skills as a neighborhood or community leader. Graduates of the Leadership Academy will be positioned to go on to leadership roles in neighborhood organizations, the Board of Adjustment, Planning Commission, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee and the Veteran’s Advisory Committee.

Who Can Attend?

The Garner Leadership Academy is free of charge for residents of the Town of Garner and its area of extraterritorial jurisdiction. The program is not open to residents

outside of those areas. Completion of Garner 101 is not a prerequisite for this course but is highly recommended. Preference may be given to persons who have served in leadership roles in homeowners associations or similar community groups as well as those in the business community. Class size will be limited to 15 to encourage participants to interact with each other and with instructors.

Class Schedule

June 9 – Leadership Development; Defining Personal Leadership Style (including True Colors Assessment)

June 16 – Understanding Group Dynamics; Understanding Group Dynamics/Group Facilitation

June 23 – Understanding Group Dynamics; Conflict Resolution

June 30 – Asset-Based Community Development; Principles of Asset-Based Community Development

July 7 – Asset-Based Community Development; Asset Mapping

July 14 – Asset-Based Community Development; Mobilizing Groups to Act/Leading by Stepping Back

July 21 – Graduation ceremony

All classes, including the graduation ceremony, will be held from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at White Deer Park Nature Center (2400 Aversboro Road).

For more information or to enroll, contact Neighborhood Improvement Manager Reginald Buie at (919) 773-4446 or rbuie@garnernc.gov. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis.