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Award-winning Broadway Voices brings Big Apple talent to Garner. See page 3.



Time to get your Halloween costumes ready. See page 4.

TOWN HALL CALENDAR

Sept. 20: Town Council meeting (7 p.m.)

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

Oct. 3: Town Council regular meeting (7 p.m.)

Oct. 10: Planning Commission meeting (7 p.m.)

Town Council, Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment meetings are held in the training room in the 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). They can also be watched on demand at garnernc.gov.



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TOWN OF GARNER BOND PROGRAM



Construction at the corner of U.S. 70 and Montague Street (for a storm-water device) is part of the overall work on the new recreation center that will be located at the corner of the Montague and Main streets.

Construction Work Begins on New Recreation Center

The Town of Garner has entered the construction phase of a much-anticipated new recreation center. The approximately 40,000-square-foot facility is being built on the corner of Main and Montague streets in downtown Garner. It is expected to open in late 2017. The center, made possible in part by funds approved in the 2013 bond vote, will provide a hub for health and activity in downtown Garner.

Clearing and grading has started at the site as well as at a site for a storm-water collection device at U.S. 70 and

Montague Street.

The building will feature three gymnasiums with high-school regulation-size basketball courts that also can be used for volleyball and other activities. The courts will have wooden floors and bleacher seating to accommodate several hundred people. The three gyms will be divided to allow different activities in each area.

On the second floor, accessible by stairway or elevator in the lobby,

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A Message from the Mayor

I look at this edition of the newsletter and one word jumps to mind: partnerships.



It took a partnership among the Town of Garner, Garner Chamber of Commerce and local businesses and individuals to make possible the award-winning Broadway Voices series, now getting ready

to start its seventh season at Garner Performing Arts Center.

It's taken great partnerships with scores of local businesses and organizations to make the award-winning Trick-or-Treat the Trails so successful and fun for the little ones.

And it's taken a partnership among the Garner Revitalization Association, Town of Garner and numerous entrepreneurs to make the Trick-or-

Eat Food Truck Rodeo a can't-miss event in our historic downtown.

I could go on, but you get the point. The reason why Garner is on the move is because of so many fantastic partnerships. It's how we get great things done in Garner.

Ronnie S. Williams

Center

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will be an elevated walking track that is open to and encircles all three gymnasiums. At one-ninth of a mile in length, the track will be longer than most indoor walking tracks found in recreation centers.

The center will have a large multipurpose room and group fitness classroom. Off the multipurpose room will be a small warming kitchen for summer camp and rental use. There will also be a large arts and crafts classroom as well as two sets of restrooms including shower facilities.

Although specific programs at the recreation center have not been determined, many new and expanded activities are being considered, including the following:

- expansion of the Town's popular basketball and volleyball leagues
- daytime programs for all ages, including walking opportunities on the track
- after-school programming and


more specialty programs made possible by the ample space in the facility

- growth of the Town's summer camp program, which will benefit from the new facility as far as number of children that can be accommodated and increased variety of activities
- additional adult fitness and exercise classes to relieve some of the pressure at the Garner Senior Center
- the possibility of new leagues for youth and adults as well as athletic camps.

Visitors will be able to get information and sign up for programming at the center's front reception desk area.

The facility's design will complement the existing buildings in Garner's historic district. The site's topography lends itself to creating a two-story Main Street façade and a taller, more dramatic entry as visitors approach from Montague Street off of U.S. 70. Outside amenities will include a walking trail, an open play field and ample parking.

**TOWN OF GARNER
BOND PROGRAM**



Lake Benson Dog Park is now open. It has separate play areas for big dogs and small ones. The amenity was made possible by voter-approved parks and recreational bonds.

Firemen's Day Coming Up Oct. 1

Hey, it's almost time for Garner Volunteer Fire-Rescue, Inc.'s annual Firemen's Day. This year it's happening on **Saturday, Oct. 1**. Enjoy barbecue, desserts and over two dozen vendors. The parade starts at 2 p.m. There will be fire demos and fire safety tips and information. Visit garnerfire.com/information/firemens_day for more information.



You can follow Garner Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources on Facebook and Twitter.



Broadway Voices Back for Another Season

The seventh annual Broadway Voices series at Garner Performing Arts Center starts in November and promises more great talent that area residents can enjoy for a fraction of the cost of seeing a show in the Big Apple.

An early-bird season ticket packet is available through Sept. 30 for only \$65. Visit garnerperformingartscenter.com to purchase tickets.

Here's this year's stellar lineup:



Rebecca Luker
Nov. 12,
7:30 p.m.

Rebecca Luker received three Tony Award nominations for her work in "The Music Man," "Show Boat" and "Mary Poppins." She also appeared in the

Broadway productions of "Fun Home," "Cinderella," "The Phantom of the Opera," "The Sound of Music," "Nine" and "The Secret Garden."



Brent Barrett
Jan. 14,
7:30 p.m.

Brent Barrett is no stranger to the stages of

Broadway, the West End, concert halls, recording studios and television. He was most recently seen on Broadway reprising his role as Billy Flynn in the Tony Award-winning hit "Chicago—The Musical," for which he received a Los Angeles drama Critics Award. He has received critical acclaim when he performed as a soloist with the Boston Pops, Minnesota Opera, Opera Pacific, Michigan Opera, Kentucky Opera,

with the New York Festival of Song at Carnegie Hall, with the London Sinfonetta at Royal Festival Hall and with the Birmingham Symphony.



Hugh Panaro
April 8,
7:30 p.m.

Hugh Panaro is back by popular demand after receiving numerous standing ovations during his sold-out Broadway Voices performance last January. Critically lauded and adored by fans, his long list of credentials includes "The Phantom of the Opera," "Gentleman Prefer Blondes" and "Les Miserables."

The series is a partnership among the Town of Garner, Garner Chamber of Commerce and local businesses.



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CARNAVAL LATINO

Festival Celebrates Garner Area's Diversity

The Town of Garner is excited to present Carnival Latino on **Sunday, Sept. 18** from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the back lawn of Garner Performing Arts Center (parking at 125 Avery St. and 742 W. Garner Road).

Now in its fourth year, this festival celebrates contemporary and traditional Latino cultures and honors our community's diversity. Activities will include live music, children's craft booths, face painting and a piñata giveaway.

Musical performances will include



The fourth annual Carnival Latino promises another afternoon of music, food and fun.

salsa, merengue and more from Orquesta K'Che, Mexican pop

rock music from Tercer Divisa and flamenco guitar from Ed Stephenson & the Paco Band. Zfit Zumba and El Pueblo Salvadoreño will entertain with dance.

Latin American food will be provided by local food trucks Qspresso Cubanos and The Corner Venezuelan Food. Raleigh's own Fresh Local Ice Cream has even created a churro flavor for the day.

Don't miss this fun and free day for the whole family. Full details can be found at garnernc.gov/carnavallatino.



The incredibly popular Trick-or-Eat Food Truck Rodeo is set for Oct. 23 on Main Street.

GRA Plans Slate of Great Fall Events

The next free outdoor movie on the Garner Performing Arts Center back lawn (125 Avery St.) is **Thursday, Sept. 22** at 6:30 p.m. They'll be showing "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" and featuring food trucks BamPowChow and Fresh Local Ice Cream. Draft Line Brewery will also be there. Bring your blankets and chairs and come on out.



The Garner Revitalization Association has also launched a monthly **Pop-Up Market** at Garner Recreational Park (221 E. Garner Road). Part farmers market, part craft pop-up, the event will feature fresh, locally grown foods and handmade crafts by local artisans. The next market is **Saturday, Sept. 24** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Other markets will be held **Saturday, Oct. 29** and **Saturday, Nov. 26**.

And make sure you get the wildly popular **Trick-or-Eat Food Truck Rodeo** on your calendar. It will be held this year on **Sunday, Oct. 23** from noon to 5 p.m. Once again, the trucks will be lined up (mostly) along Main Street.



Four out of five superheroes choose to do their Halloween trick-or-treating at Trick-or-Treat the Trails in White Deer Park.

Trick-or-Treat the Trails Set for Oct. 31 at White Deer Park

Businesses, nonprofits have chance to take part

Looking for a fun and safe place for the family to trick-or-treat this Halloween? Come to White Deer Park (2400 Aversboro Road) for Garner's award-winning special event, Trick-or-Treat the Trails. The **Oct. 31** festivities begin at 3 p.m. and last until 6 p.m.

Trick-or-treat your way around the park and collect treats from community organizations and local businesses. This annual event is free and draws thousands of participants each year.

An adult must accompany children at all times; pets are not permitted.

Parking is available across the street at Lake Benson Park (921 Buffalo Road), and handicap parking is located at White Deer Park (2400 Aversboro Road).

Trick-or-Treat the Trails was the 2013 recipient of the Innovative Program Award from the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association and received the Rising Star Award from the N.C. Association of Festivals and Events in 2013.

If your business or organization is interested in being a partner in this event, please contact Kendrick Mayes at kmayes@garnernc.gov or (919) 773-4441.


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