

When in the Dell

Weekly Newsletter for the Town of Wendell Team



From the Desk of: Parks and Recreation *Staying Active with New Programs*

Parks and Recreation Director, Jeff Polaski

As the dust settles and we are learning more about the COVID-19 pandemic, it's time to get back to the things we enjoy most.

Parks and their programs serve as vital places for people to get out of their homes and get active again. With public health experts agreeing that outdoor exercise is essential as long as people maintain a safe social distance of 6 feet between each other, we feel it's time to start offering programs that comply with that regulation. Staff at Wendell Park met the challenge head on with 6 new, safe programs for all age groups!

DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

We'll let you know Town info in the Department Highlights sidebar. The Town has 6 different departments: Administration, Finance, Planning, Police, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works.

- **FINANCE DEPARTMENT:**
Auditors from the Town's audit firm, Petway Mills & Pearson, PA, performed a preliminary audit for Fiscal Year 2020. Receiving an annual audit from an independent auditing firm is required by NC General Statute under the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The objective of the audit is for the auditor to render an opinion on the accuracy of the Town's basic financial statements. The auditors tested cash collection and disbursement, and payroll transactions to evaluate procedures and internal controls.



Fundamentals of Fishing teaches basic fundamentals of fishing - from live baits to artificial! It will also cover what types of fish are found in our areas, what types of baits to use, types of poles and when to use them, how to tie different knots for different types of lines and much more. Casting demonstrations will be taught, as well! Fishing provides all ages the opportunity to enjoy nature and to catch a priceless memory with one bob of the cork or pull on the line!



Intro to Disc Golf is an introduction on how to play at the disc golf course at Wendell Park. Disc golf is a flying disc sport in which players throw a disc at a target. It is played using rules similar to golf. It is usually played on a course with 9 or 18 holes. Players complete a hole by throwing a disc from a tee area toward a target, throwing again from where the previous throw landed, until the target is reached.

• **PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:**

The PW team assisted GFL Waste Industries as they continue to deliver yard waste cans throughout town. GFL hired a contract service for the deliveries and will be reaching out to residents who do not want their cans after July 1st. Unwanted cans will be picked up within 2 weeks and any cans left after the two-week period will be picked up and returned by the Public Works Department. Please continue to call Wendell Public Works at (919) 365-4822 to be put on the list if you have no need for a yard waste can.

Reminder: all yard waste will be collected from the yard waste cans *only* beginning Monday, July 6th. Curbside pickup will only be available twice per year for extenuating circumstances per resident and during leaf season in the fall. Please call the Public Works Department if you need to schedule a curbside pickup.

This service is being added to the existing trash and recycling service provided to residents for *no extra cost* and provides an opportunity for Public Works to free up resources and staff. This allows the Town to focus efforts in other areas of improvement for the community. Using cans for yard waste also helps maintain a cleaner community by keeping items off the street and out of our stormwater system.



Girl's Intro to Beach Volleyball is an introduction for girls to beach volleyball, with lessons on the basic fundamentals of volleyball on our beach court at Wendell Park. Girls will also learn the differences between beach volleyball and indoor volleyball.

Nature Camp is an introduction to the outdoors. Kids will discover the park and what types of nature is in it. Identify trees, bugs, animals, and learn lessons on camping!



Wendell Wiffle is wiffleball that we have some modified rules for in Wendell. With an 85-foot homerun area, all baserunners are ghost, single, double, or triple and the homerun area is marked on the field. Strike zone for the batter will be located behind the home plate, pitchers are allowed to pitch 3 innings with 5 innings per game and 3 outs per inning.

- **PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**
What is Blueprint Wendell 2030?
Blueprint Wendell 2030 is the name for the Town's updated Comprehensive Plan to help guide development for the next ten years. The Town's current Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2007 and many things have changed, so it's time for an update.

Comprehensive planning is a process that determines community goals and aspirations in terms of community development. The outcome of comprehensive planning is the Comprehensive Plan which dictates public policy in terms of transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, economic development and housing.

The Town has kicked off the update process and is conducting a survey to find out what is important to Wendell residents. The survey which is in English and Spanish can be found at the project website www.blueprintwendell2030.com We want to hear from all residents about the future of the Town.

If you need paper copies of the survey or have any questions on the process, please email Assistant Planning Director Bryan Coates at bcoates@townofwendell.com or call at (919) 366-6888



Pickleball is a paddleball sport (similar to a racquet sport) that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Two or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a perforated polymer ball over a net. The Pickleball Challenge is a fun, entertaining way for men and women to play pickleball within a social atmosphere. Each player will be partnered with a different player and team to play for multiple rounds.

Here at Parks and Recreation, we're committed to providing our community with fun, safe programs to get people outside. Interested in a safe, outdoor family outing this Independence Day? We'll be hosting a drive-in movie on July 3rd and July 4th at 8:30 p.m. at Wendell Park. Tickets are \$20 and we will be allowing 25 cars in per showing. The movie is "Toy Story 4" We hope to see you there!

Yours in service,
 Jeff Polaski, Parks and Recreation Director

- **POLICE DEPARTMENT:**
 Wendell PD has noticed that people are enjoying the outdoors more than ever. Additionally, we have seen an increase in people purchasing golf carts to travel through town. Wendell PD is a part of that process, taking part in inspecting and then issuing the golf cart permit. Here are some FAQs on Golf Carts in Wendell:

What type of golf cart should I buy? It must meet the size and shape that conforms to the industry standard for golf carts.

What safety equipment is required on the golf cart? A rear-view mirror, operating headlight(s) and taillight(s) that are visible at least 500 feet, and a restraint system for those under the age of 18.

Do I need a driver's license to drive a golf cart? Yes, no person shall operate a golf cart on a public street or highway in the town unless said person has a valid non-provisional driver's license.

Am I required to have insurance on my golf cart? Every golf cart operated under this ordinance shall have valid liability insurance as defined in NC G.S. 20-279.21(b).

When can I get my golf cart inspected? You must first complete the [Golf Cart Registration Packet](#). Once the packet is completed, turn it in to Town Hall with the registration fee. An officer will contact the golf cart owner to schedule the inspection.



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Wellness Tips from Wendell's HR Department

"A healthy attitude is contagious, but don't wait to catch it from others. Be a carrier."

~Tom Stoppard~

"Health is a state of complete harmony of the body, mind and spirit." ~B.K.S.

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"The doctor of the future will no longer treat the human frame with drugs, but rather cure and prevent disease with nutrition." ~Thomas A. Edison~

"Life is not merely to be alive, but to be well." ~Martial~

"The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like, and do what you'd rather not." ~Mark Twain~

"You just have to start putting one foot in front of the other, making an effort to get healthy every day."

~Ali Vincent~

"Finding and creating your life's work, even if it is entirely different from what you have done most of your life, will bring you more happiness and health than any other action you can take. If your primary responsibility in life is being true to yourself, that can only be accomplished by carrying out what you are called to do - your unique and special vocation...Your life's work involves doing what you love and loving what you do."

~Dennis Kimbro~

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

The Wendell Farmer's Market will be decorated for the 4th of July! Come by Campen Street & Main Street from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to check it out and buy local! After you've picked up some local goodies, stop by the businesses downtown to see how they're celebrating, as well!

The Parks and Recreation Department is joining in the fun by hosting a drive-in movie at Wendell Community Park on Friday, July 3rd and Saturday, July 4th at 8:30 p.m. They'll be showing "Toy Story 4" Tickets will be available for \$20 with 25 vehicles being permitted at each showing