

When in the Dell

Weekly Newsletter for the Town of Wendell Team



From the Desk of Finance: What is an Audit and Why is it Important?

Finance Director Butch Kay

What is an audit?

An audit is an examination of financial records and is performed by an external firm.

Financial auditing is the process of examining an organization's financial records to determine if they are accurate and in accordance with applicable rules of the Local Government Commission.

External auditors come in from outside the organization to examine accounting, financial, and payroll records and to provide an independent opinion of these records.

The audit is performed each year at the end of the fiscal year and the auditors are usually on site for several days at Town hall.

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.

- [PUBLIC WORKS](#)

DEPARTMENT:

PW crews assisted with the setup for Lake Myra Holiday Lights display this week while also continuing to install lights for the Town displays. Flags in preparation for Veterans Day were also installed.

Peak leaf season pickup has entered its first week of collection with service extending through next week. Please have leaves out by 7 a.m. on the Mondays listed to ensure pickup. For a schedule of pickup days, visit: [the Town's website](#).

Limb pickup service was conducted due to the recent storms. Crews finished a town-wide collection on Friday of all the limbs that had been set to the curb when service began. Crews also trimmed trees in many locations along Cypress, First, Second Street and Town Square.



Why is an audit important?

The audit is important because it can help elected officials and citizens make sure public resources are properly used. The audit also ensures that any misuse of public resources is detected and investigated. Audits play a vital part in the process of confirming the Town of Wendell is operating responsibly and ethically.

Transparency is also a key element of the audit for public trust and confidence. A commitment to transparency demonstrates to the community that the Town and its officials have nothing to hide.

Our goal at the Town of Wendell is to serve the citizens with transparency and trust. For any questions, please contact the Town's Finance Department at (919) 365-4450.

Yours in service,
Butch Kay, Finance Director

- POLICE DEPARTMENT:**
 WPD purchased a go kart and pedal go kart through a Wake ABC grant. These carts are part of the Simulated Impaired Driving Simulator (SIDNE) that allows kids the ability to experience different levels of impairment to teach them the dangers of impaired driving. This week, officers participated in a training that teaches officers how to set up the driving course, instruct kids participating and gives tips to officers teaching the lessons on the dangers of impaired driving.

Accreditation Manager Marie Pilotto began training officers on the purpose of accreditation, expectations and how to use Power DMS, which is the computerized policy management system.

- PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT:**
 The Church Softball League finished up its season with the Wakefield Central Baptist Church winning the Tournament.

The Adult Kickball League finished up its season with First in Flight Athletics winning the Tournament.

Staff is meeting with potential engineering firms to produce a site-specific masterplan for the Hollybrook property. This plan will provide an environmental review form, PARTF color-coded site plan and cost estimate for this future park.



Wellness Tips from Wendell's HR Department

8 Dimensions of Wellness

Wellness is being in good physical and mental health. Because mental health and physical health are linked, problems in one area can impact the other. At the same time, improving your physical health can also benefit your mental health, and vice versa. It is important to make healthy choices for both your physical and mental wellbeing.

Remember that wellness is not the absence of illness or stress. You can still strive for wellness even if you are experiencing these challenges in your life. The Eight Dimensions of Wellness are:

1. Emotional-Coping effectively with life and creating satisfying relationships.
2. Environmental-Good health by occupying pleasant, stimulating environments that support wellbeing.
3. Financial-Satisfaction with current and future financial situations.
4. Intellectual-Recognizing creative abilities and finding ways to expand knowledge and skills.
5. Occupational-Personal satisfaction and enrichment from one's work.
6. Physical-Recognizing the need for physical activity, healthy foods and sleep.
7. Social-Developing a sense of connection, belonging and a well-developed support system.
8. Spiritual-Expanding a sense of purpose and meaning in life.

Credit:<https://www.southalabama.edu/programs/jagfit@south/8dimensions.html>

- **PLANNING DEPARTMENT:**
A training session for the Board of Adjustment on Quasi-Judicial Decisions was given by Planning Staff on Wednesday November 4th.

A Special Use Permit (SUP) for a private lounge was brought to the Town Board on Thursday November 5th. The Board of Commissioners approved the SUP.

The Town of Wendell is creating a new comprehensive land use plan and as part of that process is looking for community feedback. The meeting-in-a-box was created to give residents a way to get involved and has activities for the entire household.

Using [this link](#) encourage at least 5 friends, colleagues, students, neighbors, or family members to host a meeting of a small group (it can be virtual). The "meeting" can be completed individually, so hosting a group isn't required - or it can be done virtually over a Zoom call or similar.

We also have meeting-in-a-box packets made up if you would like paper copies.

Please contact Bryan Coates at bcoates@townofwendell.com or at 919-366-6888 if you are interested in getting a packet.