

# WAKE FOREST AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## BUSINESS MATTERS

January, 2012

### The Thai Cafe

Thai food is great, why?

One of my goals is to help our customers to learn more about Thai food. We have been asked several times "Isn't Thai food always hot, spicy?" I must say that this might be the most misunderstood about Thai food. 80% of the dishes on our menu are not spicy at all. In Thai cuisine, each dish usually has more than one flavor, not just spicy. Thai food is mainly combined with 4 different flavors; sweet, salty, spicy and sour. Also when you eat Thai food, you should not eat the food by itself. Thai people always eat food with steamed rice. Rice will help tone down the flavor of the food and with a little sweetness of the rice - it actually makes your food taste better. Thai food? Please, try it!

About our business:

In the last 25 years, owner Harry and his wife Carolyn, Oddy and his sister Kanchana have worked in some of the most successful restaurants in

the United States. In 2005, they opened their first location in Durham, NC. With the concept of tasty and consistent good food and drink - while prepared and offered in a clean and tidy environment. They also offered prices that reflected frequent dining, good and attentive service, with a pleasant and comfortable atmosphere. The business has been quite successful - so in March of 2011 they expanded to the second location here in Wake Forest. The manager of the Thai Cafe, Agus Widhana, has been working in the restaurant business for over 10 years. He started as a dishwasher, busboy, food runner, server, bartender, and at one point worked as a chef in the kitchen, and also a chef at the sushi bar. After being an assistant manager, he became a manager with inside/out restaurant experience. After six years of managing Thai restaurants in Atlanta, GA - in 2011 Agus came to NC with his wife and son.



Besides the great opportunity to work with Thai Cafe, the school ranking in Wake Forest was definitely a draw to move the whole family here.

Thai Cafe Wake Forest, is located at Heritage 3309 Rogers Rd. Wake Forest, NC. 27587.

919-453-1679

Business hours:

Monday-Thursday

11:30-3:00 &

5:00-10:00

Friday 11:30-3:00 &

5:00-11:00

Saturday 12:00-11:00

Sunday 12:00-10:00



Besides the amazing Thai food we also have the fabulous Sushi bar, full bar and \$4.95 kids menu.

We also do different kinds of promotions, please stop by to ask for details.

[thaicafenc.com](http://thaicafenc.com)

Follow us on Facebook:  
Thai Cafe/ Wake Forest, NC

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## Join us at the **Business After Hours**

**January 19th  
5:30-7:00 pm**

Doctors Vision Center  
Wake Forest



The Wake Forest Area  
Chamber of Commerce  
Presents Two Seminars:

## **Power of E-Mail Marketing Social Media Made Simple**

**February 1st**

8:30-10:00 am

**E-Mail Marketing**

2:00-3:30 pm

**Social Media**

Member -\$10/session - \$15 for both  
Non-Member - \$15/session - \$20 for both

**Must RSVP  
Please note new date!**

Please call Chamber office to arrange payment

Presented by: Anissa Freeman Starnes

CenturyLink  
14111 Capital Blvd  
Wake Forest, NC 27587

## Spelling Bee Grant Winners

Summary 2011 Grants Approved

Patricia Church – Franklin Academy Grade K-2 PE  
\$255.66 – Wii Fitness System

Elizabeth Williams – Franklin Academy Grade 9-12  
\$454.00 –Colorimeter Sensors – Water quality studies

Kim Miller Franklin Academy Grade 4  
\$743.42 – Books to expose students to the sciences as well as literature

Tim Tharrington – Wakefield Middle Grade 6-8  
\$243.53 – A guide (10 languages) to Communicating with English language learners and their families

Tammy Bunn & Jennifer Abraham – Heritage Elementary Grade K-5  
\$1,145.04 –Grow It, Graph It, Eat It

Michelle Schlegel – Heritage Elementary Grade Special Ed Pre –K  
\$345.00 – Smartboard Classroom Suite Version 4

Lori Warren – Heritage Middle Grade 6  
\$400.00 – Making the Connection – Math & Literature

Joanne Preece – Wake Forest Elementary Grade K  
\$425.86 – Itouch Station (literacy and math)

Lori Munroe & Heather Fields – Wake Forest – Rolesville Middle Grade 6-8  
\$330.00 – Cameras for use in foreign language classes to write poem based on photo, document school community activities & use by newspaper, broadcasting class)

Deborah Scherr- Freedman – Wake Forest Rolesville Middle School Grade 6-8  
\$2,000 – Project Phoenix Part II Soaring Solar

Catherine E. Hantia – Wake Forest – Rolesville Middle School – Grade 7  
\$300 – Texas Instrument TI-83 plus Graphing Calculators



## Did you know:

Wake Forest is the  
28th largest city  
in North Carolina?  
And, that we are  
bigger than  
New Bern?

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### Chamber Staff

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## Board of Directors

**Tom Williams, Chair**  
Rex Healthcare

**Bob White, Past Chair**  
Wake Forest Federal

**Sue Anthony**  
Ellis and Anthony

**Lorie Borelli**  
Hartsfield & Nash Agency

**Jill Bright**  
Bright Funeral Home

**Sherry Burchett**  
LifeSigns

**Dr. Jason Gladwell**  
Gladwell Orthodontics

**Morgan Southerland**  
Harrington Bank

**Ryan Hutchinson**  
Southeastern Baptist  
Theological Seminary

**John Jamieson**  
3 Phoenix

**Kelly Mackay**  
Walker, Lambe, Rhudy  
& Costley

**Kevin McCarter**  
Century Link

**Tom O'Connor**  
BB&T

**Brian Pate**  
Fonville Morisey  
& Brian Pate Entertainment

**Angelo Pettis**  
Primrose School

**Matt Robinson**  
North State Bank

## Town of Wake Forest Receives LEED Award!

Mayor Vivian Jones announced December 1st that the Wake Forest Town Hall has been awarded LEED Platinum Certification by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC).

The USGBC's LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is the foremost program for the design, construction, and operation of green buildings. By using less energy, LEED-certified buildings save money for businesses and taxpayers, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and contribute to a healthier environment for residents, staff, and the community.

The Wake Forest Town Hall is one of only a few municipal facilities in the United States to achieve LEED Platinum status. By reaching the Platinum level, the Town is not only helping conserve resources and create a healthier environment for employees and visitors, but it is also saving substantially on costs through green building maintenance practices.

LEED features in the 44,000 square foot facility include an energy efficient lighting system, a reflective roof, low-flow water fixtures, ultra low-flush toilets, energy-efficient heating and cooling systems, recycled and rapidly renewable construction materials, and use of low VOCs (Volatile Organic Compounds). Bike racks and dedicated parking spaces for carpooling and fuel-efficient/low-emitting vehicles encourage alternative transportation and maximized day lighting with lighting controls significantly reduce the building's lighting load.

Collectively, town hall's array of energy efficient systems and strategies is expected to result in a nearly 25% reduction in overall annual energy costs. In addition, 70% of the anticipated energy usage will be offset with green power, including wind and solar farms located throughout the country.

Mayor Jones said December's announcement is a testament to the Town's commitment to sustainable green building and development practices.

"From start to finish, we worked closely with the architects and contractors to create an appealing, sustainable, and energy efficient town hall of which all Wake Forest residents can be proud," she said.

"I want to thank the members of the Board of Commissioners and the members of the architectural team for their outstanding leadership and commitment to what is an environmentally responsible facility. I also want to especially commend Roe O'Donnell for his commitment and persistence in pursuit of the Platinum designation. We're extremely proud of our town hall and are truly honored to be recognized for it."



TOWN *of*  
WAKE FOREST

## Welcome to our Newest Members!

**Academy Mortgage Corporation**  
8450 Falls of Neuse Road, #102  
Raleigh, NC 27615  
919-414-6900

**Baba Ghannaouj**  
14460 New Falls of Neuse #167  
Raleigh, NC 27614  
919-453-2355  
[www.mybabaghannouj.com](http://www.mybabaghannouj.com)

**B-Quick PC Repair**  
1839 South Main Street  
Wake Forest, NC 27587  
919-728-0618  
<http://bquickpcrepair.com>

**Cellar 275**  
1839 South Main Street  
Suite 130 (at the Factory)  
Wake Forest, NC 27587  
919-488-4565  
[www.cellar275.com](http://www.cellar275.com)

**Firestone Complete Auto Care**  
2126 S. Main St.  
Wake Forest, NC 27587  
919-489-8105  
<http://firestonecompleteautocare.com>

**Free Your Memory.com**  
Wake Forest, NC 27587  
919-671-3000

**Homes for Heroes**  
4701 Creedmoor Rd., Ste 105  
Raleigh, NC 27612  
(919) 349-1252  
[www.loismagee.com](http://www.loismagee.com)

**J & M Lawnscape**  
523 E. Jones Ave.  
Wake Forest, NC 27587  
919-556-3276

**Tropical Picken Chicken**  
2010 S. Main St.  
Wake Forest, NC 27587  
919-435-6812  
[www.tropicalpickenchicken.com](http://www.tropicalpickenchicken.com)

**Wake Forest Endoscopy Center**  
10540 Ligon Mill Rd.  
Wake Forest, NC 27587  
919-554-6253

## Ribbon Cuttings!



**Pravana Tan & Wellness**  
946 Gateway Commons Circle  
Wake Forest, NC 27587  
[www.pravanatanspa.com](http://www.pravanatanspa.com)  
919-554-3006



**Wake Forest Endoscopy Center**  
10540 Ligon Mill Rd.  
Wake Forest, NC 27587  
919-554-6253

## Wake Forest Chamber Member News & Notes:

Matt Archer, of Archer Investments, has won the 40 under 40 award in the Triangle this year. The goal of the 40 Under 40 program is to recognize 40 people under the age of 40 who are committed to shaping our region and making it a better place for everyone. Please call Matt and congratulate him.

Congratulations to Jill Bright of Bright Funeral Homes for being named "Citizen of the Year"! Jill was presented the winning trophy at the Wake Forest Community Christmas Dinner on December 5th, at The Forks. Please call Jill and congratulate her.



Congratulations to Matthew & Rachel Sharpstene of 'A Few Good Men Moving & Storage', on the birth of their baby girl, Sophia Elizabeth on November 22nd. Please call to congratulate them on their new bundle of joy!

Congratulations to Kara & Matt Louise of Kara Louise Productions, on the birth of their baby girl, Claudia Jean "CJ". CJ arrived Dec. 21st at 12:47 am. She weighed 7 lbs 2 ozs and was 20 1/2 inches long.

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Did you know  
that 1 in 10 small  
businesses will be  
audited by the IRS  
this year?

## 2012 Business After Hours Hosts

January 19th  
**Doctors Vision Center**

February 16th  
**The Hasentree Club**

March 22nd  
**Candlewood Suites**

April 19th  
**CenturyLink**

May 17th  
**Supremia Dentistry,  
Dr. Edmond Suh**

June 21st  
**Allied Rehab & Village Pharmacy**

July 19th  
**Hampton Inn of Wake Forest**

August 16th  
**All About Hair,  
Custom Signs,  
Imperial Homes,  
Peter The Stump Eater**

September 20th  
**Camp Kanata**

October 18th  
**Harrington Bank**

November 15th  
**Focus Design Builders, LLC**

December 13th  
**Suntrust Bank**

5:30-7:00 pm  
Thursdays



**TableTop Mini Expo & Business Launch**  
December 13th  
Hosted by **The Lodge of Wake Forest**  
Sponsored by **LeavesOut of Wake Forest**



**Mary Kay**  
[www.marykay.com/sarahstubbs](http://www.marykay.com/sarahstubbs)



**Simple Uncomplicated Living**  
[www.simpleuncomplicatedliving.com](http://www.simpleuncomplicatedliving.com)



**Pathways to Wellness**  
[www.lorispathways.com](http://www.lorispathways.com)



**I'll Be There Concierge**  
[www.illbethereconcierge.com](http://www.illbethereconcierge.com)



**On The Run Accounts**  
[www.ontherunaccounts.com](http://www.ontherunaccounts.com)



**Energieyes, Inc**  
[www.EnergieyesOnline.com](http://www.EnergieyesOnline.com)



**Jackson Superior Electric**  
<http://jacksonsuperiorelectric.com>



**WSI Digital Success**  
[www.WSIDigitalSuccess.com](http://www.WSIDigitalSuccess.com)



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[assetinventoryspecialist@gmail.com](mailto:assetinventoryspecialist@gmail.com)



**George Randy Bass Photography**  
<http://georgerandybass.com/>

## Our Ambassador Page

### Ambassador's Volunteering!



## Ambassador List

**Cheri Altman**

Advantage Tax Services

**Denise Barbour**

North State Bank

**Antonio Bryan**

A+ Event Rentals

**Jennifer Byron**

Candlewood Suites

**James Dunn - Co-Chair**

Massage Therapist

**Cathy Easop - Chair**

June-Neri Financial

**Lisa Eyrolles**

Elite Tax Services

**Kathy Fuerst**

The News & Observer

**Cindy Hammond**

Qualified Staffing Services

**Bob Horvath**

Only Way Realty

**Jerry Kephart**

J Kephart Real Estate

**Erik Nedwidek**

Hatteras Software

**Ansell Neri**

June-Neri Financial

**Jerry Piercy**

Growth Strategies

**Ben Rutter**

LeavesOut of Wake Forest

**Tara Tucker**

The Hampton Inn

**Allen Surratt**

Time Warner Cable

**Dean Tryon**

Wake Forest Fire Department

**Fred Zaytoun**

FredCo BizServices, LLC

## Ambassador of the Month - Jerry Piercy - Growth Strategies

Jerry Piercy is the owner and CEO of Growth Strategies, Inc., a business advisory firm focused on helping local small business owners and self-employed professionals build the business of their dreams. Jerry has a passion for helping business owners in Wake Forest achieve the improved results they desire for their business and personal lives. Since leaving the corporate world to start his own business nearly two years ago, Jerry has helped dozens of businesses in Wake Forest and across the Triangle.

Jerry has been an active member, as well as a presenter and facilitator of several educational programs for the Wake Forest Chamber over the past 18 months. In addition, Jerry has served as an Ambassador for the past 12 months.

Most recently, Jerry launched an on-line e-Learning Sales & Marketing Program to provide entrepreneurs, small business owners and sales professionals all of the tools, resources and support they need to grow their businesses ([www.GrowthStrategiesMarketingAcademy.com](http://www.GrowthStrategiesMarketingAcademy.com)).



The proven processes in the program will help business owners – generate more leads, attract more clients, and ultimately make more money.

Jerry has over 20 years of professional experience, including time with Proctor & Gamble Co., Pitney Bowes, and Accenture, as well as experience with a handful of smaller businesses. He can also draw on the skills and knowledge gained through his formal education, including an MBA in

General Management from UVA, and a Bachelors Degree in Chemical Engineering from NCSU.

On a personal note, Jerry is originally from New Bern, NC, and has lived in Wake Forest since 1999 with his wife, Jennifer, and their two children, Gabrielle (11) and Ryan (9).

[www.growthstrategiesinc.com](http://www.growthstrategiesinc.com)



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## Advertising in our Chamber Monthly Newsletter:

Business Card \$50  
1/2 page Ad \$75  
Full Page Ad \$125

Sent electronically to 1200+, plus printed for new members and relocation packages.

We also have Advertising on the Chamber Website, and in weekly E-news.

Please check the Chamber Website:

[www.wakeforestchamber.org/  
member-resources/advertising](http://www.wakeforestchamber.org/member-resources/advertising)

# Wake Forest Christmas Parade



Thank you to Focus Design Builders for Sponsoring and Creating the Radio Flyer - full of life size toys!

Thank you to James Holding for being a great sport!

# 2011-2012 Community Investors

## Board of Advisors

CenturyLink

## Chairman's Circle

Gaston Media  
Hartsfield & Nash Agency  
Rex Healthcare  
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary  
SunTrust  
Wake Electric Membership Corp.  
WakeMed

## Vision Builder

Allstate-Thomas Walters  
Branch Banking & Trust  
Gladwell Orthodontics  
North State Bank

## Enterprise

3 Phoenix  
Business Lab  
Coldwell Banker Advantage  
Edward Jones  
Fidelity Bank  
Hasentree/Toll Brothers  
Hixon & Bumgarner Orthodontics  
Newcomb and Company  
Novozymes North America  
Progress Energy  
Southeastern Emergency Equipment  
State Employees Credit Union  
The Wake Forest Weekly  
The Heritage Club  
Triangle Town Center  
Wake Forest Family Physicians  
Wake Forest Federal  
Wal-Mart  
Warren Shackelford Attorneys PLLC  
Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton

[www.sharingcommunity.org](http://www.sharingcommunity.org)



# THE KOINONIA FOUNDATION

*2010 Wake Forest Organization of the Year*



### What Does The Koinonia Foundation Do?

Since 1990, we have provided funding to individuals and charitable groups in the local community to help with basic human needs – food, shelter, clothing. We have helped our neighbors at a time when they needed it the most, and could not otherwise get that help.

### How Can You Help?

- Donate a tax-deductible product or service to the annual auction
- Make a tax-deductible monetary donation
- Be a sponsor of the annual banquet and auction
- Come to the auction and bid, bid, bid!

Annual Banquet & Auction  
Saturday, February 4, 2012 | 5:30pm  
The Forks Cafeteria

Contact us at: [info@sharingcommunity.org](mailto:info@sharingcommunity.org)  
Deadline for donations: January 20th

## Business After Hours in December -

Thanks to Mark Marley and the SunTrust Team for hosting the Business After Hours last night. Thanks also to The Forks, Over the Falls Restaurant and the Twisted Vine - for catering and providing the most excellent food and wine. Great Networking everybody!





“We have been members of many Chambers in the past, and the Wake Forest Chamber is by far the best one we have experienced. They offer a lot to small business and you get a great return on investment.”

Chris Smiley  
Financial Advisor  
Virginia Asset Management

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## Leadership Wake Forest

Thank you to the Town of Wake Forest and to Mike Barton-Utilities, Jeff Leonard-Police Chief, Ronnie Earle-Fire Chief, Bill Crabtree-Wake Forest Communications Director -- for presenting the information about the Town, Police, Fire, Communications and Operations. A great big thank you to Mark for the history and current plans for the great town of Wake Forest.

Did you know that you can go to the Town's website and sign up for their newsletter and emergency messages?

<http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/enews.aspx>  
<http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/deltaalert.aspx>



## Technology 4 Dummies - December

Thank you to Erik Nedwideck of Hatteras Software for educating us about the correct way and place to get rid of our electronics, as well as the need for real surge protectors on all of our equipment - including the big screen TV's.



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## CrossTalk December

Bill Warner of Paladin & Associates facilitated this great session of members helping members. If you are struggling with an issue in your business this is a great place to get help. This is non-compete, non-disclosure and for members only. We meet monthly at the Hampton Inn in Wake Forest.



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## Constant Contact Chamber \$ Member Discounts \$

As part of the Chamber Program you are able to receive on a 25% discount for using Constant Contact.

If you are a member who already uses Constant Contact and are paying full price - please call us and let us know. We can 'contact' Constant Contact for you and get the discount.

## Preview your Child's School Choices Online

After eight months of work, conducting a simulation in which 21,000 residents participated, collecting more than 4,000 public comments, and holding numerous public engagement sessions, the Wake county Board of Education adopted a new choice-based student assignment plan.

WCPSS is now in the next phase of the process – community engagement. With the new plan, parental choice determines assignment, requiring parents to be knowledgeable about their child's options.

Visit Wake County Public School System's updated student assignment website at [assignment.wcpss.net](http://assignment.wcpss.net) and click the "Preview School Choices" tab to preview your child's school choices for the 2012/13 school year. Enter your address to find which choice options – at least five elementary, two middle and two high schools- are available. You can also identify which magnet programs are available.

This preview is not part of the school choice selection process, which will begin in December for magnet schools and January for non-magnet schools. Corrections may be made in the coming weeks as WCPSS technicians finalize the programming data sets that produce the choice lists.

For the 2012/13 school year, the choice process is optional for all parents satisfied with their current school. Families may 'grandfather' and remain at their current school, with their current level of transportation and follow the feeder pattern aligned with their current school, regardless of the choice options presented. Families with rising kindergartners, Wake County residents currently not in WCPSS schools, new Wake County residents, and families seeking a change in student assignment must participate in the choice selection process.

## Opening Exhibit

Greetings!

We want to invite you and all your readers to our Opening Exhibit and Reception on January 13th, 2012, 5 - 9 pm. The show will extend through February 6th, 2012.

Feature artist: Cynthia Mollenkopf, accomplished 2 and 3 dimensional felt artist, as well as wearables including hats, scarves and purses. Cynthia is a member of several local and international felting and fiber guilds and organizations. Cynthia enjoys any opportunity to demonstrate or teach felting as she believes creating public awareness of the felting process and sharing the potential of this medium are ongoing opportunities. Enjoy the show!

Gilded Palette Gallery is located in the heart of Downtown Wake Forest.

We have two working studios and represent over 23 fine artists from North Carolina! Visit and experience this eclectic space! Wake Forest's new destination!

Gilded Palette Gallery  
123 South White Street  
Wake Forest, NC 27587  
(919) 570-7070

hours: MON - SAT 10ish-5pm  
[www.gildedpalettegallery.com](http://www.gildedpalettegallery.com)



## FastMed of Wake Forest Walk In Clinic - Certified as UCAOA

Fourteen FastMed Urgent Care Clinics in North Carolina and Arizona Certified by the Urgent Care Association of America

Nine FastMed Urgent Care clinics in North Carolina and five in Arizona are now certified by the Urgent Care Associates of America (UCAOA). This distinguishes FastMed as a true urgent care center, providing patients with walk-in, extended-hour medical attention with licensed providers for a large scope of medical conditions, and has met all of the UCAOA's established criteria.

"We're proud to be one of the few urgent care clinics recognized by UCAOA," said Kevin Blank, President and Chief Operating Officer of FastMed Urgent Care. "This will help raise awareness in the communities we serve that patients can receive quality, personal care from us all year long."

As the healthcare climate changes, it is important to help patients understand their treatment options and where they can go for trusted care. This certification establishes FastMed as a clinic that accepts walk-in patients and provides various treatments during all hours of operation.

"We offer family medicine, flu shots, school/sports/work physicals, treatment of Workers Comp injuries, onsite lab/X-ray, pharmacy and more, all with extended hours of operation," Blank added. "It's convenient and cost effective for patients."

FastMed Urgent Care fills the gap between primary care and hospital emergency rooms. Each UCAOA certified location is equipped with x-ray, laboratory services and is available to perform minor procedures such as casting and suturing. Its friendly medical experts also treat cuts, burns, sprains or fractures that do not require a visit to the emergency department.

With its certification, FastMed and UCAOA demonstrate their commitment toward providing patients with access to appropriate levels of care. Certified clinics include:

North Carolina  
Asheville  
Boone  
Clayton  
Cary Ten-Ten  
Fuquay  
Garner  
Holly Springs  
Sanford  
Wake Forest

About FastMed Urgent Care:

FastMed Urgent Care is a North Carolina-based owner and operator of urgent care facilities focusing on the delivery of non-appointment based medicine to the non-emergency patient market. In partnership with physicians and other healthcare professionals, FastMed operates 33 urgent care centers in North Carolina and Arizona. The urgent care centers are open with extended hours 365 days a year and are staffed with experienced and licensed physicians, physician assistants and nurse practitioners. FastMed is owned by the Comvest Group. For more information, please visit [www.fastmed.com](http://www.fastmed.com).

[www.rucn.info](http://www.rucn.info)  
2001 South Main Street  
Wake Forest, NC 27587  
919.562.3155



## Town of Wake Forest News:

### This Place Matters

Is there a particular place in Wake Forest that tugs at your heart, holds special meaning, or evokes fond memories? Perhaps a special store in which you enjoyed shopping as a child, a church where you and your family worshipped, or the school where you learned to read and write?

#### Show us the places that matter

If there are such places around town that hold special meaning for you, then here's your chance to send us photos of those "places" and tell us your story of why they matter!

The Wake Forest Historic Preservation Commission is launching a "This Place Matters" photo-sharing campaign in which people take photos of themselves in local places that hold personal significance. The initiative is patterned after the program of the same name that was introduced by the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2008.

- Download and print the "This Place Matters" sign at [wakeforestnc.gov/thisplacematters.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/thisplacematters.aspx);
- Take a digital photograph of yourself or others holding the sign in places in Wake Forest that matter most to you;
- Email your photographs and a short explanation of why the places matter to you to [thisplacematters@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:thisplacematters@wakeforestnc.gov).

The photographs, which should be no larger than 2MB in size, will be compiled and displayed in slideshow format on the Town's website. For more details, visit [wakeforestnc.gov/thisplacematters.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/thisplacematters.aspx) or call Agnes Wanman at (919) 435-9516.



*Planning Department Staff.  
The brick building at 221 S. Brooks St.  
housed their offices for many years.*

### Urban Forestry Board seeks nominations for green medal awards

The Wake Forest Urban Forestry Board is requesting nominations for the 2012 Green Medal Awards of Excellence. The awards will recognize individuals and groups that have been instrumental in local tree issues and projects. Awards will be presented in the following categories: civic, corporate, program or project and community forester.

Nomination forms are available online at [wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation\\_urbanforestry\\_greenmedalawards.aspx](http://wakeforestnc.gov/parksrecreation_urbanforestry_greenmedalawards.aspx) and at town hall. For more information, contact Urban Forester Evan Keto at (919) 435-9565 or [eketo@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:eketo@wakeforestnc.gov).



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## Chamber Team Building at Wine & Design

The Chamber Staff had our Team Building event at Wine & Design in Wake Forest. Beth, our artist/instructor led us step by step in creating our masterpieces. None of us could paint - and we each created a realistic looking painting. Check out their calendar for other designs. You can go for track out, birthday parties, girls night out, or team building. It's fun!



## Chamber Calendar for January

Please check the Chamber Calendar on our website for times and locations.

- Jan 4 SCORE Counseling
- Jan 5 Executive Committee Meeting
- Jan 6 First Friday Networking 2012
- Jan 10 LWF - Jan 10th Session Entrepreneurism
- Jan 10 Table Top Expo & Business Launch
- Jan 11 CrossTalk 2012
- Jan 12 Chamber Board Meeting 
- Jan 12 Ribbon Cutting - B-Quick PC Repair
- Jan 13 Ribbon Cutting - Firestone Complete AutoCare
- Jan 17 Economic Development Committee
- Jan 18 Government Affairs Committee
- Jan 19 BAH - Doctor's Vision Center
- Jan 24 Facebook Fan Pages Seminar
- Jan 25 Membership Committee Meeting
- Jan 26 Ambassador Meeting

## Like us on Facebook!

Wake Forest Area Chamber of Commerce



## Save the Dates!

### Committee Meetings:

Economic Development	17th	3 pm
Government Affairs	18th	8 am
Membership	25th	8:30 am
Ambassador	26th	8:30 am



January 10th, 2012

9:30-11:00 am

The Lodge

1151 South Main Street, Wake Forest, NC

Body by Vi

Shaklee

Advantage Tax Service

Optimist Club

Mary Kay by MaryAnne

AAA Home Repair

Wakeup Energetics

Devcon Security

Moment's Notice

Mixing it Up with Mandy & Mel

freememory.com

Homes for Heroes

Mannino Pet Services

Sponsored by Growth Strategies

