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Dear Knightdale Resident,

We are excited to provide Town news to you in our Knightdale “Knews”letter. We look forward to bringing residents more local information, and are happy to provide you with this service.

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Public Information Officer
Town of Knightdale

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STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic planning is an essential function of municipal management. Creating a strategic plan assists an organization in determining its future direction, by defining the mission, vision, core values, and areas of focus that will help balance the needs of residents and businesses with the growth that comes with development.

Residents, business, and civic leaders gathered on May 1st, in the Knightdale Town Hall council chambers, to engage in a conversation about the future of Knightdale, and to provide input, to begin the strategic planning process.

Town of Knightdale staff will continue to gather feedback and work with our consultants to use that input to create a viable strategic plan that serves our community.

Once the plan is in place, the Town staff will use it to guide decisions and create performance metrics to monitor progress. Similar to the Comprehensive Plan, decisions should be able to be tied to the Strategic Plan. The performance measures will allow staff to show how well they are meeting the objectives, targets, and goals under each area of focus.



HARPER PARK TENNIS COURTS

COMING THIS SUMMER!

Citizens traveling down Smithfield Road and Main Street have noticed quite a bit of construction at Harper Park. In addition to updating the existing tennis courts to meet the United States Tennis Association (USTA) standards, two new tennis courts, two pickleball courts, and a new bathroom facility will be ready for use this coming July 2019.

Knightdale Town Manager Bill Summers stated, “Harper Park is a hub of action in Knightdale, and we want to ensure we provide the most up to date facilities to serve the active lifestyles of Knightdale residents.”

Harper Park has seen two phases of improvement in the last year, including the renovation of the building in the park which now hosts a Knightdale Police Department substation and the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department office.



The Town of Knightdale published its first newsletter “The Knightdale Knews” in June of 1943. The first publication reported on food preservation, the proposed Town budget, and upcoming social events in Town. Though subject matter will not change much, the number of people who receive the newsletter will! The Population of Knightdale in 1943 was 360 people, now we are sending this newsletter to over 6,000 homes and local businesses.



SPLASH PAD

The new Splash Pad at Knightdale Station Park is almost finished and is scheduled to open in mid-July! This uniquely designed amenity has 20 sprayers for all age groups. The steam engine water tower in the center of the pad is a custom element that highlights Knightdale's heritage as a railroad town but also complements the existing park's playground.

There will be 2,000 square feet of fun for the kids and the kid in you, with an additional 1,500 square foot deck containing two shade structures and benches. The splash pad utilizes a recirculated water pump, which filters and treats water, much like a pool. A decorative fence, that will enclose the entire pad and deck, will be installed to protect users and the facility.

We are very excited to bring this great amenity to Knightdale Station Park! This project would not be possible without our partnership with Wake County and a Community Development Block Grant.



TRACK OUT CAMPS



We are excited to announce a new partner in Track Out camps this coming Fall! The YMCA at Knightdale Station and the Town of Knightdale will be introducing a new Track Out camp program beginning September 2019, taking over the existing Knightdale Track Out Camp program. These new programs, offered through the YMCA of the Triangle, will provide more access to excellent educational and fun opportunities for local children from 4-14 years old. Residents will enjoy a similar cost for the new camps even with the expanded programming.

Kids stay on the go each week with activities like team-building, creative arts, sports, games and STEM activities. Each week, or session, is a new theme with field trips.

The YMCA offers track out camps for all year-round and modified calendar public, charter, and private schools in Wake County. Knightdale YMCA Track Out Camps are the perfect place for your year-round student to find friendship, think creatively, build confidence, learn new skills, stay active, and have fun during their break from school.

For more information on YMCA camps, please go to www.ymcatriangle.org.

TRANSPORTATION – NEW BUS ROUTES

As part of the Wake Transit Plan, GoRaleigh is planning to expand bus service in Knightdale. Currently Knightdale is served by peak hour service through the Knightdale-Raleigh Express (KRX). The KRX operates two routes in the morning and three in the afternoon between Knightdale, WakeMed and the GoRaleigh Station in downtown Raleigh. The new GoRaleigh Route 33 will operate all day hourly service between Knightdale and the future East Raleigh Transit Center. The transit center will be located at the corner of New Hope Road and New Bern Avenue. At the transit center, riders can transfer to GoRaleigh Route 15 with 15-minute headways between downtown Raleigh via WakeMed or to Route 15L, which serves North Raleigh. The new route will provide local service in Knightdale with service to major shopping centers, Knightdale Station Park, East Wake Regional Library, and Knightdale Town Hall. The new service is expected to begin in September of 2019. The new service is funded by the Wake Transit Sales Tax, which voters passed in 2017, and does not require local funding.



"4TH ON 1ST CELEBRATION" FIREWORKS!



We hope you are looking forward to the 7th Annual "4th on 1st Celebration" at Knightdale Station Park! This year's event will feature THE EMBERS!

The celebration will be held on Thursday, July 4th. The schedule of FREE events at Knightdale Station Park includes:

- Wake Stone Quarry Tours – 3:00 PM, 4:00 PM, and 5:00 PM
- Tour bus Pickup at Knightdale Station Park Pavilion
- Food Trucks and Inflatables – 5:00 PM
- The Embers – 6:00 PM
- Fireworks – 9:15 PM

Knightdale Station Run Between First Ave. and the YMCA will be closed all day Thursday, July the 4th.



4th ON 1st DO'S & DON'TS

- DO** have fun
 - DO** bring picnic blankets and chairs
 - DO** keep your pop up tent to the outside perimeters of KSP to ensure you do not impede on other's view of the stage or fireworks.
 - DO** park at Knightdale High School (100 Bryan Chalk Ln) and Schneider Electric (8001 Knightdale Blvd) and take the shuttle - PARKING AND SHUTTLE IS FREE!!
 - DO** bring water
 - DON'T** bring sparklers or fireworks
 - DON'T** bring alcohol or glass containers
 - DON'T** go in the construction zones
 - DON'T** go in marked off areas
 - DON'T** park in yards
 - DON'T** bring your drone
- Pets are allowed but strongly discouraged