

CONTACT INFORMATION

For questions on the information in this newsletter, please contact your Knightdale Public Information Officer, **Jonas Silver** at **919-217-2205** or **Jonas.Silver@KnightdaleNC.gov**.

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For issues regarding a specific department, please go to **www.KnightdaleNC.gov**, click on "REPORT A PROBLEM" in the top right corner of the homepage and fill out the form of the appropriate department.



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.

Jonas Silver
Public Information Officer
Town of Knightdale

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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.

CHRISTMAS ON FIRST

As the Christmas Season approaches, we have exciting news regarding changes to our traditional festivities! This year, the Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting will both happen on the same evening. Come experience the sights and sounds of the holiday season under the stars at Knightdale's first ever NIGHT parade!

TREE LIGHTING

Saturday, December 7th 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
Knightdale Station Park Amphitheater

PARADE

Saturday, December 7th 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
From Knightdale Station Park down First Avenue

THE PARADE WILL BEGIN AT THE KNIGHTDALE STATION PARK PAVILLIONS, TRAVEL DOWN FIRST AVENUE, AND END AT FAYETTEVILLE STREET

If you are interested in participating in the parade procession, please go to **www.KnightdaleNC.gov**, search "Christmas on First", and fill out a Christmas Parade Registration Form.

We are encouraging groups to be very creative this year with the entries - as it will be dark, be sure to light up your group! We would like to see tons of Christmas lights, glow sticks, and anything else that shines bright in the evening, to make this the most spectacular Christmas Parade ever!

NOVEMBER 15th IS THE DEADLINE FOR PARADE ENTRIES.



NEW PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

In December of 2018, the Town of Knightdale began construction on a new Public Works Operations Center. The new facility is now open and ready to support the expanding needs of Knightdale residents.

The former Public Works building located on Robertson Street, had approximately 1,500 square feet of space. That small facility allowed the Public Works Department to serve the community for many years, but was not adequate for the growing needs of Knightdale.

The new, energy efficient Public Works facility, located at the intersection of Bozeman Drive and Great Falls Court, includes 12,000 square feet of interior space. The new automotive shop behind the building will contain two vehicle

lifts; doubling the capacity for Town-owned vehicle maintenance. The new warehouse will allow staff to keep equipment safe and covered. With the additional space, the Town will be able to purchase and store products like brine, salt, and fertilizer at bulk rates, lowering costs.

Due to OSHA regulations, the large equipment, and the type of work happening at this facility, it is not open to the public.

The Public Works Department is excited to move in to the new facility and looks forward to continuing their exceptional service to the Town of Knightdale!



► Public Works Facility



► Automotive Shop



► Training Room



► Covered Storage

WAKE STONE ATHLETIC PARK



If you notice activity on the corner of Forestville Road and Old Crews Road, it is because the Town of Knightdale has begun construction on the new Wake Stone Athletic Park!

Wake Stone Corporation generously donated 50 acres of land to the Town of Knightdale to begin construction of a new Athletic Park. The first phase will include five soccer fields, parking, and restroom facilities. A possible second phase, coinciding with an additional land donation from the Wake Stone Corporation, is projected to add five additional fields.

These fields will be managed and maintained by the North Carolina Football Club Youth (NCFC Youth). NCFC Youth is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization based in Raleigh, NC and the surrounding Greater Triangle. Since 1974, NCFC Youth has been committed to enhancing each player's soccer experience at every level and age of play. Through innovative soccer programming, player development opportunities, and a focus on coaching education, NCFC Youth creates an environment for more than 13,000 players and 800 coaches to grow on and off the field. NCFC Youth operates in collaboration with the North Carolina Football Club, the parent organization of North Carolina FC (USL, Men's Second Division) and North Carolina Courage (NWSL, Women's First Division). The collaboration creates a soccer pyramid from youth recreational leagues up to the highest level of men's and women's professional soccer in North Carolina.

As part of this partnership, NCFC Youth will pay for the operating costs and will maintain the facility. The facility is estimated to bring 261,000 visitors per year to Knightdale and generate approximately \$5 million per year in spending at local businesses and restaurants.

Wake County awarded the project a \$1 Million grant in support of construction.

The Wake Stone Athletic Park will be an economic development catalyst site for Knightdale; generating revenue for local businesses and providing an opportunity to showcase Knightdale to families across North Carolina!

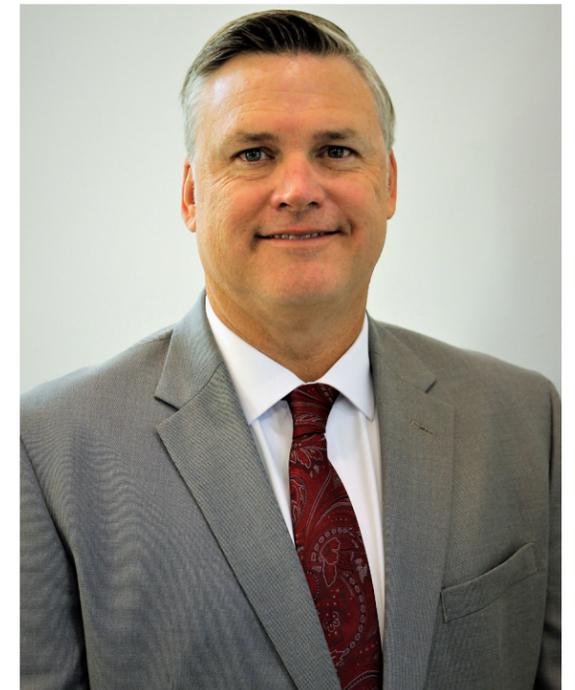
WELCOME OUR NEW FIRE CHIEF

The Town of Knightdale announced the hiring of Loren Cone as Fire Chief in September. He will oversee the town's department providing fire prevention and suppression services to the citizens of Knightdale.

Chief Cone has nearly 30 years of experience in fire service. Starting as a volunteer, he served in a variety of positions throughout his career in both Wake and Durham Counties. For the past 21 years, Cone has served with the Cary Fire Department, spending the last 5 years as an Assistant Fire Chief focusing on the administrative and training sections of the department. Chief Cone said, "I am incredibly honored and excited to be a part of this great team of men and women. I am looking forward to the many opportunities that working in such an exceptional community will bring, while working to provide excellent service to Knightdale's residents and businesses."

"We are thrilled to have Chief Cone join the Knightdale Fire Department. His extensive knowledge and expertise in fire service make him the ideal candidate to lead our department as Knightdale continues to grow," Town Manager Bill Summers said. "He is a solid leader whose reputation precedes him and will be an excellent addition to our organization and we look forward to his work to keep Knightdale residents safe."

Cone holds dual associate degrees in both Fire Science and Paramedicine. He completed his Bachelor of Applied Science at Campbell University. He is a graduate of the Master of Public Administration program at North Carolina Central University. He is a certified paramedic and an instructor of fire and EMS. Cone is credentialed as a Chief Fire Officer through the Center for Public Safety Excellence. He is married with two children and is a native of Durham.



LOOSE LEAF AND YARD WASTE PICKUP

It's Loose Leaf Season and your Public Works Department has been hard at work devising a strategy to make picking up leaves in your neighborhood as simple as possible. Loose Leaf season in Knightdale runs from late October until February. This is in addition to the yard waste pickup which runs year-round. Please use the information below to inform your decisions about yard waste, leaves and the best time and day to have yours out by the curb.

For more information on loose leaf pickup and yard waste, please visit www.KnightdaleNC.gov/yardwaste.

▶ LOOSE LEAVES

Loose-leaf pickup runs late-October through early-February.

Pile your leaves at the curb by 7:30 AM on the first day of your scheduled window.

Your leaves will be removed before the beginning of your next scheduled pick-up window.

▶ YARD WASTE

Yard waste is picked up year-round, even during the loose-leaf season.

Have your clear bag, compostable paper bagged yard waste, or container at the curb by 7:30 AM on Monday. It will be picked up by Friday, each week.

You may use clear leaf bags for your yard waste, compostable paper bags, or you may use a container available at your local hardware store. Full containers cannot exceed 50 lbs. in weight.



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PLANTERS WALK	ALL OTHER KNIGHTDALE NEIGHBORHOODS
November 11th	November 18th
December 2nd	December 9th
December 23rd	December 30th
January 13th	January 20th

CALENDAR

Veterans Day Celebration
Monday, November 11, 2019
10:00 – 11:00 AM

Two Green Thumbs Garden Club
Town Hall will be closed in recognition of the Veterans Memorial holiday

Town Council Full Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
7:00 – 8:00 PM
950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale

Turkey Leg 5k
Thursday, November 28, 2019
8:30 – 11:00 AM
Knightdale Station Park
Sign up with Parks and Recreation – (919) 217-2232
Town Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday Thursday the 28th and Friday the 29th

Town Council Work Session
Monday, December 2, 2019
7:00 – 8:00 PM
950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale

Christmas on First Avenue
Saturday, December 7, 2019
5:30 – 8:30 PM
Knightdale Station Park – First Avenue

Town Council Full Meeting
Wednesday, December 18, 2019
7:00 – 8:00 PM
950 Steeple Square Court, Knightdale

Town Hall Closed
Tuesday – Thursday, December 24 – 26, 2019
All day for the Christmas Holiday
Town Hall will be closed in recognition of the Christmas holiday