

UPCOMING EVENTS & MEETINGS

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT'S HAPPENING IN KNIGHTDALE VISIT:
www.knightdalenc.gov/calendar (Meeting times and dates are subject to change)

FOOD TRUCK THURSDAY

Knightsdale Station Park
July 28th and August 16th | 11:30am - 1:30pm & 6:00pm - 8:00pm

KNIGHTDALE POLICE CAMP PRIDE

Knightsdale High School of Collaborative Design
July 23rd to July 26th | 9:00am to 4:00pm
(applications at Knightsdale Police Department or at www.knightdalenc.gov)

PLANNING & ENGINEERING COMMITTEE

Knightsdale Town Hall
Repeats every month on the second Monday | 5:30pm

LAND USE REVIEW BOARD

Knightsdale Town Hall
Repeats every month on the second Monday | 7:00pm

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Knightsdale Town Hall
Repeats every other month on the second Thursday | 7:00pm

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Knightsdale Town Hall
Every month on the third Wednesday | 7:00pm
Every month on the first Monday (work session) | 7:00pm

PARKS AND RECREATION ADISORY BOARD

Knightsdale Town Hall
Every month on the forth Monday | 7:00pm

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ADMINISTRATION

KNIGHTDALE COMPLETES UTILITY MERGER WITH THE CITY OF RALEIGH

The Town of Knightsdale would like to share great news with you about our utility merger. In 2006, we merged our water and sewer utility systems in an effort to provide improved services at the lowest possible cost to our citizens. The Towns of Garner, Rolesville, Wake Forest, Wendell, and Zebulon joined Knightsdale in merging systems with the City of Raleigh's to take advantage of the economies of scale provided by a single larger utility network.

The merger allowed the Town to secure additional water and sewer capacity and to expand the system's geographic service area. This allowed the Town to grow at a rate that otherwise would not have been possible. This growth has resulted in the addition of many of the neighborhoods in which our citizens now live. Further, it allowed the Town to be able to afford building and improving many of the community amenities that our citizens have grown to love including Knightsdale Station Park, Mingo Creek Greenway, Knightsdale Community Pool Improvements, and Knightsdale Community Park Improvements. The merger also provided an opportunity for the Town to have an increased

industrial presence by adding over 500,000 square feet of manufacturing space and 1,000,000 square feet of retail and office space, which has truly allowed Knightsdale to become a community where its citizens can live, work, play and shop.

Funding for the system expansion and capacity increases was made possible through interest free loans provided by Raleigh that Knightsdale repaid over the last 12 years. The majority of this debt was repaid through development fees paid by private developers with the remaining portion paid by higher water and sewer rates in monthly utility bills. **The Town is pleased to inform you that the merger related costs will be paid off as of July 1, 2018. This results in Knightsdale residents no longer paying a surcharge on their monthly utility bills.** Over the past 12 years, Knightsdale customers have paid on average approximately 9% more than City of Raleigh customers have. After July 1, all Knightsdale customers will be switched to the same water and sewer rates that are charged to Raleigh, Garner, Rolesville, and Wake Forest customers.

You are welcome to contact Knightsdale staff to assist you in calculating what your expected utility bill will be by calling (919) 217-2200 and providing information from your current bill. There is also a rate calculator available on the City of Raleigh website where you can search **Knightsdale Rates** at www.Raleighnc.gov to calculate an estimate of your new bill.



The City of Raleigh

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN ACHIEVING THIS IMPORTANT MILESTONE. THIS IS GREAT NEWS FOR OUR CITIZENS!

DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

KNIGHTDALENEXT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPENS



After nearly 10 months of extensive research and public outreach, the Development Services Department is closing in on the completion of the KnightsdaleNext Comprehensive Plan Update. Together with the project consultant City Explained, Inc. (CEI), the Development Services team has attended more than 20 public meetings and community events to gain insights on how Knightsdale residents and business owners would like to see the Town grow over the next 15 years.

Prior to the public hearing and adoption process currently scheduled for July and August, the Town will open a public comment period to allow interested citizens and businesses the opportunity to provide their comments on the draft plan. The public comment period ends on Wednesday, July 18th. All comments received by Town Staff will be shared with the Town Council, Land Use Review Board, and the KnightsdaleNext Steering Committee as they begin their deliberations on final amendments and adoption of the plan.

Development Services Staff Members will continue to seek your input on the draft plan at upcoming Town Events. Copies of the draft plan will be available at Town Hall for public review and the draft plan may also be found at www.KnightdaleNC.gov and www.KnightdaleNext.com.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the draft plan, please contact Senior Planner Jason Brown, project manager for the KnightsdaleNext Comprehensive Plan Update at 919-217-2245 or Jason.brown@knightdalenc.gov.



Alex and Donna

The Development Services Department is proud to announce that two staff members recently earned new certifications. Code Enforcement Officer/Planner Alex Rodriguez and Planner Donna Tierney are now Certified Zoning Officials (CZO). This certification is jointly sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Zoning Officials (NCAZO) and the School of Government at UNC Chapel Hill.

Knightsdale Station Run Construction

A groundbreaking and dedication ceremony took place on May 7, 2018 for the new PRIME Barbecue restaurant to be located at 403 Knightsdale Station Run, next to Heather's Dance. Current Mayor James Roberson and former Mayor Russell Killen both spoke during the ceremony. Several Council members and Town staff also attended the event on behalf of the Town. Owner, pit master, and Knightsdale resident Christopher Prieto has been working with Town officials and staff to make this dream a reality. This business will be a great addition to the Knightsdale community and aids in reinforcing the unique sense of place created by the Town's investment in Knightsdale Station Park. Furthermore, this restaurant will compliment the upcoming Knightsdale Station Village.

G&G Builders is the general contractor for the project, which consists of a roughly 5,000 square foot restaurant, a 1,500 square foot outside dining area, and a 1,200 square foot cooking pit. The site will also have a 1,500 square foot recreation area directly adjacent to the outside dining room, and additional parking in the rear.



TOWN OF
Knightsdale
www.knightdalenc.gov NEWSLETTER



Dear Knightsdale Resident,

We are excited to send you the first of our new quarterly Knightsdale newsletter. We look forward to growing this newsletter to bring you more and more local information, and are happy to provide residents with this service!

Jonas Silver
Public Information Officer
Town of Knightsdale

POLICE

ACCREDITATION EXCELLENCE FOR POLICE



During the month of May, the Police Department participated in its annual review by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (C.A.L.E.A.). Over the course of a week, C.A.L.E.A.

representatives conducted an electronic file review of professional standards related to six major law enforcement areas, including role, responsibilities, and relationships with other agencies; organization, management, and administration; personnel administration; law enforcement operations, operational support, and traffic law enforcement; detainee and court-related services; and auxiliary and technical services. The Police Department experienced a flawless assessment and was commended for the presentation of the files, adherence to the standards, and overall commitment to law enforcement excellence.

"The program seals of CALEA Accreditation are reserved for use by those public safety agencies that have demonstrated compliance with CALEA

Standards and have been awarded CALEA Accreditation by the Commission. The original CALEA Law Enforcement seal was previously recognized as the corporate CALEA logo and has a rich history that serves to honor those that contributed to the development of the accreditation process. The more recently developed program seals are reflective of this same important history and serve to carry on the professionalism that accompanies the CALEA process. The program seals are distinctive and provide agencies with an easily recognizable international banner that says this agency is committed to continuous development and the professional delivery of public safety services. CALEA's program seals are the "Marks of Professional Excellence" for today's public safety agencies and reflect the gold standard benchmark associated with CALEA." – www.calea.org

While all agency members are responsible for contributing to the success of the accreditation program, one employee bears charge for coordinating and organizing files, keeping policies in compliance with standards, and ensuring timely completion of annual reports. Police Staff Member Erin Cardin was an integral part in the KPD securing the accreditation from CALEA. Her administrative expertise has greatly contributed to the success KPD has experienced with the CALEA program since 2013.

Learn more at www.madd.org or by calling 1-877-ASK-MADD.

Officers Walk Like MADD

Two out of three people will be impacted by drunk driving in their lifetime. Every 2 minutes, someone is injured in a drunk driving crash. Every day 28 people are killed by drunk driving. Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is committed to seeing no more victims of drunk driving. The Knightdale Police Department partners with MADD throughout the year to educate people about drunk driving, enforce traffic laws to identify and arrest drunk drivers, and fundraise to help victims and families of drunk drivers.

Walk Like MADD is their signature fundraising event to help raise both awareness and funds to eliminate drunk driving. Last year, tens of thousands of people in over 90 cities across the nation participated, and together, we raised over \$3 million dollars to provide programs and services at no cost. This year marks the 10 year anniversary of Walk Like MADD. Knightdale Police Department celebrated by entering a team in their annual walk which happened on June 2nd.

With over 350,000 lives saved and 820,000 victims served, funds raised through Walk Like MADD events allow MADD to provide services that assist in eliminating drunk driving.

Learn more at www.madd.org or by calling 1-877-ASK-MADD.

FIRE



all LED lighting package including a light bar on the front of the cab that allows for more on-scene lighting visibility. It has more compartment space to hold additional equipment for the variety of calls our department runs, from fire suppression to rescue and medical calls.

The Knightdale Fire Department recently purchased a new truck, expanding the ability of the Fire Department to respond appropriately to the continually growing safety needs of the Town of Knightdale. The new Spartan Engine 131 replaces its 16-year-old predecessor. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) recommends that an engine remains as a first out engine for 15 years, and 5 years as a reserve engine before retirement.

Engine 131 is equipped with new technology such as a Class A and B 30 gallon foam cell, as well as a 750-gallon water tank. It has headsets within the cab for hearing protection. The warning devices such as the lights and siren were upgraded to an

Smithfield Foods of Clayton recently awarded the Knightdale Fire Department a donation of \$3,000 to be used towards equipment for the Town's new truck. Knightdale appreciates Smithfield Foods' commitment to our local community.



Ronnie Privette

Firefighter Ronnie Privette recently completed training and passed the North Carolina Department

of Insurance exam, certifying him as a Fire Inspector Level II. Knightdale Firefighters perform

annual inspections on the over 400 businesses, assemblies, educational, storage, industry, institutional and multi-family dwellings located in Knightdale and the ETJ.

Summer Safety Tips from Knightdale Fire...

- With the summer season upon us, there will be more interest in fireworks. The best way to protect yourself and your family is not to use fireworks at home but to enjoy one of the many fireworks shows in the area, such as the Fireworks Show at Knightdale Station Park on July 4th. Did you know certain fireworks are illegal in NC? A simple rule of thumb; anything that explodes or is projected into the air is NOT legal. Please remember children should not be allowed to play with or ignite fireworks. Never try to re-light or pick up fireworks that have not ignited fully. Keep a bucket of water or a hose handy in case of fire or mishap. After fireworks have completed burning, douse the spent device with plenty of water.

- Only use your grill outside. Keep it at least 3 feet from siding, deck rails and eaves. Clean your grill after every use to remove grease that could start a fire. Open your gas grill before you light it. Have a 3 foot safe zone around your grill keeping pets and children safe. Place your coals from the grill in a metal container with a lid until they cool completely. Keep an eye on your grill; don't walk away from them when they are lit. If you live in a multi family residence grilling is not permitted on balconies.

PARKS AND RECREATION



Knightdale Community Park

The Knightdale Parks and Recreation Department is excited to offer facilities and many athletic, after school, and vacation-time programs for our residents to enjoy. Our beautiful parks are ideal for strolling or playing, and provide entertainment opportunities for everyone to enjoy. Many are offered at no cost, or little cost to residents. Some upcoming improvements to support our expanding programs and facilities include:

- Completion of Phase III of Knightdale Station Park, including a Veterans Memorial and performance stage allowing the Town to provide expanded entertainment offerings, as well as a place for those to gather, celebrate our successes, and remember those who have faithfully served our country, securing our freedom to do so.

- Knightdale Station Village introduces commercial development (and more parking!) to the area. It will provide restaurants, shopping, and other amenities to compliment Knightdale Station Park, allowing residents to have an exceptional experience when visiting.

- Knightdale was recently awarded a \$1 Million grant from Wake County to create a soccer complex on property donated to the Town by Wake Stone Corporation. The contribution totals approximately 90 acres with a value of approximately \$4 Million, and is the largest land donation to Knightdale in the Town's history.

- Our Town was also awarded a Community Development Block Grant for a future splash pad in Knightdale Station Park. Splash pads are a popular amenity and will further improve the quality of life for our residents. It is scheduled to open in the spring of 2019.

- The Knightdale Community Pool has also seen vast improvements, with a total remodel and up-fitting of the Clubhouse to house Track-Out Camp. There is also a newly remodeled snack bar and shaded patio area with picnic tables. The Town will continue to invest in our pool as a recreation center for residents to enjoy.

- Harper Park will get comprehensive upgrades, including resurfacing the current tennis courts, the addition of 2 new tennis courts, a pickleball court, and a tennis office.

The 2018 KPRD summer youth basketball league is off to a hot start with record-breaking registration numbers. For the first time in recent memory, all age groups were full prior to the skills evaluations for boys and girls ages 9-17. The second installment of summer basketball for boys and girls ages 7-8 heated up as well with more than double the number of participants from a year ago.

Practices for all of the young Knightdale ballers began the first week of May in preparation for the first tip off on May 29th at Knightdale Recreation Center.

Due to construction at East Wake Middle School, all basketball games and practices for all age groups will take place at Knightdale Recreation Center at 102 Lawson Ridge Road.

The season will conclude in late July with a single elimination tournament featuring teams

from Knightdale Parks and Recreation as well as Wendell Parks and Recreation.

For further information regarding KPRD youth basketball please contact J.P. Lefever 919-217-2238.

Knightdale Tennis Academy:



The Knightdale Parks and Recreation Department is excited to introduce our first annual Knightdale Tennis Academy. We are kicking off KTA with an action packed exhibition match featuring Mayor James Roberson, followed by an informational meeting the evening of July 10th. Athletes ranging in age 5-14 are encouraged to participate in our inaugural KTA of 6 sessions beginning July 12th, running through July 31st. Spaces are limited in each age group, so we encourage participants to register as soon as possible!

Participants will receive a tennis towel as well as a junior size tennis racket with their \$40 registration fee. We are thrilled to be collaborating with Raleigh Tennis Association, and Try Tennis to offer professional instructors with great knowledge of Tennis fundamentals.

We will wrap up KTA with an End of Season Try Play Day on August 4th to allow the KTA participants to put their skills on display. Don't miss this great opportunity to be a part of the first ever Knightdale Tennis Academy!

Contact Kate McHale at (919)217-2231 or kate.mchale@knightdalenc.gov with any further questions.

PUBLIC WORKS

DID YOU KNOW...

The Town of Knightdale provides weekly pickup of yard debris, both large and small. Leaves, grass, and shrub clippings may be packed in clear plastic or brown mulch-able paper bags with a total weight of no more than 25lbs each, and placed at the curb side each week for pickup. Larger limbs, branches (no longer than 8 ft. and no wider than 6 in.), and tree stumps (no wider than 3 ft.) may be stacked lengthwise at the curb for pick up as well. The Town takes great pride in recycling these materials for use in ground cover mulch, and to be used as an amendment to create topsoil. For more information on recycling, or to find out which Zone your street falls under, please visit: www.knightdalenc.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste/yard-waste

New Public Works Facility:

Knightdale will soon begin construction of a new Public Works Facility located at the corner of Bozeman Dr. and Great Falls Ct. The facility will consist of three new structures including a main building, warehouse, and open air storage structure.

The main building will provide Public Works a centralized location for operations and will include administrative offices, warehouse space, a training room, and an automotive shop.

The new warehouse space will allow the Town to take advantage of bulk purchasing opportunities for products including fertilizer, oil filters, and other needs. This will save tax payer dollars on the materials the Town routinely uses.

The open air structure will be approximately 6,000 square feet. It will provide covered storage for equipment owned by the Town protecting it from the elements. Doing so will increase the equipment's longevity, and protect investments made by the Town.