

# THE NEWS RAIL

THE COMMUNITY NEWS OF VAN WYCK, SC

2024 / February

## UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY

**MON, FEB 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

- Town Council Public Meeting

**WED, FEB 7<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM**

- Planning Commission Workshop
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**THUR, FEB 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

- Historical Committee Meeting

**WED, FEB 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

- Park & Recreation Committee Meeting

**WED, FEB 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

- Planning Commission Public Meeting

**MON, FEB 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM**

- Town Council Workshop

**WED, FEB 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

- Community Outreach Committee Meeting

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As February starts a new month, a special little holiday to show love is right around the corner, Valentine's Day. On this day, many consider purchasing flowers, cards, candy or even take their significant other out to dinner, while true, Love is shown in many other ways. I challenge you this month to show love to your neighbors, your community, and those you encounter throughout your day. A friendly greeting, volunteering at a community event, or helping those in need. This is the true essence of community, kindness, and love. However, you choose to or not to celebrate the holiday, know that you are cherished here in Van Wyck! Celebrate each day, not just one day.

Share the Love this Valentine's Day!  
For only \$10, you can provide a gift to a very special resident of our local nursing homes.

Payment Options:  
At Balloon Express: 724 S. Main Street, Lancaster  
or by phone 803-285-1222  
Venmo: @Balloon-Express  
Paypal: @Denissaloyd  
Cash App: \$BalloonExpress  
\*All Credit/Debit Cards Accepted\*

**\$10** ♥ Accepting Orders until February 12.

**BALLOON EXPRESS**

Check out this great way to show a very special resident of our local nursing home love this Valentine's Day!

## UPCOMING EVENTS MARCH

**MON, MAR 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

- Town Council Public Meeting

**WED, MAR 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 PM**

- Planning Commission Workshop

**WED, MAR 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

- Park & Recreation Committee Meeting

**THUR, Mar 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

- Historical Committee Meeting

**FRI, MAR 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM**

- BINGO!

**WED, MAR 20<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

- Planning Commission Public Meeting

**SAT, MAR 23<sup>RD</sup> @ ALL DAY**

- Bradford Bounty

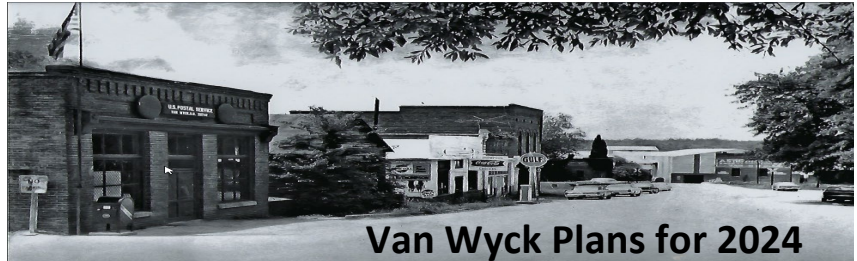
**MON, MAR 25<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM**

- Town Council Workshop

**WED, MAR 27<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 PM**

- Community Outreach Committee Meeting

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**Van Wyck Plans for 2024**  
*Join a committee and make a difference!*

## Committee Updates

The newly formed **Van Wyck Historical Committee** met several times before the holiday season and will resume regular monthly meetings in February.

The committee's goal is to identify and preserve places and items of historical significance in the Van Wyck community, and to make that information accessible. So far, we've collected and digitized a number of interesting photos and newspaper articles, and will be looking for more of the same, plus personal stories about life in this unique community.

We welcome anyone interested to attend the meetings at 7:00 on the second Thursday of each month, and to share any important or interesting historical photos, documents, or stories.

## The Planning Commission

Thank you for the input to the Van Wyck Capital Improvement Plan. The Planning Commission heard from 71 respondents, 60 identified as living in the Town of Van Wyck.

The Planning Commission is using your input together with ideas from the town committees to prepare a list of proposed capital projects for the next 5 years. This information known as a Capital Improvement Plan is used by the Town Council as they prepare budgets.

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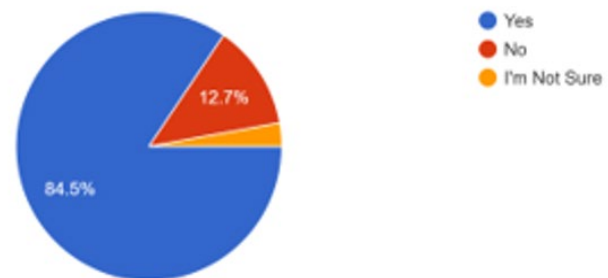
*Top suggestions: Improvements to the Community Center, sidewalks, trails, fire department improvements, and post office upgrades.*

Thank you to everyone who provided input.

The Planning Commission will be sharing the plan in draft form at upcoming Planning Commission meetings.

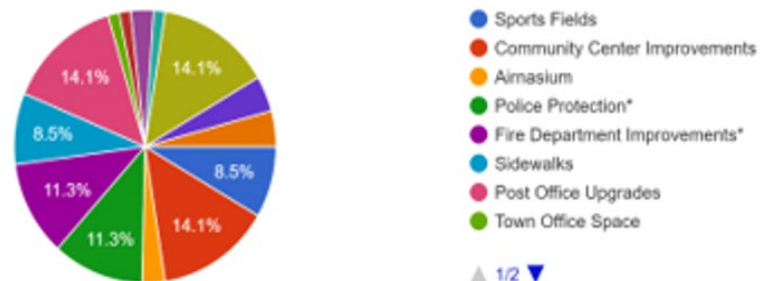
Do you live within the limits of the Town of Van Wyck?

71 responses



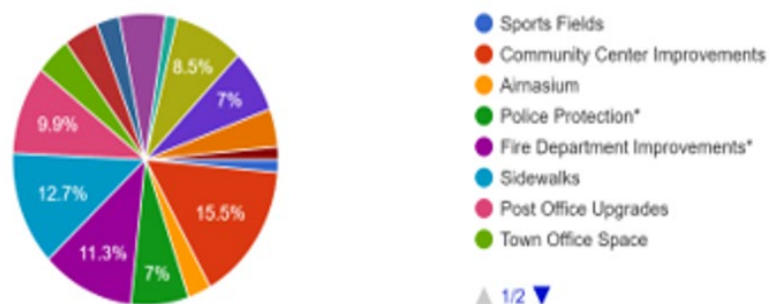
Please pick your highest priority.

71 responses



Please pick your 2nd priority.

71 responses



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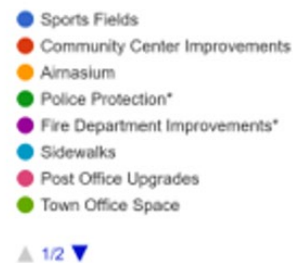
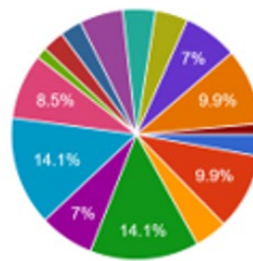
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Please pick your 3rd priority.  
71 responses



## Van Wyck Outreach Committee

Your **Outreach Committee** has a great 2024 planned for you. We want to make Van Wyck even more special than it already is! Please read over the initiatives we already undertake, and then decide to come to a meeting and add your ideas and skills by helping to coordinate one or more efforts. Meetings are a great way to get to know people who share like interests. We need everyone's talents, with whatever time they have to offer, to add to our repertoire. What can YOU do to make the town you live in special? What can you teach others? What can you share? Bring it!

Our calendar begins this spring with the **Van Wyck Community Summer Garden**, which will be once again at White Oak, capably coordinated by Res Hauck. She has plans that will draw you in for the plants and produce but even more so for the spiritual aspect. Fruit bushes, herbs and spices, a pleasure for all the senses! Even if you don't want to garden, drop by just to marvel at Res's creativity and love of plants!

Res foresees four types of plots in the community garden, which are listed below. She has also crafted a set of by-laws for the garden, so that everyone will experience more success. She envisions these types of plots:

- plot garden
- cooperative garden (working with someone else)
- youth garden (involving the Boy and Girl Scouts)
- therapeutic garden (herbs and spices)

We hope you will want to participate, but please come experience this special place!

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This summer, in June and July, we will be having our second **Van Wyck Back to School Clothing Drive**. We want ALL our kids to look forward to going back to school with new clothes, like their friends. Your generosity to these children was on full display last year, and the kids were delighted to be decked out in new clothing to return to school. Please reach out or attend a meeting if you are interested in joining or coordinating a part of this project.

In October, we begin our annual **Angel Tree** initiative. We serve 12 families now, with a total of 33 kids. Van Wyck, with friends from River Chase, Treetops and Sun City have always put forth their best efforts for these children, and this year was no exception. The mothers were blown away, the children delighted and their sponsors glowing with the joy of having bettered a child's life, even if just for a while. Our Angel Tree program has outgrown its original home and will now need to be coordinated by several different people, so please come to a meeting to see what you can do to help.

All year long, we help citizens handle unexpected expenses in their lives. Unplanned expenses and crises happen to all of us; no one is immune. Whether it is providing the know-how to fix or repair something or supplying part of the funds to tide our citizens over, Outreach will consider all requests for help. Join us and see just how well our small town works together!

Outreach meets on the **4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7 pm, at the VWCC**. A yearly calendar is available. Join us and be surprised what we can accomplish working together!

*Please direct questions or comments to Linda Pelletier, [lindampelletier@gmail.com](mailto:lindampelletier@gmail.com) or on her cell at 704-650-8629.*

## Local Community News

Check out "[What's Up Van Wyck](#)" on Facebook to learn more about local community news.

There you will find locals sharing events at a Hair Salon in our town, information about Andrew Jackson State Park, Church events, and more.

Just one more way to stay connected.

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## Local Church Updates

### Van Wyck Presbyterian

Visit their [Facebook](#) page for updated services and event details.

#### **Connection**

Annual Valentine's Dinner -February 18 @ 5:00 pm

#### **Small Groups**

Young Adult Women - Every Second Sunday @ 7:00 pm

Presbyterian Women - Every Third Monday @ 10:30 am

Sisters of the Heart Bible Study -Tuesdays @ 10:00 am

Men's Breakfast - Every Second Saturday @ 8:30 am

#### **Seeking the Wellbeing of the Community**

Alcoholics Anonymous - Every Tuesday & Thursday@ 7:00 pm

Alcoholics Anonymous - Every Saturday @ 10:00 am

Location: Fellowship Hall, 5140 Old Hickory Rd.  
Visit [vwpc.org](http://vwpc.org) for more information or [Facebook](#).

Would you like to learn the Carolina Shag?

A FREE Beginner Shag Lessons at our Community Center is available.

Check It Out!

Learn the State Dance - Carolina Shag!



**FREE** Beginner Shag Lessons

Hosted by

**The Lancaster Shag Club**

**WHEN:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of January, February, and March from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

January 8, 15, February 12, 19, March 11, 18

Lead Instructor Tommy Beacham

**WHERE:** Van Wyck Community Center

5036 Old Hickory Rd

No age requirement or limit

Lessons will progress, no partner required.

Leather sole shoes suggested. Contact: 803-287-5860

