

THE NEWS RAIL

THE COMMUNITY NEWS OF VAN WYCK, SC

2024 | APRIL

UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL

MON, APR 1st @ 7:00 PM

- Town Council Public Meeting

WED, APR 10th @ 4:00 PM

- Planning Commission Workshop

WED, APR 10th @ 7:00 PM

- Park & Recreation Committee Meeting

THUR, APR 11th @ 6:00 PM

- Historical Committee Meeting

TUE, APR 16th @ 6:30 PM

- Events Committee Meeting

WED, APR 17th @ 7:00 PM

- Planning Commission Public Meeting

SAT, APR 20th @ 10:00 AM

- Community Garden Day
- Town Clean Up

WED, APR 24th @ 7:00 PM

- Community Outreach Committee Meeting

MON, APR 29th @ 6:00 PM

- Town Council Workshop

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As the vibrant color of spring begins to bloom and the days grow longer, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the April edition of our community newsletter. April marks a time of renewal, growth, and the emergence of new opportunities, as we look forward to sharing with you the latest updates, events, and stories from our wonderful community.

In this edition, you'll find a collection of articles highlighting upcoming community events, announcements, warming stories of neighbors and committees working to make a difference.

Whether you are a long-time resident or new to the neighborhood, there is something for everyone to enjoy and engage in our shared community space.

Van Wyck Community Garden Day

SAT, APRIL 20, 2024
10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Opening Day for the Community Garden. Bring the family and come check out our community garden! You may come and get your hands dirty, or marvel at the garden and all the improvements. The address is **1207 West Rebound Road**, beside the baseball diamond at White Oak. Fun activities for the entire family will include:

- a display of a refurbished Korean War Jeep
- a display of specialty vehicles from Fab Fours, located in Lancaster.
- an information period from Josh Davis, a Van Wyck resident with a decade of growing expertise with citrus trees
- - At 11:00, Josh will speak on how to nurture citrus trees in containers. You will want to hear his valuable insights on cultivating your own citrus trees.
 - To top off the festivities, Josh has donated a Meyers lemon tree for a free raffle at 11:30.

UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL

WED, MAY 1st @ 4:00 PM

- Planning Commission Workshop

MON, MAY 6th @ 7:00 PM

- Town Council Public Meeting

WED, MAY 8th @ 7:00 PM

- Park & Recreation Committee Meeting

THUR, MAY 9th @ 6:00 PM

- Historical Committee Meeting

TUE, MAY 14th @ 6:00 PM

- Committee of the Whole Meeting (held quarterly)

WED, MAY 15th @ 7:00 PM

- Planning Commission Public Meeting

FRI, MAY 17th @ 6:30 PM

- BINGO!

TUE, MAY 21st @ 6:30 PM

- Events Committee Meeting

TUE, MAY 22nd @ 7:00 PM

- Community Outreach Committee Meeting

MON, MAY 27th @ 6:00 PM

- Town Council Workshop

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- There will be opportunities to experience:
 - Children's crafts from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm
 - Making wildflower bombs with recycled paper and clay
 - Wildflower seed spreading on the property.
 - Ladybug release
 - Adult and children rock painting
 - A table for children to create healthy "pretend insect" snacks using fruits and vegetables (carrots, celery, cucumbers, peanut butter, non-peanut spread, pretzel chips, strawberries, blueberries, and grapes.
 - Fire truck bounce house!
 - Hot Dogs provided by Smokin' Rail

We want to make the garden opening a **yearly community event**, where people can come and mingle, meet their neighbors, learn a bit from guest speakers, and enjoy themselves.

Please help us ensure the first gardening event is a success! I look forward to seeing you at this special event on April 20.

Thank you! Your community garden coordinator and neighbor, Res Hauck vwcgcoordinator@gmail.com

Committee Updates



Planning Commission

In March, the Planning Commission hosted a public information meeting on a proposed subdivision, The Reserve at North Corner by ESP Associates. The proposed subdivision is on 50 acres with plans for approx. 28 lots and is located at the corner of West North Corner Road and Old Hickory Road. Citizens comments to the developer focused on buffering property with adjacent properties. *See Planning Commission meeting agenda and minutes for additional details.*

A proposed Capital Improvement Plan will be delivered to Town Council in the next 45 days for their review and public comment. A Capital Improvement Plan outlines an improvement strategy for the town as we grow to be sure there are spaces for residents to interact, providing educational, recreational and government resources. Examples include community centers, recreation spaces, parks, emergency services, government offices and trails. The work began in August with a Planning Commission brainstorming session including all the Town of Van Wyck Committees. The Planning Commission requested community input at their meetings in November and December. A survey of town residents had 60 town residents participating. Survey results were published in the February 2024 News Rail.

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Commissioners are also working on amendments to the Uniform Development Ordinance. These include clearer articulation of processes for minor subdivisions, conservation development calculation for subdivisions, tree protection applicability and tree survey methods and wood used for architectural building material for non-residential construction. The Landscaping chapter together with major subdivision process will be re-written to incorporate practical experience in using the UDO.

All the changes when finished will be reviewed at an upcoming Planning Commission Meeting and then go through a first and second reading including a public hearing at Town Council meetings.

Parks & Recreation Committee

The Parks and Recreation Committee is thrilled to see the playground set at the VW Community Center being used. Several dry days this week we've seen children enjoying the nice weather and climbing on the set. We hope to soon complete our goals for the community center:

1. Playground trashcans
2. A dog waste station
3. Picnic tables.
4. Security system
5. Open bathrooms during certain hours of the day
6. Covered pavilion.

Of course, being able to complete these items will depend on the funding we receive from the VW Town Council.

Nisbet Park on Rebound Road

The land for Nisbet Park is now owned by the Town of Van Wyck, so we can begin to anticipate plans for this area. Our initial goal is to clear land. We would like to clear the old parking lot on the left side of the property, and then clear a trail around the property.

Historic Preservation Committee

The Van Wyck Historical Committee continues to meet on the second Thursday of each month, and it's been a lot of fun reminiscing and getting to know much more about our unique little town.

Progress has been made in gaining and organizing historical outlines and content on our town. We are working on a plan to make this information available to all residents, where our aim is that our friends and family in the community will look, provide feedback, more interest, and material. Stay tuned!

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If you have any information, comments, questions, or information just email us at vwhpc@townofvanwyck.net.

All are welcome to join us at 6:00 on the second Thursday of the month at the Van Wyck Community Center, or we will be meeting at the Van Wyck Presbyterian Church while the new Community Center parking lot is under construction.

Getting To know Your Neighbor!

Local College Coeds Excel



Two of our local university students have maintained a perfect A average in every subject and made the Dean's List - no small feat at any level! We should be quite proud of these diligent young ladies.

Brianna is a junior at [Coastal Carolina](#), studying education, and Sha'Nya is a freshman at [Limestone University](#), working hard in business administration.

Brianna Adams is the daughter of Wendy Adams and the late Demetrius Brockman, and granddaughter of Brenda Adams. Shanita Stewart is the proud mother of Sha'Nya Drakeford, and Safrania Stewart is her grandmother.

We should all take the opportunity to congratulate these accomplished young scholars on their dedication to excellence and determination!

Ardrey honored as S.C. Tree Farm Inspector of the Year



One of our town residents, **Benjamin Ardrey**, has received an important honor! Please congratulate him when you see him around town. Benjamin has lived in Van Wyck since 2018 with his wife Susan and their eight-year-old son, Grant.

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He has worked in forestry with his father, Bill Ardrey since he was a young boy, and joined Bill Ardrey Forestry after he received his bachelor's degree in forest management from Clemson in 2004.

The Forestry Association of South Carolina recently announced that Benjamin Ardrey was recognized as the **2023 S.C. Tree Farm Inspector of the Year** by the S.C. Tree Farm Committee. The award was presented by S.C. Gov. Henry McMaster in a ceremony held in October.

Ardrey is a dedicated forester with Bill Ardrey Forestry, based in Lancaster and founded in 1972 by Ardrey's father. A registered forester in both Carolinas, Ardrey brings extensive expertise to his role. This prestigious award comes in acknowledgment of Ardrey's outstanding contributions to the forestry sector, specifically his role as a tree farm inspector. He also handles private land management and timberland appraisal. A man of many talents!

The local forestry community and the Town of Van Wyck congratulate Ardrey on this well-deserved recognition. As a professional dedicated to excellence in forestry practices, this award highlights his ongoing commitment to fostering a culture of expertise and stewardship. We are lucky to have a young man as talented as Benjamin in our town and community!

Things Happening Around the Community

Lancaster County Council for the Arts and the Lancaster County Library are holding a Literary Festival on Saturday April 13 in downtown Lancaster.

The Library and the Arts Council have lots of FREE books to give away to folks who plan to attend the events on Saturday, April 13.

The Main Library on White Street has books and so does the LCCA office at the Springs House. There are 100 copies of the adult book, "Lowcountry Boil" by Susan Boyer, and 100 copies of the kids' book, "P is for Palmetto". Susan Boyer will be joining the festival on the 13th for an author talkback and Q&A and the library has great arts activities planned for the kids to correspond with their community read at 2pm.

Day of events begins on April 13 beginning in Mural Court at 11am in downtown Lancaster.



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Temporary Closure of the Van Wyck Community Center due to Paving Improvements

While there is a significant delay on the Paving Improvements, town meetings are still held at the Van Wyck Community Center until construction has begun. At that time, meeting will shift to Van Wyck Presbyterian Church.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time. The temporary inconvenience will lead to a long-term enhancement of our community facilities, and we look forward to your continued support.

Stay Updated: For updates on changes to the schedule, please check out the town's Facebook page.

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