

Community Briefs

Forsyth Register of Deeds begins Thank a Veteran program

The Forsyth County Register of Deeds is in the process of contacting local businesses that are willing to offer discounts to veterans. Once a large enough list has been compiled, the Register of Deeds office will start issuing discount ID cards to veterans who have their DD Form 214 recorded in the office, or to veterans who bring in their form to show that they are a veteran. For more information or to participate in the program, contact Norman Holleman, Forsyth County Register of Deeds, 201 N. Chestnut St., or call 336-703-2700.

Elementary teachers receive grant

Alisha Taylor and Elena Guevara, teachers at Diggs-Latham Elementary, recently received the Lowe's Toolbox Grant for \$5,000 for their Parent Resource and Volunteer room to create a welcoming space for parents and volunteers. A grand opening will be held on Feb. 18 at 5:30 p.m.

Wanda K. Brown named Director of Library Services at WSSU

Wanda K. Brown, has been appointed director of library services at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU). Accomplished in library services, Brown brings more than three decades of comprehensive library experience to the position. Prior to her WSSU appointment, Brown was associate dean of Wake Forest University's Z. Smith Reynolds Library, where she started her career in 1977 and progressed through the ranks. A leader in her profession, Brown is a Past-President of the North Carolina Library Association (NCLA); Past President of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA); recipient of the 2015 Demco/Black Caucus Award for Excellence in Librarianship; 2013 University of North Carolina - Greensboro (UNCG) School of Education, Outstanding Alumni Achievement Award; the 2013 BCALA Leadership Award; the 2012 BCALA Distinguished Service Award and the 2009 UNCG Kovacs Award for Outstanding Alumni Achievement. Currently she is the Southeastern Library Association (SELA) Councilor for NCLA and Member Trustee on the board for Lyrasis, a library-based network. Brown, a native North Carolinian, earned her bachelor's from WSSU and her master's degree in library science from the UNCG. Brown is replacing Dr. Mae Rodney who retired in 2015 after 32 years.

David English named interim provost at UNCSA

David English will serve as interim provost of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA) beginning June 1, Chancellor Lindsay Bierman has announced. Provost David Nelson announced last month that he would leave UNCSA to become president of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design. His last day is May 31. English is currently vice provost and dean of academic affairs, overseeing the day-to-day operations of the Office of Academic Affairs, including academic planning and institutional research, educational outreach and summer programs, faculty affairs and the Teaching and Learning Center. He also oversees institutional accreditation and serves as the school's liaison with the accrediting agency, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Bierman said a national search for the new provost will begin soon.

Wake Forest receives \$650,000 Mellon Foundation grant

A \$650,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has been awarded to Wake Forest University in support of "engaged humanities" - teaching, learning, mentoring and real-world problem solving that moves beyond the classroom. The three-year grant will support a program that will expand interdisciplinary humanities research, teaching practices and public scholarship.

The Enterprise Center announces Community Technology Center

Looking for first-class space to teach computer and software courses? The Enterprise Center now offers the Community Technology Center with both Apple and Dell computers for use in computer and technology training. There are 25 spaces available including a video editing lab. For more information, call 336-734-6300 or go to www.sgacedc.org.

Mayor seeks applicants for commission, advisory panels

Mayor Allen Joines is accepting applications for the Emergency Management Advisory Council, as well as two new advisory panels recently approved by the City Council.

The city will appoint six members to the Public Art Commission, a new city-county panel that will advise the City Council and the Forsyth County Commissioners on implementation of the Master Plan for Public Art and will create and coordinate partnerships that result in public art. Of the six appointees, four must be arts professionals (defined as having professional experience or training related to the arts), one must be a civic or business leader who demonstrates an interest in cultural and artistic activities, and one must have grant-writing experience and an interest in the arts and culture.

Joines also is seeking applications from citizens in assisting with the city's new Arts, Culture, and Entertainment Memorial Walk of Fame program. The program calls for a diverse panel of citizens, representing various artistic disciplines and fields within the entertainment industry, to review nominations and recommend up to five nominees each year to the mayor and City Council.

There are four vacancies on the Emergency Management Advisory Council. Council members advise city and county officials on civil preparedness matters.

Interested citizens may submit applications at any time; however, applications received by Feb. 19 will be placed on the agenda for the City Council's meeting on March 14.

The application form is available through the Boards and Commissions link at Mayor.CityofWS.org, or by calling the Mayor's Office at 727-2058. Applications may be faxed to the Mayor's Office at 748-3241 or mailed to P.O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. For more information call the Mayor's Office at 727-2058.

Beginning Feb. 4 - Small Business Center seminars

The Forsyth Technical Community College Small Business Center will host several seminars in professional business development. The seminars are scheduled as follows: Small Business Roundtable: Credit and Finance from 12-1:30 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 4 at the Enterprise Center, 1922 South Martin Luther King Jr. Drive; Using Periscope to Grow Your Small Business from 2:30-4:30 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 4 at Innovation Quarter, 525 Vine St.; Business Info to Go from 9-11 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9 at Innovation Quarter, 525 Vine St.; Website Building 101 for Small Business from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 9 at Innovation Quarter, 525 Vine St.; and Creating Raving Fans for Your Small Business from 1:30-2:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 10 at Innovation Quarter, 525 Vine St. For more information, contact the Small Business Center Coordinator, Nell V. Perry, at 336-757-3801.

Beginning Feb. 4 - Delta Arts Center Invitational 2016

Winston-Salem Delta Fine Arts Inc. will present the Invitational 2016@Delta Arts exhibit, with an opening reception, from 6-8 p.m., today, Thursday, Feb. 4 at the Delta Arts Center, 2611 New Walkertown Road. The exhibit is on view from Feb. 2 until April 30. Free and open to the public, the exhibit will feature almost 50 works by 22 African-American artists from across the state of North Carolina. These artists include students and other emerging artists, as well as art teachers, professors, and established professionals in the field. This is the third juried exhibition presented at the Delta Arts Center, and represents the organization's commitment to showcasing the works of local and regional artists of color. Artworks will be available for purchase. Delta Arts Center hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday. For more information, visit www.DeltaArtsCenter.org.

Feb. 4 - How to live healthy and manage your weight program

Novant Health is offering a health and wellness program that focuses on weight management from 6-7 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at Novant Health Diabetes Center, 1900 South Hawthorne Road, Suite 504. The next meeting will take place today, Thursday, Feb. 4. The program is free and open to the public. Highlights of the program include an informative discussion facilitated by a registered dietitian with opportunities for group sharing and socializing. For more information or to register, call 336-277-1888.

Feb. 4 - Rahiel Tesfamariam to speak at Wake Forest

Rahiel Tesfamariam, founder of Urban Cusp and former columnist for The Washington Post, will speak 7 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 4 in Farrell Hall's Broyhill Auditorium at Wake Forest University, 1834 Wake Forest Road. Tesfamariam led the national Black Friday boycott via social media called #NotOneDime and has been featured in Ebony and Revolt TV among "Leaders of the New School." Her talk, which is titled "Race, Gender, Activism, and Faith," is presented by the School of Divinity in partnership with the Department of Communication; the Department of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; the Office of Multicultural Affairs; the Anna Julia Cooper Center; and the Office of the Provost. It is free and open to the public.

Feb. 4 - Community meeting on Union Station

Council Member Derwin L. Montgomery is holding a community meeting at 6 p.m. today, Thursday, Feb. 4 at ISHI Pentecostal Temple, 1319 Excelsior St. The meeting will provide information and answer questions about the city's request to rezone Union Station for limited pedestrian business. The zoning change would allow the station to accommodate the uses planned for it once it is restored. For more information, contact Carol Brooks-Fonville at 462-2341 or carolf@cityofws.org.

Feb. 5 - Business

Community Calendar

Before Hours

Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce will host its Business Before Hours networking event from 8-9 a.m., Friday, Feb. 5 at Winston-Salem Christian School, 3730 University Parkway. During the event, attendees are encouraged to mix and mingle with community business leaders while enjoying good food. For more information about the event and registration, contact Angela Breathette at 336-728-9220.

Feb. 6 - Beekeeping class

The Forsyth County Beekeepers Association is currently accepting applications for Bee School from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Forsyth Cooperative Extension on 1450 Fairchild Road. The mission of the program is to promote honey bees and healthy beekeeping practices by training beekeepers in successful and responsible beekeeping. For more information and to register, visit www.forsythbeekeepers.org or call Ali Mousavi at 336-407-4926.

Feb. 6 - Improv Workshop for Writers

Winston-Salem Writers will hold a workshop on using improv techniques to improve writing on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the office of Authoring Action, 624 W. Sixth St. Presented by Grace Ellis, the workshop will help writers of script, fiction or creative nonfiction to help spark ideas for a writing project and improve dialogue and scene description. The workshop is free. For more information, visit www.graceellis.com or www.wswriters.org.

Feb. 6 - Jazz Brunch

The Livingstone College National Alumni Association (LCNAA) W-S Alumni Chapter is hosting its second annual Jazz Brunch (A Black & Blue Affair) on Saturday, Feb. 6 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church on North Hampton Drive. Marcus Anderson is the featured artist for the event. Anderson is a world-renowned recording and performing artist and is known worldwide as an accomplished Billboard Magazine charting saxophonist who has released over seven albums in the past ten years. He plays with some of the greatest legends of our time, including Prince. Anderson's current

single, Gotta Move On, is #1 on Watercolors on Sirius XM Radio. Anderson has also established the Marcus Anderson Foundation (MAF) to help students through the arts. Anderson will play about an hour during the brunch and be available to sign his CDs and share his coffee brand, AND Coffee, with guests. The menu includes: turkey bacon, eggs, hash browns, shrimp and grits, chicken and waffles, biscuits, juice, coffee, hot tea, and water. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased by contacting Nigel Alston, W-S Alumni Chapter President, at 416-8278 or by email at nalston1@gmail.com.

Feb. 6 - Lunch and Learn Seminar

Money Management and Business Solutions, LLC is hosting a financial seminar for budgeting and credit from noon to 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 6 at the Graze Restaurant at the downtown Marriott, 425 North Cherry St. Attendees will be granted free two-hour valet parking. Registration is required and includes a \$30 registration fee. Register online by filling in a digital form at www.mmandbsolutions.com/mmb/contact/. For more information, contact Latoya D. Cheek and Tracy L. Ward at 336-893-5249 or info@mmandbsolutions.com.

Feb. 8 registration deadline - Community Garden Mentor Training

Forsyth Community Gardening will hold its next Community Garden Mentor Training from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Saturdays, Feb. 20 and Feb. 27 at Forsyth County Cooperative Extension, 1450 Fairchild Road. The Community Garden Mentor training is for people interested in providing community organizing and horticultural guidance to a specific garden. The program will cover the organizational skills and basic horticultural knowledge needed to start and sustain an active community garden. To apply, download an application at: <http://tinyurl.com/FCGMentorProgram>. Applications must be submitted to Megan Gregory at gregormm@forsyth.cc by Monday, Feb. 8. For more information, call 336-705-8823 or visit <http://forsyth-communitygardening.com/>.

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