

# County helps addiction recovery program expand

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Addiction Recovery Care Association Inc. (ARCA) will be expanding its services and getting a new home.

Forsyth County commissioners voted on Thursday, March 15, to give ARCA a 120-month nominal lease on the former Springwood Healthcare Center, a 64,000-square-foot building that housed a 200-bed nursing facility.

ARCA is expected to move into the Shattalon Drive facility, which is located next to Forsyth County Animal Control, after extensive renovations are done on the aging facility. The county will use \$825,441 in reserve behavioral health funds to replace the roof, water heater and HVAC system. ARCA will be responsible for other renovations and the upkeep of the building.

ARCA started in 1969 as an alcohol abuse program that eventually expanded to drug rehab. It's been at its current location on Union Cross Road since 1975. The 67-bed facility is landlocked. This move will let ARCA add and expand services and will also allow for longer detox and treatment stays.

"We're elated to be in a better position to serve the community, being able to



This facility on Shattalon Drive will be the new home of Addiction Recovery Care Association, Inc. (ARCA).



Elmore



Whisenhunt

provide more services to more people is what we've been wanting to do for quite some time," said

ARCA Executive Director Thom Elmore.

ARCA is hoping to move into its new facility

in early 2019.

ARCA is one of many programs seeing increased demand for its services due to the nationwide crisis of opioid addiction. Local governments are on the frontline of the crisis, with increased demands put on first responders, jails, mental health resources and social services. Both the city and county are suing opioid manufacturers and distributors that they say are responsible for the crisis.

Also during last week's meeting, commissioners voted to apply for a \$25,000 grant from the Winston-Salem Foundation for the Stepping Up Initiative, which focuses on women at the Forsyth County Detention Center with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse issues. Stepping Up works with inmates to develop a discharge plan and connect them with needed resources and support. The

local program began in February 2017 and served 39 women that year, 21 of whom were discharged. Discharged participants only had a 10.3 percent recidivism rate.

"It's far exceeding what I ever expected it to do," said Commissioner Gloria Whisenhunt, who thanked the other commissioners and the Winston-Salem Foundation for their support.

# Board seeks a few volunteers for elections

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The Forsyth County Board of Elections (BOE) is accepting applications for precinct officials.

There are only a few openings the BOE is still looking to fill. Those interested in volunteering can apply online. Applicants need to be county residents who are registered to vote, able to read and write and are of "good repute." They cannot be running for office, be a manager or treasurer for a candidate, currently be an elected official or be an officer of a political party or organization. A precinct official can have served as a delegate at a political party convention. Precinct officials also can't be relatives of



political candidates or of other precinct officials at the same precinct.

Each precinct has a chief judge, who is the head precinct official, along with two judges and some assistants.

There are also Election Staff Assistants (ESA) who follow a truck route on the Monday before Election Day to ensure correct equipment is delivered and to deliver poll books. ESAs are also responsible for returning election night results to the central office and must be present there at the close of polls on Election Night and have a

reliable personal vehicle.

There is a small monetary compensation for precinct officials, with \$200 for chief judges, \$150 for judges, \$120 for assistants, \$220 plus mileage for ESAs and \$20 for the required training.

Those interested can apply on the Forsyth County BOE site at [www.forsyth.cc/elections/pollWorkerApplication.aspx](http://www.forsyth.cc/elections/pollWorkerApplication.aspx).

The Board of Elections will also be holding an open house, including a tour and demonstration of voting equipment, on March 27 from 5-8 p.m. at its offices in the County Government Center, 201 N. Chestnut St. in Winston-Salem.

# Famous Toastery getting second Winston-Salem location

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Famous Toastery is getting a new, second location in Winston-Salem near Hanes Mall Boulevard.

Famous Toastery, known locally for its successful downtown location, will be opening another restaurant at 1330 Creekshire Way. The new breakfast eatery is expected to open the first or second week of April.

"We see the opportunity to grow in the market," said Famous Toastery CEO and Founder Robert Maynard. "It's a growing market and we've done great downtown with our first location. We have a great clientele downtown and we're looking to grow it even more and are excited to continue building in Winston-Salem."

Maynard said that a third Winston-Salem location may not be too far away and the chain is also expanding in Burlington, Greensboro and other parts of the Triad market.



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Famous Toastery, which has a location downtown, is getting a second Winston-Salem restaurant near Hanes Mall Boulevard.

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