

But it's not winter yet ...

FROM CHRONICLE STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Meetings and church services were canceled as well as events and school as an early winter storm dropped at least a foot of snow in Winston-Salem Sunday and part of Monday. The cancellations lasted through Wednesday. Plans were to resume classes in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools system on Thursday. The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education announced that the meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 11, is being held today, Thursday, Dec. 13. The board will meet in open session at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Education Building, 4801 Bethania Station Road. The agenda and supporting materials can be found on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School website.

The City of Winston-Salem announced that all garbage, recycling and yard waste collections would resume Thursday.

Streets were treacherous Sunday but by Tuesday, the city of Winston-Salem reported that by mid-afternoon, street clearing was at 100 percent of major roads and approximately 85 percent of collector streets.

The Associated Press reported that snowed-in Southerners made the best of a day without work or school. Monday while officials warned that roads remained treacherous even as the worst of a wintry storm departed.

Snow, sleet and freezing rain tapered off across states from Georgia to West Virginia that were recovering from outages, canceled flights and numerous car wrecks. The storm was blamed for at least three deaths in North Carolina.



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A City of Winston-Salem snow plow clears Lansing Drive near Carver School Road on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 12:49 p.m.





Groups hold session on positive change in the county

BY JUDIE HOLCOMB-PACK FOR THE CHRONICLE



Members of the Carver High School Chorus perform during the City Hall Holiday Music Series on Wednesday, Dec. 5.

Carver kicks off 2018 City Hall Holiday Music Series

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

On Wednesday, Dec. 5, students from Carver High School kicked off the ninth edition of Mayor Allen Joines' City Hall Holiday Music Series.

Since 2009, Joines has invited local choruses to spread holiday cheer on the main staircase at City Hall during lunch time from Dec. 5 until Dec. 14. Students from local elementary schools and several area churches and senior groups are scheduled to attend the performances

Students at the Winston-Salem Christian School and the Senior Power Think Tank joined city employees in the main lobby as local talent sung many holiday favorites. Choruses and choirs from Parkland High School, Salem College, Glenn High School, UNC School of the Arts, Reagan High School, and East Forsyth High School are scheduled to participate in the 2018 City Hall Holiday Music Series.

The public is invited to come enjoy the performances. For a complete list and schedule of participating schools, visit www.cityofws.org. Age-Friendly Forsyth, Forsyth Futures, Imagine Forsyth and The Forsyth Promise hosted an evening to report on the collaborative progress they have made to bring about positive change in Forsyth County, as well as to gather input from attendees as to the challenges and opportunities for the future.

The event, held at the Strickland Center of Forsyth Technical Community College on Thursday, Dec. 6, attracted over 150 attendees, representing many of the agencies providing services to Forsyth County residents. According to the program, over 50 community partners are working together to "strengthen our systems of education, improve health and wellness outcomes, and support older adults as they age."

Victor Isler, director of Forsyth County Department of Social Services, was the moderator and introduced several participants to give overviews of their results so far. Panelists were: Dr. Jewell Cherry, co-chair of Forsyth Promise; T. Lee Covington, immediate past chair of Age-Friendly Forsyth leadership team; Eric Aft, member of the leadership table for Imagine Forsyth; and Allan Younger, board vice chair of Forsyth Futures.

Younger noted that Forsyth Futures is accumulating data that is used to make better decisions as they work toward eliminating racial and socio-economic disparities. It uses the collected data to understand causes of challenges in Forsyth County and to communicate data in accessible ways to inform positive change.

Covington, the CEO of Senior Services, reported that in 2015 Forsyth County was ranked near the bottom in a report on age-friendly communities. Now, just three years later, Forsyth County is a designated Age-Friendly Community with six key areas of focus: physical and mental health, financial health, housing and safety, accessibility

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The Geek in Heels opens in Hanes Mall

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

For as long as she can remember, Shalisha Morgan has had a passion for technology and IT work. A native of Kansas City, Kansas, Morgan said from the moment she put the family computer together by herself as a child, she knew she had found her calling.

"I've just always loved it. I've always been able to build things without instructions no matter what it was. So I've always been hardware driven. I just love being that problem solver." Morgan said.

In 2013 while still working a full-time job and raising two children, Morgan decided to turn her passion into a business when she founded The Geek in Heels LLC, a one-stop shop for all your IT needs, from hardware repairs to virus protection.

Two years later, Morgan took a promotion at her job which relocated to Winston-Salem and she brought Geek in Heels with her.

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