

# WAYNESVILLE

NEWSLETTER

FALL 2025

## WAYNESVILLE RECREATION CENTER TO HOST "RECJAM 2025"

The Town of Waynesville is proud to announce ReclJam 2025, a milestone celebration honoring the 25th Anniversary of the Waynesville Recreation Center. This exciting community-wide event will take place on Saturday, September 13, 2025, and promises a full day of energy, entertainment, and local flavor.

ReclJam 2025 will feature a wide range of family-friendly activities, including:

- A 5K Race managed by Kick-It Event Management
- A competitive Disc Golf Tournament
- Live music performances
- Local vendors and food trucks
- And much more!

This celebration not only commemorates a quarter-century of health and wellness programming but also serves as a launchpad for the department's future.

"We are incredibly excited to mark this 25-year milestone with an event that brings everyone together," said Luke Kinsland, Director. "ReclJam will be a celebration of our past, present, and the bright future we envision for the Waynesville Recreation Center and our Parks & Recreation system overall."

The Town of Waynesville would like to express our sincere appreciation to Visit Haywood for their support—not only in helping promote this celebration, but in actively partnering with us to plan the future of our parks system. All sponsorships for this event will directly support the development of an updated Parks & Recreation Master Plan, made possible through additional funding provided by [Visit Haywood](#).

To support the event and help drive our shared mission forward, we are offering sponsorship packages for local businesses, organizations, and individuals. Sponsorship levels range from Bronze (\$500) to Platinum (\$10,000), each offering customized benefits like vendor space, logo placement on race gear and signage, and digital media promotion. A full Sponsorship Packet is available upon request.

Whether you're running the 5K, enjoying the music, exploring vendor booths, or simply coming out to celebrate, ReclJam 2025 offers something for everyone. We invite the entire community to help us celebrate 25 years of fitness, fun, and connection at the Waynesville Recreation Center—and to join us as we envision the next 25 years, together.

For more information or media inquiries, please call (828) 456-2030 or email [lkinsland@waynesvillenc.gov](mailto:lkinsland@waynesvillenc.gov).

## HELENE MEMORIAL PROJECT

Impact U, a national leadership and service club, and Tuscola High School are working to install a flood memorial public art piece at the Waynesville Fire Department that will represent the resilience, unity, and strength of Waynesville and greater Haywood County throughout the flood. The goal of this installation is to create a lasting tribute to the bravery and unity displayed during the flood, and represent the spirit that has always defined Waynesville and Haywood County.

The public art piece will be a memorial to the courage and determination of our community and first responders, who came together to overcome the challenges of the storm. To commemorate the launch of the flood memorial project, a ceremony will be held on the one-year anniversary of Helene at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at the Waynesville



*model of proposed sculpture*

Recreation Center in conjunction with Public Safety Day. The public is invited to this reflection and time of healing, with guest speakers and activities to honor our flood heroes.



For more information and to donate to this project, please visit <https://www.helenefloodmemorial.com/>



## CHEFS ON FIRE- A FUNDRAISER FOR PUBLIC ART

Join the Waynesville Public Art Commission for their annual fundraising event on Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5pm. Your ticket supports the commission of a mural featuring Waynesville's historic Main Street and the original arch, and guarantees some of the best barbecue WNC has to offer, courtesy of Ben's Backdraft BBQ. Enjoy live music by the Bridget Gossett Band, a silent auction, Roll Up Herbal Bar for mocktails, and incredible locally brewed beer from Frog Level Brewing!



To purchase tickets, please visit 16 South Main Street, Waynesville or purchase online at <http://wpac.betterworld.org/events/chefs>

Upon entering the event, each registrant will receive 3 food tickets. You may use these how you please for the three protein options (1 of one protein, 2 of another or 3 of each, etc.). Lemonade, Tea, Water, three sides, and cornbread are included in your ticket. For more information on the Waynesville Public Art Commission, please visit <https://waynesvillepublicart.org/>

**Location:** Frog Level Brewing Courtyard @ 40 Commerce Street  
**Tickets:**  
 \$35/Adult  
 \$25/Kids (ages 2-15)



Scan for more event info & to purchase tickets



### Church Street Arts and Crafts Show

**What:** Mark your calendar for the 42nd Annual Church Street Art & Craft Show, one of the region's largest and most beloved juried craft shows! Explore more than 100 vendors offering handmade art, jewelry, and crafts against the vibrant backdrop of Haywood County's peak leaf season. Enjoy live Appalachian music & dance performances on two Main Street stages.

**Where:** Main Street, Waynesville, NC in front of the Courthouse

**When:** Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 10am-5pm

**Who:** All are welcome to attend this free event.

### Apple Harvest Festival

**What:** Named one of the "10 Best Fall Harvest Festivals in the Nation", this annual street festival in charming downtown Waynesville is a delicious way to enjoy the tastes of the fall season. This premier arts and crafts event celebrates apples and the beauty of the Great Smoky Mountains. Stroll the historic Main Street filled with vendors and a wide variety of shops and restaurants.

**Where:** Main Street, Waynesville

**When:** Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 10am-5pm.

**Who:** All are welcome to attend this free event.

### Treats On the Street

**What:** Join us for a candy-filled, fun-packed night of trick-or-treating on the streets of downtown Waynesville. From 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, the event will feature music, dancing, and candy (of course!).

**Where:** Main Street, Waynesville.

**When:** Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, 5pm-7pm

**Who:** All are welcome to attend this free event.

## HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

**Veteran's Day:** Town Offices will be closed Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be no garbage pickup on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday's trash will be picked up on Wednesday November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Thanksgiving:** Town offices will be closed on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup> & Friday, November 28. Thursdays route will be picked up on Wednesday, the 26<sup>th</sup>, and Friday's route will be picked up on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Town of Waynesville Introduces NEW Sustainability Web Page

Visit

[www.waynesvillenc.gov/sustainability](http://www.waynesvillenc.gov/sustainability) for more information on:

- EV Charger locations
- Greenway map
- How to save money by reducing energy usage
- Native Plant Landscaping ideas
- And much, much more!