Building Safety Month 2019: No Codes. No Confidence.

In May, Winston-Salem and Forsyth County are participating in the 39th annual Building Safety Month, which is a worldwide campaign presented by the International Code Council, its members, and partners to promote building safety. First observed in 1980, Building Safety Month raises awareness about critical safety issues from structural to fire prevention, plumbing and mechanical systems, and energy efficiency.

This year’s overall theme is: No Codes. No Confidence. Weekly education themes are: Preparing for Disasters: Build Strong, Build Smart; Ensuring a Safer Future Through Training and Education; Securing Clean, Abundant Water for All Communities; Construction Professionals and Homeowners: Partners in Safety; and Innovations in Building Safety.

Building codes and the officials who enforce them are making our families and communities safer and more resilient. Homes and buildings that are built in compliance with building safety codes result in resilient structures that minimize the risks of death, injury and property damage. In the wake of a disastrous hurricane season, rampant wildfires and devastating earthquakes, building safety is even more important. Building safety affects everyone, and modern, updated building codes save lives.

Building codes have protected the public for thousands of years. The earliest known code of law—the Code of Hammurabi, king of the Babylonian Empire, written circa 2200 B.C.—assessed severe penalties, including death, if a building was not constructed safely. The regulation of building construction in the United States dates back to the 1700s. In the early-1900s, the insurance industry and others with similar concerns developed the first model building code.

Today, the International Codes, developed by the Code Council and adopted by our community, are the most widely used and adopted set of building safety codes in the U.S. and around the world.

Learn more about Building Safety Month at www.buildingsafetymonth.org or join the conversation on social media at #BuildingSafety365.
Historic Preservation Month

May 2019 will be celebrated as Historic Preservation Month throughout Forsyth County. The Historic Resources Commission is planning several exciting events to celebrate our local heritage.

- **Trolley Tour of Historic Cemeteries** in southeast Forsyth County on Saturday, May 11 at 11 am or 2 pm; co-hosted with the New Winston Museum and other partners. Buy $25 tickets online at [https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/teasup/items/141959/calendar/2019/05/?flow=18925&full-items=yes](https://fareharbor.com/embeds/book/teasup/items/141959/calendar/2019/05/?flow=18925&full-items=yes)

- **Griffith-Jones Old Home Place Historic Marker Dedication** on Sunday, May 19 at 3 pm. The marker unveiling ceremony and a reception will be held at Concord United Methodist Church, 8955 Concord Church Road, Lewisville. To view the marker and historic home, drive by 9950 Concord Church Road. Please join us to celebrate the history of western Forsyth County and the Jones family’s contribution to the development of Forsyth County.

- **Lowman Pauling & The “5” Royales Historic Marker Unveiling** on Sunday, May 26 at 3 pm. The marker unveiling ceremony will be held at the Pauling Family Home, 1135 Rich Avenue, Winston-Salem. Please join us to honor these local inductees to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame!

West End Historic Overlay Design Review Guidelines

Historic Resources staff will jumpstart revision of the West End Historic Overlay Design Review Guidelines this summer. Please be on the lookout for notices about topic-specific, drop-in meetings to solicit the feedback of property owners and residents about what does and doesn’t work about the current Guidelines. Attend! Bring a friend!! We plan to cover hot topics such as fences, trees, substitute materials, and windows. For more information, contact Michelle McCullough at michellem@cityofws.org or 336-747-7063.

New Member Needed for Historic Resources Commission

The Historic Resources Commission needs a new member who has professional experience as an Archaeologist, Landscape Architect/Designer, Planner, Surveyor, or Arborist. Application for this seat will be made through the County Commissioners (http://www.co.forsyth.nc.us/Commissioners/volunteer_opportunities.aspx) beginning in mid-May. The application submittal deadline is June 18, with consideration of the appointment scheduled for the County Commissioners’ meeting on June 27.

Downtown Streetscape Master Plan Public Input Meetings

**Wednesday, May 15**

**Lunchtime Drop-In**
Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

**Evening Drop-In**
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Questions? Contact Amy Crum at 336-747-7051 or amyc@cityofws.org

Location: Footnote, 634 W. Fourth Street, Suite 120
(behind Foothills Brewpub, next to Bookmarks bookstore)
Parking: parking is available behind the building
(use 632 Holly Avenue for GPS directions)

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