What’s Happening...

By now, most of you know that the Trash/Recycle schedule that was posted in last month’s newsletter contained some incorrect information. We fully apologize for any inconvenience this has caused and ask that you please use the corrected version included in this newsletter (see page 2). Additionally, a copy of the corrected version of the 2020 Trash/Recycle Pickup Schedule can be obtained at Pineville Town Hall, Pineville Communications and the Belle Johnston Community Center. Again, we apologize for the error and confusion.

In other happenings, has this winter not been a roller coaster of craziness? In one weeks’ time, we’ve had tornadoes, snowflakes, temps in the 70’s, temps in the 40’s and rain, rain and did I mention that we’ve had a lot of rain? Having temps so mild was a good thing because if it were colder, we would still be digging out from a LOT of snow!

We all know what rain and warm temperatures bring – growth – trees, flowers, bushes and especially, the grass. And it’s this time of year that we must remind residents of some important ordinance standards, especially since Code Enforcement efforts ramp up during this time:

- Grass should be cut and maintained regularly. Any growth over 12 inches is considered a violation. Right-of-ways, planting strips, curbs, sidewalks, driveways and the like should be kept free and clear of grass, weeds, vegetation and other debris.
- Check around your property for any standing water as this is a potential breeding ground for mosquitos.
- Junked vehicles must be completely concealed so that it cannot be seen from a public street.

Another way to help spruce up and keep your property tidy is to take advantage of:

**JUNK WEEK • April 27- May 1, 2020**

That’s the week when our Public Works Department rides through town to pick up any old, unwanted items. One week during the year, typically in the spring, the Town of Pineville’s Public Works Department rides through town picking up your unwanted items. This is not a service offered by our trash collection company; this is a service offered free of charge from the Town to its residents. So, take advantage of this once a year opportunity to get your JUNK removed.

In order to keep this great opportunity going year after year, we ask that you kindly follow a few simple rules that have been put in place:

- Minor renovation, flooring and other construction debris is acceptable ONLY if it is a reasonable amount, metal or work posts or planks do not exceed 4 feet in length and all nails or other hazardous items removed or nailed down safely for pickup without injury
- Absolutely no excrement, bodily fluids or other biohazardous material of any kind will be picked up
- We can no longer pick up paint or petroleum products of any kind
- Items must be taken to the curb for pickup; employees are not permitted to go into your house to remove items or move them for you. Additionally, we do not want to take town trucks into your alleyways so please take your items to the front of the house to be picked up safely and easily
- Separate glass or other breakable items from any wood, metal, plastic or other products you put out at the curb
- Town employees have the right to refuse pickup of items they deem unsafe or hazardous

One final sweep of the town will be made the following week to collect whatever was not collected during the week of pickup. As long as these rules are followed and good, common safety sense is used, this program will continue to run. We appreciate your cooperation.
ATTENTION PINEVILLE RESIDENTS: If you live within the city limits of Pineville and pay your taxes to Pineville, then you may use the Belle Johnston Community Center for FREE (fitness equipment, track, and basketball court). But first you need to get your resident card made. We will need proof of residency in the form of a photo ID with current address and a recent bill (ex. gas, electric, telephone). You will have to renew your card every year.

PARKS & RECREATION

BRING ON SPRING!
Try Something New - Springtime is a time for renewal. To get into the mood of change and forward momentum, try a new physical activity or an old one you haven’t done for a long time. Often, when we engage in new activities, it’s especially motivating. The more types of activities you engage in, the more energetic you’ll feel. Pineville Parks and Recreation offers citizens endless opportunities to achieve your fitness and wellness goals at our indoor/outdoor walking tracks, playgrounds, gym, fitness classes, athletic fields, and more. For more information on our health and fitness opportunities check out our website pinevillenc.gov or call 704-889-2400.

PPR SPRING HEALTH TIPS: Refresh an old workout routine - This spring, don’t let workout boredom squelch your motivation to get in shape. Change your workout course. Do the familiar course in the opposite direction, find a workout partner, or work out at a different time of day. Sprout some new eating habits - For one week, cut out all sweets, pasta, and breads. Then slowly add more carbs back in -- but only complex carbs with lots of fiber (whole grains, whole fruits and vegetables, beans, etc.). Notice how much lighter you feel.

FITNESS EQUIPMENT/WEIGHT ROOM & INDOOR WALK/RUN TRACK
Monday - Friday: 7:00am – 8:45pm
Saturday: 8:00am - 5:45pm
Sunday: 1:00pm - 5:45pm

OPEN GYM
Residents may bring up to 3 guests during open gym hours (check website, facebook or call community center 704-889-2400). The fee is $5.00 per guest. Residents are responsible for the conduct of their guests and will be disciplined according to previously established park guidelines.

Our Group Fitness classes are a great way to get a work out in while meeting new people.

SENIOR EXERCISE CLASSES TAKE PLACE AT THE HUT
413 Johnston Drive, Pineville • Come and experience an exercise program that will help you continue to be independent. This is a great opportunity to meet and make new friends. There are classes that fit your needs, whether it is strength and balance, flexibility, cardio or line dancing — there is a class for you! For a description and schedule of the classes, check out the website: fitseniors.org
The classes are free or discounted for the following Medicare programs: Optum Fitness Advantage, Silver Sneakers, Silver & Fit, Be Well Program (AARP Medicare Supplemental)
Not to worry if you are not a member of the above programs, the fee is $5/day. Come out and join the fun while continuing your life journey for good health. Should you have additional questions contact Lorraine Haynes at 678-575-0152.

PATTON’S PERFORMANCE BOOTCAMP
Our 55-minute sessions include a dynamic warm-up, workout, metabolic meltdown finisher, then a cool-down, and stretching period. This program has been proven to be the most effective training time for fat loss and building strength for men and women. Each participant works out at their own pace within the group. Pineville’s Bootcamp instructor, Audrey Patton is a nationally certified personal trainer who will keep it fun and challenging while making modifications for individuals which makes the training more personalized.
Each training day, or workout, includes a run or cardio component, a resistance or strength-training component and a core-training component. Each component is designed to focus on speed, agility, power, strength, or endurance. Many of the exercises rely on body weight, but we also utilize equipment such as dumbbells, resistance bands, agility ladders, a partner’s body weight, and other natural and man-made aspects of the park like stairs, benches, hills and the parking lot.
Our training weeks are designed so that there is minimal overlap in training different muscle groups. This allows for greater recovery and a highly efficient approach to achieving balanced, total-body fitness.
Moving through each 4-week session, we gradually increase the training intensity and volume to keep up with your body as it adapts to the training, ensuring that you’ll receive the most out of every week you train.
This is a year-round program that delivers results while keeping it challenging, safe, sustainable, interesting, and fun for participants. Location: Lake Park – 1000 Johnston Dr., Pineville
Days/Time: Monday/Wednesday/Friday (5:15AM – 6:15AM)
FIRST WEEK FREE /Cost: Single Rate: $10 per class/ 5 Classes: $45 / Unlimited Monthly Rate: $99
Audrey Patton – 904-982-0383 – email: pinevillesbootcamp@yahoo.com
Yoga Classes

at The Hut, 413 Johnston Drive

Monday – Instructor: Rachel Henderson

3:45-4:45pm • Yoga for Educators

This school season yoga class is focused to support area teachers. Come right after school to unwind and find balance to kick off your school week.

5:00-5:25pm • Strength Training

This 25-minute exercise class will use dumbbells and/or your own body weight to promote bone and muscle health. Bring a set of dumbbells or borrow a set of ours and join us for some fun while sculpting and maintaining your muscle.

5:30-6:30pm • Yoga Intermediate

Ideal for the beginner to the intermediate student. Bring your mat or use one of ours and join us for a yoga sequence designed to balance your body and mind.

Thursday – Instructor: Rachel Henderson

5:00-5:25pm • Functional Weightlifting

This 25 minute class is structured to activate key muscle groups and stabilize joints for injury prevention.

5:30-6:15pm • Yoga Basics

An ideal space for those curious about yoga and anyone interested in balance and flexibility. This class is ideal for beginners. Intermediate yoga students encouraged to participate in this fundamental focused class.

Cost: $5 drop in fee • Updates posted on Facebook- Ignite Wellness Physical Therapy. For more info please contact Rachel (Thiel) Henderson; rachel@ignitemke.com

Cookie Decorating Class

Cookie designs will vary for classes. Cookies and icing are not made in a nut free kitchen. Adult & Kids Class / Fee: $10.00 for resident of Pineville (must show proof) $15.00 for non-resident.

Check out Be Good Cookies, LLC on Facebook for pictures of previous classes and home decorating parties.

March 12th (Thur.) • 6:30-8:30pm

Register by March 5th

Adult Class – “Feeling Lucky” will be March’s theme for cookies celebrating the luck of the Irish. Each class participant will decorate 4 cookies to take home while learning about royal icing consistencies, outlining, flooding, textures, decorating tips and lots more. All supplies will be provided. Class is geared for ages 14+.

March 14th (Sat.) 1-3pm • Register by March 7th

Kids Class – “I Spy a Leprechaun” - Celebrate St. Patty’s Day with cookies every leprechaun would love to eat. Each lucky class participant will decorate 4 cookies and learn basic cookie decorating techniques. All supplies will be provided. Class is geared for ages 7-13 years.

April 8th (Wed.) 6:30-8:30pm • Register by March 1st

Adult Class - “Spring has Sprung” will set the tone for April’s cookie decorating class. Each class participant will decorate 4 cookies to take home. You’ll learn about royal icing consistencies, outlining, flooding, textures, decorating tips and lots more to create beautiful spring cookies. All supplies will be provided. Class is geared for ages 14+.

April 26th (Sun.) 2-4pm • Register by April 19th

“Kids Class – “Slumber Party” What’s a slumber party without fun and colorful cookies? Each class participant will decorate 4 cookies and learn basic cookie decorating techniques. All supplies will be provided. Class is geared for ages 7-13 years.

Cooking Classes

Befriend Cooking

Balsamic Glazed Salmon, Salad and Cinnamon Rolls

Date: Sunday - March 15th, 2020
Class Time: 2:30pm-5:00pm
Cost: $50 (If you’re a Pineville resident, show your ID upon arrival to receive $5 refund)

Join us to learn how to make balsamic glazed Salmon, seasoned and seared to perfection then topped with sweet and tangy balsamic glaze. We will also make Pear, Walnut, Cranberry and Quinoa salad. Lastly, fresh “made from scratch” cinnamon rolls.

Register at: http://www.befriendcooking.com/Classes/Details/202

German Spätzle, Meatballs and Rote Grütze

Date: Sunday - April 19th, 2020
Class Time: 2:30pm-5:00pm
Cost: $50 (If you’re a Pineville resident, show your ID upon arrival to receive $5 refund)

Join us to learn how to make this traditional German dumpling from scratch, boiled in water then pan fried with butter. Yum! German Meatballs cooked in a thick and creamy beef broth sauce. For dessert we’re going to make Rote Grütze, this is German fruit pudding dessert, made with berries simmered in fruit juice and served warm with cold, fresh whipped cream poured over the top.

Register at:  http://www.befriendcooking.com/Classes/Details/205

Create-a-Class

Do you have a special interest that you would like to share with others in a class?

Do you know someone who can share an interesting subject or craft?

Contact Heather Creech our Recreation Program Coordinator at 704-889-2400.
PARKS & RECREATION

Pickleball at the BJCC Gym

Pineville Parks and Recreation offers Open Gym Pickleball. Ages 12 and Up! BEGINNERS ARE WELCOME!!! Instruction is available.

- **Mondays:** 9:00am – 12:00pm
- **Wednesdays:** 12:30pm – 2:30pm
- **Fridays:** 9:00am – 12:00pm

Cost: Free to Pineville Residents (must show resident card) $2.00 Non-Resident Fee

Equipment is provided but you may bring your own as well!! You must sign up to play at this website. Limited to 14 players per day.


Adult Open Gym Volleyball

Ages: 16 and up. READY... SET... SPIKE!!

Join us in the Belle Johnston Community Center Gym every Tuesday evening from 6-8:30pm for Adult Open Gym Volleyball!

We will provide all equipment for fun and friendly matches! Pineville Residents (w/Resident Card): FREE / Non-Residents: $2.00 (per visit) You must sign up to play at this website. Limited to 14 players per day.

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4BAEA62AA0FB6-pineville](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0A4BAEA62AA0FB6-pineville)

Queens City Model Yacht Club

You are invited to come and watch or try your hand at sailing radio control model sailboats at Pineville Lake on Wednesday and Sunday mornings from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Club racing is on Saturday mornings.

The Queen City Model Yacht Club No. 342 (QCMYC) was founded April 12, 2015 and is a sanctioned member of the American Model Yachting Association (AMYA). AMYA is composed of some 30 classes of boats in 7 Regions with hundreds of clubs across the United States and several countries. If you are interested in having some fun and making new friends contact us via our website: www.queencitymyc.com or by email at: qcmyc342@gmail.com or stop by.

Youth Classes and Activities

Preschool Open Gym Time

Ages 5 yrs. old and under Meet new friends and join the fun at the Belle Johnston Community Center Gym. We will provide plenty of things to play with and climb in, around and over. **Wednesdays from 9:00am – 12:00pm** Come play with us, it’s free! This is a parent supervised activity.

Preschool Storytime

Join us on Wednesday March 11th at 10:30am for a story and craft. We will read a story, and make a simple craft to take home.

Make new friends, be creative, and have fun. And it's FREE!

- **Who:** You & Your Preschooler (ages 1-5)
- **What:** Story time, Craft time, and fun
- **Where:** BJCC Craft Room
- **When:** March 11th (must register by March 4th)

Please call 704-889-2400 to register (limited space available).

Charlotte Meck Library Presents - Storytime in the Park

Lake Park, Pineville Starting April 7th and going through May 19th

Tuesdays 10am – 10:30am

Families, Preschool (3-5), Toddlers (18-35 months)

We are bringing storytime to the Park. Join us to enjoy stories, songs, and movement activities that support early literacy skill development and help foster a love of books and reading in your child. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to participate. We will not have storytime if it is raining. Bring a towel to sit on if you prefer.
YOUTH ALL-SPORTS OPEN GYM  Ages: 3-7
Meet new friends, learn a new sport or craft your existing skills at the Belle Johnston Community Center. We will provide the equipment, lower the basketball goal for the little ones and set up a soccer goal or t-ball tee for additional options of fun! Come out and play! It’s FREE. This is a parent supervised activity!
Saturdays: March 28th, April 11th (9:00am-12:00pm)

FIELD TRIPS
Due to popularity of Field trips offered by Pineville Parks & Recreation, we will sign up Pineville residents for the first 2 weeks. If there are any seats left we will then open it up to non-residents. Due to some allergies of other people in the vehicle, please refrain from wearing perfumes/colognes. Thank you!
March Field Trip

MARCH FIELD TRIP
FUN AND EDUCATIONAL FOR ALL AGES -
YADKIN VALLEY POPCORN  A family-owned and operated agribusiness that grows, harvests and produces popcorn. We will tour the factory that covers planting to production!
They discuss planting, crop rotation, storage, cleaning, and popping of popcorn. We will walk through the manufacturing plant and outside agricultural facilities. Free sample bags of popcorn!
Join us on Thur. March 26th.  We will leave the community center at 8:00am and return around 3:30pm. We will be stopping for lunch. Cost: $5 – Lunch not included (Limited seating available)
Come by the Belle Johnston Community Center to reserve your seat.  704-889-2400

APRIL FIELD TRIP
THE RIVERBANKS ZOO & GARDEN
A 170-acre zoo, aquarium, and botanical garden located along the Saluda River in Columbia, South Carolina. It is home to more than 2000 magnificent and fascinating animals and one of the nation’s most beautiful and inspiring botanical gardens.
Join us on Thur. April 23rd.  We will leave the community center at 8:00am and return around 4:00pm.  We will eat lunch at the zoo (not included in cost). (Limited seating available) Come by the Belle Johnston Community Center to reserve your seat.  704-889-2400.  Cost: Adults (ages 13–61) $19.95 / Seniors (ages 62 and up) and Military (with military ID) $17.95

EXPLORE THE ARTS
PAINT CLASS  Masterpieces by You
Paint your own masterpiece with instructor Sharon Csiszer. All classes will be held in the craft room. The maximum number of participants will be 10 for each class. Cost: $10.00 resident of Pineville/ $15.00 non-resident. Please stop by the community center to pay and register for this class. 704-889-2400

March 24th – (1-3:30pm)  Register by March 17th
April 21st – (1-3:30pm)  Register by April 14th

PCAA Hit-A-Thon & Home Run Derby
SATURDAY, MAY 2ND • 9am – 5pm
Jack Hughes Park
513 Main St., Pineville, NC 28134
Come Watch Softball and Baseball Players
Ages 4 - 18 Compete for Prizes and Pride!
Main Event on Stadium Field
PLUS Action Packed Games on Field 1 & Field 4
This event is the largest fundraiser for PCAA every year. You can get involved simply by cheering on the players for a while… OR Let us know if you’d like to contribute to the fundraiser as a sponsor!
Thank you for your support.
Contact Paul Boyd for Details:
Paul.Boyd@PCAASports.org | 704-650-6191
**POTTERY CLASSES**

**FREE KIDS CLAY WORKSHOPS** for Pineville Residents

Wet Clay Creations fired in the kiln at the Belle Johnston Community Center! These events are limited to the first 20 students (1st - 5th grade), per FREE workshop! We supply everything needed but you have to register to attend - no walk ups are accepted due to space restrictions! Please choose only one date per child/children. Register at: artsdelivered@gmail.com.

For more info please call 704-618-2222.  Session 1:  Friday, March 20th (7-8:15pm)  •  Session 2:  May 8th (7-8:15pm)

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**Girl Scouts**

Saturday
Girl Scout
Pottery
Badge
Workshops!

Girl Scouts earn a pottery badge as they create FUNctional, seasonal, projects! Individuals or whole troops! Parents can participate but not required.

Saturdays 9:00 - 10:15 $10 per student

Mar. 7 - St. Patricks!
Apr. 18 - Easter!
May 9 - Bird Feeders!

**REGISTER @ ARTSDELIVERED.COM**
artsdelivered@gmail.com 704.618.2222

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**CERAMICS SUMMER CAMP!**

CLAY CAMPS use coils, slabs, extrusions, pottery wheels, & glazes to create great ceramic projects and organize a Friday Art Exhibition PLUS they play games, eat popcicles, and use the SPLASH PAD!

RISING 1ST - 8TH, 1:00 - 4:30 June 15th - 19th
$175 per student plus 10% sibling(s) discounts!

**REGISTER @ ARTSDELIVERED.COM**
artsdelivered@gmail.com 704.618.2222
Community Meetings for PARK MASTER PLAN
Mark your calendars for March 11th and April 28th!

Public Meeting will Solicit Community’s Input on:

Pineville’s Parks & Recreation Master Plan

Planning is underway in the development to update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan for the Town of Pineville. The Town is seeking the public’s input at an upcoming General Public Meeting to help build a Community Parks and Recreation Master Plan (future facilities and services) that best reflects the collective vision of the community.

The Town invites the public to be involved in the collaboration of ideas. The General Public Meeting for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will take place from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11th at The Hut, 413 Johnston Drive, Pineville. The first 50 people will receive Pineville Parks and Recreation swag! Please note that if you are unable to attend the General Public Meeting for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan the Town’s website also provides you with a way to join and share your vision.

Follow Pineville Parks and Recreation on Facebook to get the latest local events and updates. We’re also on Instagram @pinevilleparknrec

PARKS AND MOBILITY COMMUNITY WORKSHOP
Tuesday, April 28th
6-8pm at the Hut

Join us to discuss the future of Pineville’s Parks and The Downtown Pineville Mobility Study to evaluate the needs of people walking, biking, taking transit, driving, and parking in Downtown Pineville in order to develop a clear vision for the future of traveling to, from, and around downtown.

FAMILY NIGHT BINGO
March 13th – 6:30pm – 8:30pm

- Bingo Night - Join us for a FREE fun filled night of Bingo with the family at the Belle Johnston Community Center. Play not only for fun, but also for the chance to win prizes. Upon arrival each participant will receive one bingo card to use for the night. We will be serving light refreshments as families filter in. Doors open at 6:15pm. Starting at 6:30pm we will begin the first round. This is a great way to spend time with family and friends doing something fun on a Friday night. This event is open to both residents and non-residents, so bring all your family and friends, and join us for a night filled with family fun. Registration is required (limited space available). Sign up today by calling 704-889-2400. This program is for all ages - youth 11 & under must be accompanied by an adult. You must register by March 6th.

Calling All Friends Fanatics!

FRIENDS TRIVIA NIGHT
Friday, April 24th
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Must register by April 17th.

Do you think you can answer all the questions concerning the series? Well, now it’s time to put your knowledge to the test. Friends Trivia Night is a free event. Teams can be 2 - 6 people (open to residents and non-residents). Prizes will be awarded to 1st and 2nd place teams. Registration is required (limited space available). Sign up today by calling 704-889-2400. The age for this event is 10 and over. We will have light refreshments. Dress up as your favorite character and you could be in the running for a prize.
Easter Egg Hunt Party!
Friday, April 3rd

Where: Large Shelter at Lake Park (Rain or Shine)
Time: 6:00pm
Who: Children ages 1 – 10 years old

JOIN US FOR SOME FREE EASTER FUN!

We will have a bounce house, Easter egg coloring contest, craft, refreshments and an Easter Egg Hunt... Don't be late, the egg hunt will start promptly at 6:00pm! Each child will be limited to 12 eggs.

You must pre-register for this event! You have to be a Pineville resident (must show proof) or pay $5.00 guest fee. You must come by the community center to receive your ticket for this event. Registration deadline is by 5:00pm Friday March 3rd.

Bring your basket and camera. We will have a very special guest!

1st Annual Doggie Egg Hunt!

Sponsored by Pet’s Suites of Charlotte
Bring your well-behaved pooch to a Doggie Easter Egg Hunt at

Canine Commons Dog Park!

Sunday, April 5th
2:00pm SHARP!
Cost: Free

- All dogs must always be on a leash and under control. Owners are responsible for the actions of their pets.
- Dogs must have current vaccinations and be in good health.
- They should also be sociable with other dogs, adults and children. Please do not bring your dog if they are aggressive about food, toys or their owner.

Each dog will be allowed to hunt a limited number of eggs that are filled with dog treats. Once they find the egg and claim it with their nose, owners can pick up the egg. There will be plastic eggs with treats inside for your dog and a few special dogs will be able to find golden eggs and win a prize!
Paws in the Park
FREE Family Event
Saturday, April 4, 2020
10am-3pm
Rain or shine
Pineville Lake Park
1000 Johnston Drive
Pineville, NC 28134

Dog Rescue Groups/Animal Shelters, Food
Trucks, Arts/Crafts & Business Vendors, Kids
Playground, Demonstrations, Blessing of the
Animals, Dog Contests at Noon, Circus Stella and
Chairmen of the Board.

www.Charlotteblackdogs.com

UNDER THE LARGE SHELTER
AT LAKE PARK
Saturday May 2nd
7:00am – 12:00pm
(set up at 6:00am)

COST: $10.00
Limit one table per family.

Spring cleaning your house?
Need extra $$$?
Bring your yard sale items to our
annual Spring Yard Sale!

We take care of the advertising, signage, and we'll
even have a charitable organization pick up your
unsold items. Limited tables available. Come by the
community center to pay and reserve your table!

TOWN SPONSORED SHREDDING EVENT
“SHRED IT AND FORGET IT”
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2020
12:00 PM UNTIL 3:00 PM

At The Pineville Telephone/Electric Bldg.
118 College Street next to Pineville Post Office.
Calendar of Events for Spring 2020

MARCH 7 | COFFEE AND CONVERSATION – YEAR OF THE WOMAN: WOMEN MAKING HISTORY
2020 is set to be a momentous year: it marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, our city will host the Republican National Convention, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources is celebrating the Year of the Woman, and we will be opening a temporary exhibit on women’s suffrage in North Carolina. We want to keep the themes of women changing history through political action going as we facilitate an open group discussion on women’s activism. Hours: 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Admission: FREE. Pre-registration required.

MARCH 14 | LEARNING LOCAL LECTURE SERIES THE LIFE OF ELLA MAE WIGGINS presented by Jason Luker of the Gaston County Museum of Art and History
During this program Jason Luker, Director of the Gaston County Museum of Art and History, will be examining Ella May Wiggins, her difficult life, role in the 1929 Loray Mill textile strike, and how her words and deeds still challenge us today. Hours: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm Admission: FREE. Pre-registration required.

APRIL 4 | SPRING VOLUNTEER OPEN HOUSE
Do you love history? Enjoy interacting with people? Have a special modern or historical skill? Join us! Become a volunteer! Stop by to learn more about what volunteer opportunities we have, take a tour of the site, and meet current volunteers to discuss their experiences. Veteran volunteers are encouraged to attend, brush up on the tour, and share their knowledge with new and prospective volunteers! Hours: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Admission: FREE

APRIL 11 | LEARNING LOCAL LECTURE SERIES, SORTING OUT THE NEW SOUTH CITY TOM HANCHETT
A new edition of Charlotte Historian Tom Hanchett’s book, Sorting Out the New South City, is being released with color maps and a more accessible price. Join us to hear from Tom about his seminal work on Charlotte’s 20th century development, the new edition, and his life since retiring from his position as Historian at the Levine Museum of the New South. The talk will be followed by a book signing. Hours: 2:00 pm – 4:30 pm Admission: FREE. Pre-registration required. Book reservation available.

APRIL 23 | SENIOR DAY
Calling all local seniors for a day of historical demonstrations, play, talks, and more! This event will feature many of the same things you might find at our family events, but with a focus on some of the most dedicated history lovers in our community. In addition to the days’ events, we will also have a raffle that will raise money for the Friends of President Polk’s Birthplace, a non-profit 501c3 organization that makes events like this one possible. Hours: 10:00 – 1:00 Admission: FREE

APRIL 25 | EARTH DAY WORKSHOP
Celebrate Earth Day with an eco-friendly craft project that the whole family can enjoy! Hours: 11:30 – 1:00 Registration: $5.00/person

GOT JUNK? We Can Help
APRIL 27 - MAY 1, 2020
Spring Cleaning? No problem. For one week only the town of Pineville will collect and dispose of your unwanted goods. Just put your old, broken, and no longer needed items out at the curb and our Public Works crew will be by to collect and dispose of them for you “free of charge”. There are limits on what you can put out and rules apply. Please see page 1 for details.
**SENIOR NEWS**

The menu for a happy and successful life after 60 includes food, fun and fellowship with others.

**THE SENIOR CITIZENS NUTRITION PROGRAM, (SCNP) OFFERS A NUTRITIONALLY BALANCED MEAL DAILY!**

We offer a variety of choices to satisfy everyone’s palatable pleasure. Items on the menu include trips, socializing with friends and neighbors, exercise, nutrition education programs, arts and crafts and Senior Games.

Come join us at the Belle Johnston Center, 1000 Johnston Drive • Pineville, NC 28134
Monday-Friday from 9am to 2pm.
Check us out and let’s do lunch!

For more info about the program call Shelia Douglas at 704-889-7444. This is one of the many programs that Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services offers senior adults throughout the community.

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**STORM WATER**

Spring is just around the corner which means it is time to enjoy the outdoors. While you are out and about there are several things you can do to help prevent stormwater pollution:

- **Scoop the poop** – Remember to take baggies with you when you walk your furry friend and pick up after them. Dog waste contains parasites and bacteria that are harmful to both human and pet health. It can also kill grass and take months to decompose.

- **Be a water watcher** – Keep an eye out for pollution issues in storm drains or creeks. Only rain should go down storm drains; any illegal dumping or illicit discharges should be reported. Creeks that are discolored or smelly should be investigated by our staff. Report any of these issues to 311.

- **Join in our Creek Week celebrations** – Come celebrate, learn or volunteer at some of our events March 21-28. These events are family-friendly and free of charge. Visit our webpage for the full calendar of events: StormWater.CharMeck.org

Follow us on social media for more information, tips, and events (@StormWaterCM).

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**FREE PAPER SHREDDING EVENT**

Saturdays from 9am to Noon*

Compost Central and Recycling Center
140 Valleydale Road, Charlotte, NC 28214
March 21 / April 18 / May 16 / June 20

This event is for Mecklenburg County residents ONLY
* Residents are limited to only the equivalent of three banker boxes worth of paper to be shredded.

No Plastic Bags
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How to Make Easy Easter Egg Pom-Poms
(by Kitiya Palaskas) Difficulty: Beginner

While they may not be edible, these Easter pom-pom treats are just as sweet as the real thing. This is a great project for using up any spare balls of yarn in your knitting kit. Use pastel shades for a pretty Easter decoration.

Supplies: Assorted pastel yarn, small rectangular piece of cardboard (10x6cm), scissors

1. Wrap First Layer With the cardboard rectangle placed horizontally, choose your first colour and begin wrapping it around the cardboard. Try to keep the wrapping within a 1.5cm width. The more wool you use, the bigger your pom pom will be, so it’s up to you how much you want to wrap. Snip the wool off when you’re done.

2. Wrap the Second Layer Choose a second color and begin wrapping, making sure it’s tightly wrapped next to the first color. As this will form one of the middle stripes of the Easter egg, make it a little smaller in width, approximately 0.75cm. Snip off the wool when you’re done.

3. Wrap the Third Layer Repeat Step 2 with a third color.

4. Wrap the Final Color Complete the wrapping process with a final layer of colour, the same colour and width as the first. Snip the wool when you’re done.

5. Prepare for Tying Cut a long piece of wool and slip it between the cardboard and the wrapped wool on one side only.

6. Tie the Pom-Pom Tie the wool in a tight knot over the wrapped bundle. Slip the bundle off the cardboard.

7. Secure the Pom-Pom Wrap the wool around the back of the bundle and tie a knot again.

8. Cut the Bundle Slip the blades of the scissors into the loops formed by your knotted bundle and cut all the way around. You should see your pom-pom starting to form. Make sure you don’t cut the string tying the bundle together.

9. Trim and Shape the Pom-Pom Give your pom-pom a bit of a haircut, using the scissors to shape the pom-pom into an egg shape. You can also roll the pom pom gently in your hands to help form the egg shape.

Eggsellent, You’re Done!

Try making a whole bunch of these little pom-pom eggs in assorted pastel colors. They’d make the perfect Easter egg hunting toys, as you can use them again and again! You could also tie them on to a branch for super-sweet Easter tree decorations, or you could hang your pom-pom eggs off a length of yarn and make Easter garland.
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