

Roaming Around Reidsville

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We love it when people choose Reidsville as their new home! But for anyone moving to a new city for whatever reason, oftentimes you don't know exactly what your new home has to offer in terms of amenities or services.

Enter "Reside in Reidsville", a quarterly program for new residents that kicks off this month at Lake Reidsville located at 630 Water Works Road. On Thursday, July 12, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. the newest members of "Team Reidsville" are invited to come out to the lake and learn more about the local community. We will have information on City services as well as representatives from outside agencies like the Reidsville Chamber/Visitors Center, Cone Health/Annie Penn Hospital, Rockingham



Community College and the Rockingham County Schools System, including the International Baccalaureate (IB) program, on hand to give you insights into the city where you now live. You ask the questions! We'll provide the answers and, if we don't know it, we'll find out and get back to you!

We wouldn't ask you out to Lake Reidsville around dinnertime without providing you food! There will be hot dogs with all the fixings and drinks. Various activities will be available free of charge while you're there pedal boats, kayaks, canoes and corcls can be taken out on the lake. The camp's playground will be available along with other activities like corn hole, horseshoes, the lake's walking and biking trails and the disc golf course, Lake's Edge. Bring a fishing pole and enjoy fishing for crappie or bass in the lake or take part in an impromptu game of soccer on the regulation-sized soccer field.

This event is geared for those who have lived in Reidsville a year or less, but you do need to sign up! Call 336-349-1099 or email jyarbrough@reidsvillenc.gov to register.

We are very excited about launching our "Reside in Reidsville" program. Yes, we shamelessly stole the idea from a nearby City in another County (don't worry, they know and are okay with it!). Each quarter, the program will be held at different locations throughout Reidsville. The events will be totally informal, and, hopefully, extremely educational for those who are able to attend. At each site, there will be multiple information stations where people can learn more about the history of Reidsville and Rockingham County as well as ways to volunteer and become a part of the community. Services, including health, education, recreation and more, will be showcased.

While a variety of services and organizations may be highlighted, each quarter there will be a different focus. With the July 12th program being at Lake Reidsville, it is an ideal time to stress recreation and wellness. The City's Parks & Recreation will be front and center ready to answer questions about athletic offerings, our Fitness Center, Teen Center and of course, RCARE (Reidsville Center for Active Retirement Enterprises). We'd love to tell you more about our City's network of parks, including Jaycee Ballpark and even Market Square, a scenic little "park" in beautiful downtown Reidsville. We have also been striving to make ourselves a more walkable community as we continue to expand our walking trails/greenways system throughout the City. We'd love to tell you more about them!

All of these efforts are designed to create "Community Champions" to be a part of "Team Reidsville". We want our new residents to learn more about the Reidsville community while being able to meet other newcomers while you're there.

The July 12th event at Lake Reidsville kicks off the "Reside in Reidsville" program, but it doesn't stop this month. Plans are to have the next quarterly program at the Fall Jubilee in downtown Reidsville, most likely at Market Square on the third Saturday in October, October 20. That program will feature what our downtown has to offer, among other things. Other destinations will be the Penn House in December and the Chamber of Commerce in March of 2019. The Penn House, a beautiful City-owned facility, will be decked out for the holidays. We think focusing on the historical offerings the City can provide will be key to that program. When the Chamber hosts the event next year, we will stress business-related information and volunteer opportunities.

So, if you're new to Reidsville, we hope to see you there!

In other news around the City of Reidsville:

Independence Day Celebration July 3

There is no better place to celebrate the holiday than at Lake Reidsville, 630 Water Works Road, the site of the annual Independence Day Celebration! This year, the party starts at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 3, and continues until the fireworks display starts around 10 p.m. (And yes, while some might think it is a little strange that the celebration is held the day before, we do it because of the cost savings on fireworks **AND** it allows people to go to other events on July 4th!) The headliner band will be "Chairmen of the Board" with the opening act, The Executives, starting at 7 p.m. DJ Tez will be providing tunes from 4-6 p.m. There will be vendors with food and refreshments as well as water slides, bounce houses, a swing ride, climbing wall and more! The \$5 per car entry fee (\$2 per walk in) covers the cost of the rides. If you just want to see the fireworks, try to get into the park before 9 p.m. to ensure entry!

Ice Pop Cool Down & Water Safety Tips July 10.

The Reidsville Police Department is planning an "Ice Pop Cool Down & Water Safety Tips" event at Lake Reidsville on Tuesday, July 10, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. This event is open to all ages! Look for more information on the City's Facebook pages and other social media outlets in coming weeks!

Downtown Cruise-In July 13.

These monthly cruise-ins are sponsored by the EZ Street Cruisers Car Club. Held rain or shine, the cruise-ins feature cars that are from the year 1987 or older. Downtown streets close at 5:30 p.m. for the cruise-ins, which are held from 6-9 p.m. If interested in participating, contact Lou at 508-320-8751 or check out www.ezstreetcruisers.com/

Movies @ Market Square July 14.

It has truly turned into a Christmas Classic but we're having it in July! "Elf" starring Will Ferrell is hilarious and will be the third offering for "Movies @ Market Square" starting at 8 p.m. (around dusk) on Saturday, July 14. Bring your chairs and blankets for this movie shown on the lawn of Market Square in downtown Reidsville. It's free!

Night Catfish Tourney @ Lake Reidsville July 14.

Lake Reidsville, 630 Water Works Road, will host a Night Catfish Tournament on Saturday, July 14. The hours are 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. and the cost is \$10 per person. Call the lake at 336-349-4738 if you have any questions!

Rockingham Family Fishing Clinic July 28.

Want to learn how to rig your line, tie a clinch knot and cast? Then come on out to the free Rockingham Family Fishing Clinic at Lake Reidsville, 630 Water Works Road, on Saturday, July 28. From 9 a.m. until 12 noon, rain or shine, participants will learn everything they need to know to become a true fisherman! Thirty (30) loaner poles will be available, bait will be provided and no license is required! For questions or to RSVP, please contact Lindsey Bijas at lbijas@ptrc.org or call 336-904-0300, ext. 2010. This event is sponsored by the City of Reidsville, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and the Piedmont Triad Regional Council's Stormwater Smart program.

Motown at Music on the Square July 28.

"Music on the Square" in July at Market Square in downtown Reidsville features a fan favorite, *The Legacy Motown Revue*. This band's soulful sound will be hitting the stage from 6:30-8:30 p.m. as part of the "Music on the Square" series, which is held the fourth Saturday of each month through September. Bring a chair! It's going to be good and it's free!

Other Happenings at Market Square.

The Downtown Farmers Market at Market Square continues every Saturday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. or until items run out! Visitors to the market will find a variety of items. SNAP/EBT, Farmers Market WIC, Debit and Credit are accepted. Interested in becoming a vendor? You can call Judy Yarbrough at 336-349-1099 to reserve a space.

Get Your Zumba On!

As usual, "Fitness on the Square" continues from 6-7 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, weather permitting, at Market Square. No rhythm required! And it's free!