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NCDOT updates on roundabout construction projects

BY DAVE VIESER

Many readers have asked about the status of roundabout road projects under construction in town, so Cornelius Today reached out to the N.C. Department of Transportation for a progress report. Here's what we learned:

Dual roundabouts near Exit 28 on Catawba Avenue – 38% complete

Two new roundabouts, one north and one south of Catawba Avenue, will ultimately eliminate several left-turn movements where Catawba and U.S. 21 intersect.

The contractor is focusing on switching traffic on U.S. 21 to a new alignment so the second stage of the project can begin. Crews are also working on water-line relocations.

In addition, crews are completing a detour route using Burton Lane so they can close Holiday Lane and begin grading for the roundabout at the end of Holiday Lane.

The contractor anticipates finishing these phases of the project sometime this fall, with overall completion expected in fall 2026.

Roundabouts at Potts Street and Main Street – 26% complete

The wet summer weather slowed progress on paving the new Potts Street alignment, which must be finished before traffic can be switched to the roundabout.

Construction at Potts Street and Main Street / Cornelius Today photo

Once the roadway has dried long enough to be regraded, the contractor can close portions of Main Street to complete the required work. Waterline relocations are also underway.

DOT says it expects to have traffic switched to the new Potts Street alignment before the end of the year. Completion is anticipated in 2027.

Other projects

The Northcross Drive extension has an estimated completion date of 2027. The final step is the roundabout on Westmoreland Road. The project is 18% complete.

Construction on three planned roundabouts on Torrence Chapel Road — at Knox Road, Shops at Fresh Market and Liverpool Parkway — has not yet begun, though some minor utility work has been completed.

Rendering of roundabouts at Potts Street and Main Street

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NEWSMAKERS BREAKFAST

Cornelius businesses, residents pay tribute to Dave Yochum

BY MARK WASHBURN
With a generational change occurring at Cornelius' hometown chronicle, residents got a chance to salute founder Dave Yochum and hear from the new owner and editor, Jon Show.

On Aug. 14, both men were featured speakers at the Newsmakers Breakfast the newspaper hosts regularly at the Peninsula Club.

Yochum founded the media company 23 years ago.

"April Fool's Day 2002," said Yochum, "to be exact."

Yochum, a 1976 Syracuse University graduate who spent the bulk of his career working for business publications, said he launched Cornelius Today as the newspaper business began shrinking in the early 2000s. But the vitality of Lake Norman helped the papers buck the industry's downward trend.

"We're in a unique community that is growing," he said. "I saw an opportunity here."

As with most start-ups, the early years were touch-and-go, Yochum said. "What mattered most to me," he said, "was making payroll."

A defining moment came when he realized his creation was a success: He had just decided to renew the company's mailbox lease for a year rather than six months.

Gail Williams, a longtime sales and marketing director of Cornelius Today, said Yochum and his wife, Tracy, were owed gratitude for creating the annual Big Day at the Lake event, which has raised about \$2 million for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas in its 21 years.

Yochum said they wanted an event that would open the lake to the public and offer opportunities to children who wouldn't otherwise be able to enjoy it.

Cornelius Mayor Woody Washam said Yochum has been influential in the town's governance. "He's guided many decisions in our town," Washam said, through coverage and the barometric Sound-Off feature, in which readers offer opinions on local issues.

Denis Bilodeau, a former mayor pro tem and candidate for Cornelius mayor,



Jon Show, left, and Dave Yochum were featured speakers at the August Newsmakers Breakfast. Below: Guests include Davidson Mayor Rusty Knox and Cheryl Kane / Photos by Jason Benavides



told the crowd about the time Yochum's car caught on fire while he was interviewing a prominent executive.

Yochum had restored a 1985 Cadillac Eldorado that he drove to the interview and was later informed it was on fire in the parking lot. He finished the interview, walked outside, and called Bilodeau—then his insurance agent.

Dave Wieser, a Cornelius Today contributing writer, noted that Cornelius



is among the few towns with a local paper that will continue to be owned by a resident rather than a larger media corporation.

"This town is continuing to support a local newspaper, and that's rare today," he said. "This is a memorable day."

Show told the crowd that he intends to continue along the path Yochum blazed: a local focus, professional standards, original reporting, and profiles of

area newsmakers.

Content Show said he'd like to add includes high school sports, a fishing column (he's an avid angler), more restaurant coverage, and possibly a local history feature.

One thing that won't change: the monthly print edition of Cornelius Today, which is distributed to more than 34,000 households and businesses in the city.

"I'm a print guy, always been a print guy," Show said, who delivered an afternoon newspaper as a boy. "I've kind of been an old man since I was 10. I love newsprint."

Show also writes the Modern Dad column for Cornelius Today, which he intends to continue.

Yochum said he hopes to continue contributing occasionally, offering stories about local politics or other topics that pique his interest.

"Good luck, Jon," Yochum said at the conclusion of the breakfast. Then he turned to the crowd and added, "And thanks for the support. I've had a blast."



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Development update on Caroline and Greenway Gartens projects

BY DAVE VIESER

Four years ago the Cornelius town board gave a unanimous green light to rezonings for two major mixed-use projects just north of Antiquity – Caroline and Greenway Gartens.

Fast forward to today and residents are asking what happened to these mammoth projects, approval of which was one factor that led to the overhaul of the board the following election.

Neither the town nor the developers have any legal responsibility to keep citizens apprised about approved development projects, so Cornelius Today reached out for a status update.

Only the town responded, several efforts to reach the project developers were unsuccessful.

Caroline

Developer Proffitt Dixon Partners of Charlotte received approval from the town to build 180 active/age restricted



Construction at Greenway Gartens / Cornelius Today photo

multi-family units and 110 unrestricted multi-family units on 16 acres of vacant land north of the Antiquity development. It was to be the first phase of a multi-phase complex.

Mecklenburg County issues building and civil construction permits in Cornelius, and then the town reviews those

permits for zoning compliance and related items.

“None have been submitted to date for this project,” said Town Planning Director Rox Burhans. “The developer continues to coordinate with the town on the overall project and development of associated development plans.”

Greenway Gartens

Developer Northwood Ravin of Charlotte had changed the name of the project from Greenway Gartens to Briar Square.

The project involves the redevelopment of 25.79 acres which comprised the former Curtis Screw site on Zion Avenue, constructing a total of 346 multi-family units with 14 townhomes, along with up to a 14,000 sq. ft. micro-brewery, restaurant/brewpub, and tap room; up to 10,000 sq. ft. indoor events/gathering facility; and up to 10,000 sq. ft. of commercial space.

“The developer Northwood Ravin has demolished the former Curtis Screw Building, received construction permits, and has initiated land development work,” said Burhans. “However, most citizens would not have noticed this work since it’s not in a highly visible location.”

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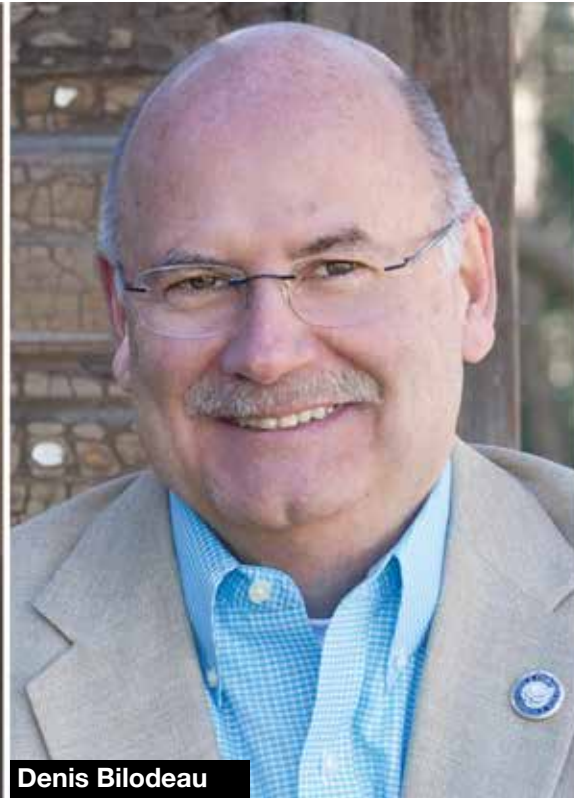
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THE RACE IS ON

Cornelius is expected to have a competitive mayoral race this election cycle with three candidates registering to run



Woody Washam



Denis Bilodeau



Kenny Campbell

What should voters know about you?

Washam– Preserving a high quality of life in our town remains the most important factor in this election. As a native and lifelong resident, I am devoted to ensuring Cornelius remains the town we all love. The incumbent commissioners and I work well together to keep this at the forefront of our minds as we address important town issues. It's awesome that we have this great team, supporting each other in this election, as we move our town forward. Proven leadership and experience supported by existing relationships at every level of government, including our neighboring towns, will allow us to hit the ground running.

Campbell– What sets me apart from the other candidates is that I bring a

fresh energy and perspective to the local government here in Cornelius. I've been in leadership for the last 20 years, and over that time I've helped solve a lot of problems and got a lot of stuff done. At 41, I'm not a career politician - I'm a neighbor and a small business owner who understands the challenges and opportunities Cornelius faces. If elected, I'm excited to tackle our most

pressing issues and helping Cornelius become an even better place to live and raise a family.

Bilodeau– As a 24-year resident of Cornelius, I care deeply about our town. I raised my family here and built a successful business headquartered in the community. I bring proven leadership through years of service with homeowners associations, nonprofits, and our Town Board. Citizens have voiced

concerns about traffic congestion and unchecked growth, which continue to impact our quality of life. I am prepared to bring urgency, accountability, and focus to these challenges. Now recently retired, I have the time, energy, and commitment to serve full-time. As mayor, I will work hard to ensure Cornelius remains a place we're proud of.

What's your philosophy on development and growth in Cornelius?

Bilodeau–The mayor plays a key role in shaping development and growth, often serving as the first point of contact for developers. As mayor, I will collaborate closely with the town board and staff to evaluate proposals early in the process. I will oppose projects that strain traffic and infrastructure, lack meaningful commercial space, fail to include needed road improvements, or offer minimal green space preservation. With many approved projects still incomplete, it's critical that we proceed with caution.

Moving forward, we must be highly selective and prioritize resident feedback to ensure thoughtful, balanced growth that serves the long-term interests of Cornelius.

Campbell– I believe growth and development should benefit our community, and not just developers. Cornelius is full of charm and I want to make sure we don't lose that as we grow. Yes, development is coming whether we like it or not, but we get to decide how it happens. I want to see smart growth that actually improves things: better roads and infrastructure, support for our local businesses, more affordable housing options especially in areas like Smithville, and plenty of green space for families to enjoy. We can grow in a way that makes Cornelius even better.

Washam– Growth should align with the wishes of a clear majority of our

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citizens. I share our citizens' belief in dramatically slowing residential overdevelopment while encouraging smart commercial and industrial growth where there are benefits to the community. No more apartments should be considered. This approach is why our town's population has only grown an average of 0.4% over the last 3 years. Additionally, I will continue working on recruiting popular businesses that our citizens want, like Trader Joe's. I also want employment opportunities available for our citizens, especially in places where people can walk to work.

What could you do as mayor to assure road projects will happen as projected?

Campbell– When it comes to our roads, I think we're all tired of promises that don't get kept and how slow things move. As mayor, I'll make sure you always know what's happening with road projects. I'll put together a clear plan that shows what we're working on over the next few years, update every-one monthly on where things stand, and work directly with NCDOT and our neighboring towns to get projects funded and finished. Bottom line: no more wondering if that road project is actually going to happen. You'll know what's funded, what's being built, and what's coming next.

Bilodeau– Several major NCDOT projects in Cornelius are already planned through the Charlotte Regional Transportation Organization. As mayor, I will work alongside other Lake Norman mayors to advocate for timely completion of critical road projects in North Mecklenburg. I will also urge our town board to reassess our financial capacity to fund town-managed road improvements that can be implemented quickly to ease traffic congestion. Our Transportation Advisory Board has identified over 50 local projects that address key mobility issues. It's time to move forward—action on these recommendations is long overdue and essential to improving daily travel for our residents.

Washam– With 3 major road projects under contract and 3 more going under contract before spring of 2026, I have demonstrated my ability to ensure our road projects are high-priority projects for NCDOT and that they happen as projected. When I became Mayor, Cornelius had 0 approved NCDOT road projects. We now have 13. This is a direct result of hard work by myself, our commissioners and town staff. We can-

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Cornelius-Lemley Fire Station 2 / Jason Benavides photo

not go backwards. This requires proven leadership and relationships otherwise these projects could be in jeopardy. This is why I have daily conversations with other local elected officials, NCDOT, and state legislators.

Does the fire department need to transition to a full department with career firefighters to serve the community?

Washam– Fire Department transition is absolutely a requirement for keeping our community and our citizens safe. The model we enjoyed for many years is out of date and will no longer work to serve our town. Finding the part-time force and volunteers necessary to keep our town and our citizens safe, as we have done in the past, is becoming more difficult every day. Therefore, we must transition to a town fire department with career full-time firefighters. I am strongly in favor of this transition, and look forward to improved training, development and coordination at all levels.

Campbell– Our firefighters do incredible work. Cornelius is growing fast, which means our fire department needs to grow and evolve as well. I think moving towards more full-time firefighters is a great way to honor those that protect us while keeping up with the needs of our community. As mayor, I'll make sure we're prioritizing funding our fire department so our response time remains high. I think in the immediate future a hybrid model of volunteers alongside paid staff makes sense, while continuing to support the department with the training and equipment they need to keep our community safe.

Bilodeau– Yes, transitioning to full-time firefighters is essential to attract and retain top talent. The part-time staffing model is no longer sustainable for meeting the growing demands of

our community. Chief Barbee has done an excellent job managing this shift gradually over the past few years, minimizing sudden budget impacts while actively pursuing grant funding. Fully trained, professional firefighters bring the expertise and reliability needed to uphold our town's high fire protection standards. This proactive approach ensures we maintain strong emergency response capabilities while planning responsibly for the future of public safety in Cornelius.

Two years ago, the voters approved \$20M in Park Bonds. Did you support the bond, do you still, and how would you spend those dollars?

Bilodeau– As a former park commissioner, I've consistently supported enhancing park amenities and remain in favor of the bond. I encourage its use for projects identified in the 2024 Park Master Plan. A top priority should be strategic land purchases for future use, including green space, greenway connections, and multi-use paths. I also recommend allocating funds to improve Smithville Park by removing the chain link fence and upgrading the entrance. A monument and improved design would better represent this important gateway to downtown, creating a more welcoming and attractive community space that reflects our town's long-term vision and values.

Washam– I strongly supported and continue to support the Park Bonds. They were badly needed to expand our green space and greenways that are part of our Emerald Necklace, (a 13.1-mile system which is now 85% complete), and provide park maintenance funding. Our parks are one of our town's crown jewels and is highly utilized by our citizens. They are a point of light for our town, and I am committed to ensuring our parks remain among the best in our

state, and that when building new parks and rec facilities, we listen to our citizens and prioritize their needs.

Campbell– I voted for the \$20 million Park Bond because I think investing in our green spaces benefits all Cornelius residents - and I'm still a supporter. We need safe places where parents can take kids and neighbors can spend time together. The projects I support are a new recreation center, expanding tennis and pickleball courts, a new multi-purpose lighted field, restrooms, a 5k trail, updating our disc golf course, and extending our greenways. I think these are all great ways to invest in the health and well-being of our residents, and includes a wide variety of activities.

Will you be supporting the one cent county sales tax increase and what is your opinion on the transit plan?

Campbell– Yes I support the one cent county sales tax increase - traffic congestion is an issue we're all effected by, and the money from this tax will go directly to our transit needs. In the first year alone, Cornelius is estimated to receive \$5.75 million in new road funding, and that's projected to grow every year. I support expanding bike lanes, widening roads, and increasing the walkability of the town via updating sidewalks and crosswalks. The regional plan includes a proposed rail line that would connect Cornelius, Davidson, Huntersville, and Uptown Charlotte which I support as well.

Bilodeau– For over 20 years, we've paid a half-cent sales tax with limited benefit. Now, a permanent increase to 1.5 cents, combined with high tolls and subsidies for micro transit, feels burdensome. While the PAVE Act offers a major opportunity to secure transportation funding, we must proceed carefully. I'm researching solutions for the rail crossing near Bailey Road schools and the congestion expected at the future downtown train station. These are critical concerns. I urge everyone to thoughtfully weigh the pros and cons before supporting this measure to ensure it truly serves our community without causing undue hardship.

Washam– As a current elected official, I cannot express support for or against the Sales Tax. I have worked on the transit plan for five years and worked hard for this to be placed in the voters' hands. It is their decision to make. My hope is that they will fully educate themselves on the facts prior to voting.

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We do provide a website that can be accessed through Cornelius.org for voters to review all the facts about what is being proposed. I am available to answer questions or provide more details.

What, if anything, do you believe should be done to address affordable housing?

Washam— Affordable housing is a nationwide issue, and Cornelius is no exception. This is why I created the Mayor's Affordable Housing Task Force which led to the formation of the Cornelius Community Development Corporation (now Lake Norman CDC and initially funded by the town). The CDC has supported 83 people, mostly Baby Boomers, through programs like Rental Bridge, Critical Home Repair, and Senior Rental Relief. I've also backed the Smithville Community Coalition with funding, infrastructure and other resources for redevelopment during my tenure as mayor. My commitment to these critical efforts will continue.

Campbell— Affordable housing is important because with less and less

affordable places to live here in Cornelius, we're seeing the people who serve our community like our police officers, fire fighters, nurses, and teachers being forced to find places to live outside of Cornelius. I also support the revitalization of Smithville, including new affordable housing being built to protect against gentrification and displacement. As mayor, I'll work towards solutions that help teachers, first responders, and existing families to continue to live here, while making sure new development matches the charm and character of Cornelius.

Bilodeau— Affordable housing should be addressed as a regional issue across the Lake Norman area. With only 13 square miles, Cornelius cannot tackle this challenge alone. The Lake Norman Community Development Corporation (LKN CDC) is a promising initiative, but it needs broader support from neighboring towns to be truly effective. Currently, it is primarily driven by Cornelius. As mayor, I will collaborate with other Lake Norman mayors to unify our efforts and strengthen regional participation in the LKN CDC. Together, we can develop more impactful and sustainable solutions to meet the housing

needs of our entire region.

What will you do to promote conserving trees and green space amid development?

Bilodeau— Conservation should be an integral part of all development proposals to help preserve the natural character of our community as we grow. I believe developers should be required to incorporate green space, tree preservation, and environmental protection into their plans. In addition, I will strongly advocate for using park bond funds to support land banking—strategically acquiring property now for future parks, greenways, and open space. This forward-thinking approach ensures we preserve valuable land before it's lost to development and keeps our long-term vision focused on a balanced, livable community for generations to come.

Washam— Trees and green space are crucial to a community and a small town like ours. It adds to our beauty and small-town charm. The acquisition of additional green space will be a very important factor for the future. With the massive amount of road projects happening, tree conservation becomes more difficult, and many times is out

Voting day

Tuesday, November 4

Early voting

Cornelius town hall hosts one of the early voting poll sites in Mecklenburg County. Voting begins October 16 and ends November 1.

of our control. However, I pledge to work closely with NCDOT to minimize tree removal and ensure replenishment. The board and I can and should control green space and tree canopy in any development that might occur in the future.

Campbell— As mayor I'll push for stronger tree preservation ordinances, along with requiring developers to include meaningful green space in all new projects. I also support the expansion of our parks and greenway network - Cornelius is a beautiful place to live and I plan on making significant efforts to keep it that way.

High School Sports

FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

Big things expected from Hough Huskies

BY RYAN MOXON

Hough opened the season Aug. 22 with a 14-10 win over South Pointe at Bank of America Stadium in the Keep Pounding High School Classic — a statement start for a team chasing a state title.

Head coach DeShawn Baker (23-4 in three years) leads a Huskies squad loaded with experience as it moves into the 8A classification.

Key players: Junior QB Ethan Royal works behind a veteran line anchored by Jarvis Potts, A'Maree Lawrence-Broome and Shawn Kennedy. WR Tyran Evans (6-3) is the top target, with seniors Kaden Hornesby and Jayden White adding depth. Marvin Read, Kynis Tinnin and Jamarion Morrison share the backfield. On defense, LB Ryan Peterson and CB Samari Matthews headline a unit anchored up front by Chris Hilliard and Sincere Brewster.

Nonconference slate: Road trips to Independence and Highland Springs (Va.) lead into home showdowns with Mooresville and New Bern.

Conference play: The new Greater Charlotte 7A/8A begins Sept. 26. Hough faces West Meck, Garinger, Myers Park, South Meck and Hopewell. Notably missing: Grimsley, which ended Hough's last three playoff runs.

Boys soccer

Fourteen seniors return from a third-round playoff team. Captains Dylan Cox and Piercon Selland lead the attack, while Santiago Giraldo and keeper Nolan Bosche anchor the defense.

Field hockey

Seniors Megan Stamey, Kayla McCarthy and Taila Rockefeller lead a veteran squad with goalie Nia Foster in net.

Cross-country

Girls: Freshmen Reese Sazama, Aleksa Camodeca and Ava Long join juniors Jenna Beyerle, Juliana Mills-Zacapa, Rachel Griffith and Sophia Hoogsteen.

Boys: Veterans Grant Collum, Jack Bennett and Aidan Malloy lead, with freshman Will Shaffer a rising name to watch.

Volleyball

Senior Sterling Schmidt leads a squad ready for a postseason push. Setters



Photo by Carolina Vision Films

Hough Football Schedule

Aug. 22
vs. South Pointe (w)14-10
Aug. 29
at Independence
Sept. 5
at Highland Springs, VA
Sept. 12
vs. Mooresville
Sept. 19
vs. New Bern
Sept. 26
vs. West Mecklenburg
Oct. 10
at Garinger
Oct. 17
at Myers Park
Oct. 24
vs. South Mecklenburg
Oct. 31
vs. Hopewell

Anna Roth and Joi Tinsley run the offense.

Girls tennis

Conference champs return leaders Devin Gilroy, Alara Cankurtaran and Savannah Davis. Depth comes from Lilian Bracksieck, Chloe Ketner, Juliana Mills-Zacapa and a strong supporting cast of Lauren Alexander, Campbell Caty, Tuana Cankurtaran, and Morgan Pensler.



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• **Keeping Taxes Low:** Ensuring financial responsibility while maintaining essential services.

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—Anonymous



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Explore the great outdoors, one step at a time

September is a magical time in the North Carolina mountains.

The leaves aren't as vibrant as they will be in late October, but the crowds are much smaller, and the first signs of fall bring a hint of what's to come.

If you've lived here a while, you probably have a list of favorite spots. If you're new to the area — or new to hiking — here are a few quick day trips where you can take in the views and grab a bite to eat.

Stone's Throw

A little more than an hour to the north, Stone Mountain offers a scenic hike past a massive granite face and a waterfall on Big Sandy Creek.

For a tougher workout, start at the bottom and climb to the top on the loop trail, which circles back to the parking lot.

For an easier option, park at the top and head down. You'll get amazing views early and finish at the waterfall.

About 20 minutes before the park on Route 21, Foothills Grocery & Deli is a must-stop.

For breakfast try the biscuits topped with your choice of meat — the country ham is a favorite.

If it's lunchtime opt for the fried chicken, best enjoyed outside on your tailgate with Texas Pete.

Pro tip: They keep the hot sauce packets behind the counter. You have to ask.

App State

Roughly an hour and 45 minutes northwest, off the Blue Ridge Parkway, Rough Ridge offers a moderate hike with sweeping views of the Wilson Creek watershed and the southern tip of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

It's popular on Instagram for its rocky outcropping two-thirds of the way up, so arrive early. The trail can be muddy after rain storms off Grandfather Mountain so leave the nice shoes at home.

If the parking lot is full, try nearby Beacon Heights, a short quarter-mile hike with similar views. On hot days, cool off in Boone Fork before heading back to town.

Back in downtown Blowing Rock we're partial to The Speckled Trout and their signature trout dish prepared several ways. Our favorite sides include gouda grits, hoppin' john and collards.

If pizza sounds good head to Antlers Bar, the oldest continuously serving bar in North Carolina.

Pro tip: Parking can be tight. Look for spots near the public pool or behind the town museum.

Bakers Dozen

Closer to home, Bakers Mountain Park near Hickory offers a 2.7-mile loop trail with rolling terrain.

For more of a challenge, head left from the back of the parking lot. The route features several climbs, including a steep one to the overlook, which has a gazebo and picnic tables. The return trip is a quick, easy downhill.

For an easier option, start right from the parking lot to reach the views faster.

Dining nearby is limited, but Local Roots & Provisions in downtown Lincolnton is worth the detour. The deviled eggs and pimento cheese are standouts.

If gas station food is more your speed (like us), stop at the mini mart across from East Lincoln Middle School on Route 73. You can't miss the yellow sign that reads “Best Hotdog in Town.”

Pro tip: Order it “all the way” — chili, slaw and onions. Trust us and not your eyes on this one.

Board approves Cashmere project

The Cornelius Town Board has approved the Cashmere development on Jetton Road Extension. The 4-1 vote at last night's meeting clears the way for a 14-unit, six-story condominium and 2,500 square foot commercial space at the northwest corner of Jetton Road Extension and Bethel Church Road.

The Zaika Group of Cornelius, made up of Adam and Iryna Jones, purchased the site in 2017 for \$145,000 and sought approval for the project.

“Our vision for this project aligns with the Town of Cornelius' planning objectives by creating a pedestrian riendly, architecturally refined, and economically vibrant development that enhances the surrounding area,” said Adam Jones.

The property is currently vacant except for a seldom-used parking lot.

“I'm very excited about this project,” said Commissioner Susan Johnson, who voted in favor. “I work nearby and travel that road often. Anything would be better than what it is currently.”

The rezoned site is near another mixed-use development, the Cornelius



Cashmere rendering

Mixed-Use Building, which received rezoning approval in 2022 after its proposed height was reduced from six to four stories. No construction has begun on that project.

The town's Planning Board had recommended against the six-story height, saying it conflicted with the land-use plan adopted in 2023. The board rec-

ommended capping the height at three stories.

The lone “no” vote came from Commissioner Michael Osborne, who led development of the new land-use plan.

“This town needs a strategy for growth that follows our land-use plan,” he said. “In recommending denial, the Planning Board got it right.”

This marks the second time this year the town board has gone against a Planning Board recommendation. In June, the board rejected a zoning change that would have permitted a business park on Bailey Road—despite the Planning Board's support.

No swim advisories issued during August

A No Swim Advisory was issued August 23 and lifted August 26 after an estimated 120 gallons of sewage spilled into Lake Norman from 18603 Harbor-side Drive in Cornelius.

The sewage spill was in the small cove due east of Lake House Wine Bar & Grill.

Earlier in the month, Ramsey Creek Beach was closed for a weekend when routine water testing revealed elevated bacteria levels attributed to heavy rainfall.

Mecklenburg County, which operates Ramsey Creek Park, regularly tests the water for two broad groups of bacteria known to cause illness in humans: fecal coliform and E. coli.

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NASCAR titan passes away

H.A. “Humpy” Wheeler — known affectionately as the P.T. Barnum of racing — died at age 86.

Wheeler was a familiar name to longtime North Carolina residents and motorsports fans alike. As president of Charlotte Motor Speedway for more than three decades, he joined track owner Bruton Smith in turning the facility into a hub of racing spectacle that helped fuel NASCAR’s surge in popularity in the 1970s and ’80s.

His flair for promotion became legend. At the World 600 (now Coca-Cola 600), Wheeler dreamed up pre-race stunts that featured everything from school bus jumps to Robosaurus, the fire-breathing robot that devoured cars. A strong supporter of the military and veterans, he once staged a full-scale pre-

race reenactment of the U.S. invasion of Grenada.

Beyond the track, Wheeler’s legacy reached Hollywood. Pixar tapped him to voice Tex Dinoco in the movie Cars — fittingly portrayed as a 1975 Cadillac Coupe de Ville, the ultimate symbol of the American dream on wheels in the 1970s.

CMS outlines new cell phone policy for students

With school underway, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools is reminding families about a new state law that restricts the use of personal technology devices during the school day.

House Bill 959 and General Statute 115C, which take effect this school year, prohibit the use of cell phones during classroom instruction, except in emergencies. While CMS has instituted similar policies in recent years, past enforcement has varied significantly from school to school.

In a recent message to parents, CMS outlined its updated cell phone policy in accordance with the new legislation.

The school stated that personal electronic devices—including cell phones, headphones, AirPods, earbuds, Apple Watches and other smart devices—are “not allowed to be seen or heard except during approved times.”

Approved times for device use include before and after school, during lunch, and between classes. Devices used outside of approved times will be confiscated and returned only to a parent or guardian.

Schools are also required to implement a curriculum that educates students about the potential dangers of social media and the overuse of technology.

Cornelius board approves museum zoning, other items

Cornelius commissioners unanimously approved a zoning change needed to permit construction of the Cornelius History Museum. The vote rezones the one-third-acre site on the west side of School Street, one block south of Catawba Avenue, from residential to civic use.

The Cornelius History Museum project stems from a History Museum Task Force established by Mayor Woody Washam.

“The task force wanted to display the artifacts and information that made our town what it is today,” Washam said, “while saving a very historic building at the former site of the old Cornelius High School that was planned for demolition. This is a wonderful complement to the current historic restoration projects underway by the Cain Center on Catawba Avenue.”

The structure on the museum site, known as the Cornelius Agricultural School, was originally built in 1937 as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal initiative and was used to teach modern farming practices.

More information about the museum project can be found at www.corneliushistorymuseum.org.

In other action:

- Commissioners approved a memorandum of understanding regarding the sales tax increase on November’s ballot. If voters approve the increase, the memorandum will outline procedures for filling seats on the Mecklenburg Public Transportation Authority Board of Trustees, as required by the PAVE (Projects for Advancing Vehicle-Infrastructure Enhancements) Act.

- Voters approved the \$20 million park bond referendum last year, but the town won’t pursue the sale of bonds until 2027 due to budgeting projections. The board approved the use of town funds toward “soft costs” such as environmental assessments, surveying, planning and design work. This should allow the bond projects to begin much faster once the bonds are sold. The town will essentially repay itself with money from the bond sale.

- The Cornelius Town Board unanimously approved conditional rezoning for a 1/3 acre vacant lot at 21726 Aftonshire Drive just a quarter mile southwest of the police station.

The applicant, Fund 26-Dogwood, LLC, plans to subdivide the land into three buildable lots for single-family homes and associated accessory dwellings. The Planning Board had previously recommended approval of this project on July 8th.

- Danny Watson and Bob Bruton were selected to join the town’s Transportation Advisory Board. The TAB has eight advisory board members that serve for a term of three years.

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County seeking residents to serve on new Lake Norman Marine Commission

The Mecklenburg County Clerk’s Office is seeking applicants to fill vacancies on the reconstituted Lake Norman Marine Commission.

The commission oversees Lake Norman and its shoreline in matters related to public recreation, water quality and safety.

Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln and Mecklenburg counties will each appoint two members to the new commission. Initially, one commissioner will serve a four-year term and the other a five-year term. After that, all terms will be five years.

Each appointee must be a full-time Mecklenburg County resident for at least nine months each year and meet certain ethical requirements and conflict-of-interest standards.

After 65 years of promoting safe boating and public recreation on Lake Norman, the previous iteration of the Lake Norman Marine Commission came to an end in May when Lincoln County commissioners voted to exit. Legislation required the Marine Commission to be dissolved if one county leaves.

The new commission will meet at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at the Charles Mack Center in Mooresville.

To apply, visit BOCC.MeckNC.gov/ Clerk or contact the County Clerk’s Office at 980-314-2939 or Clerk@MeckNC.gov.

New medical emergency call system coming to Cornelius?

Is a new medical call response system in the works for Cornelius and northern Mecklenburg County? At a meeting in August, the Cornelius Town Board approved a memorandum of understanding to help determine the most efficient future arrangement for medical calls in the town.

The Cornelius Fire Department provides first-responder and emergency medical services through an agreement with Medic, Mecklenburg County’s designated countywide EMS provider.

Town Manager Andrew Grant did not pull any punches about problems with the current setup.

“Due to concerns regarding Medic’s response times to patients, the amount of time the fire department is tied up on nonemergency calls that prevent or slow responses to fire and rescue calls, and the level of funding received from Medic for the first-responder services provided, our town and volunteer fire department have been working with the other municipalities and fire departments in Mecklenburg County to achieve improvement in these areas,” Grant said.

Grant said Cornelius and other municipalities requested that Mecklenburg County conduct a comprehensive third-party EMS study to recommend ways to improve the countywide system, which the county has agreed to do with a third-party consultant.

The memorandum of understanding will extend the Medic study to June 2026, allowing time for recommendations to be considered for the fiscal year 2027 Mecklenburg County budget.

“The town will evaluate the progress being made at each juncture,” Grant said, “and we will report back to the commissioners.”

In the interim, the current agreement with Medic will remain in effect.

NCDOT resurfaces

Washam Potts Road

One of the busier crosstown arteries in Cornelius, Washam Potts Road, will be resurfaced by the state Department of Transportation.

According to town Public Works Director Tyler Beardsley, the work will be done primarily at night to minimize delays for motorists. Exact dates and times of the closures were not available.

When presented with the information at the Aug. 4 town board meeting, Mayor Woody Washam asked if the DOT planned to address the sharp curves on Washam Potts, especially the stretch a short distance west of the South Main Street intersection.

“We actually asked the DOT about that,” Beardsley said, “and they did not indicate it would be addressed.”

In the meantime, motorists may want to consider alternate routes, especially for nighttime travel. Beardsley also noted that inclement weather could delay the resurfacing schedule.



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7/23/25, \$361,000, 19737 Playwrights Way, 2BR/3BA, Antiquity, 1,574 sq ft, Built 2014

7/24/25, \$520,000, 20444 Greenway Heights Dr, 3BR/2.5BA, Madison Village, 1,978 sq ft, Built 1999

7/24/25, \$1,075,000, 19507 Dufour Ct, 5BR/3BA, Captains Point, 3,092 sq ft, Built 1996

7/24/25, \$885,000, 20313 Queensdale Dr, 4BR/3BA, Jetton Cove, 3,387 sq ft, Built 2000



\$1,190,000 | 19205 Hidden Cove Lane, Cornelius

7/25/25, \$1,675,000, 20635 Queensdale Dr, 5BR/4.5BA, Wrights Emerald Cove, 4,503 sq ft, Built 2006

7/25/25, \$1,350,000, 21305 Sandy Cove Rd, 5BR/3BA, Rockridge Shores, 4,274 sq ft, Built 2007

7/25/25, \$410,500, 18838 Oakhurst Blvd, 3BR/2.5BA, Oakhurst, 1,661 sq ft, Built 2000

7/28/25, \$565,000, 17219 Grand Central Way, 4BR/2.5BA, Caldwell Station, 2,503 sq ft, Built 2002

7/29/25, \$590,000, 17732 Kings Point Dr, 3BR/2.5BA, Lakeridge, 1,883 sq ft, Built 1997

7/29/25, \$525,000, 10132 Caldwell Depot Rd, 5BR/4.5BA, Caldwell Station, 3,042 sq ft, Built 2005

7/29/25, \$650,000, 9412 Rosalyn Glen Rd, 4BR/2.5BA, Westmoreland, 3,002 sq ft, Built 2005

7/29/25, \$285,000, 18741 Nautical Dr #205, 2BR/2BA, Admirals Quarters, 956 sq ft, Built 1987



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7/29/25, \$387,500, 19054 Long Pond Ln, 4BR/2.5BA, Heritage Green, 1,635 sq ft, Built 2002

7/30/25, \$935,000, 20312 Deep Cove Ct, 4BR/3.5BA, Deep Cove, 2,835 sq ft, Built 1995

7/31/25, \$518,000, 19010 Oakhurst Blvd, 4BR/2.5BA, Glenridge, 2,589 sq ft, Built 2005

7/31/25, \$1,300,000, 19900 Stough Farm Rd, 5BR/3.5BA, Patricks Purchase, 4,285 sq ft, Built 1995

7/31/25, \$750,000, 21218 Baltic Dr, 4BR/2BA, Captains Point, 1,926 sq ft, Built 1997

7/31/25, \$716,250, 19509 Trintella Ln, 4BR/2.5BA, Captains Point, 2,196 sq ft, Built 1996

7/31/25, \$875,000, 21621 Crown Lake Dr, 4BR/3.5BA, Crown Harbor, 2,886 sq ft, Built 1996

7/31/25, \$590,000, 19113 Southport Dr, 4BR/3.5BA, Jetton Cove, 3,456 sq ft, Built 1997

7/31/25, \$445,000, 18845 Cloverstone Cir, 3BR/2.5BA, Edinburgh Square, 1,921 sq ft, Built 1999

8/4/25, \$415,000, 19601 Denae Lynn Dr, 3BR/2.5BA, Heritage Green, 1,843 sq ft, Built 2006



\$1,919,800 | 825 Hudson Place, Davidson

8/5/25, \$468,500, 17916 Ragtop Day Ln, 3BR/2.5BA, Harborside, 1,981 sq ft, Built 2012

8/6/25, \$1,010,000, 12912 Bailey Rd, 3BR/2BA, Baileys Glen, 2,522 sq ft, Built 2022

8/6/25, \$3,800,000, 20310 Havenview Dr, 5BR/6.5BA, Cornelius, 6,344 sq ft, Built 2025

8/7/25, \$315,000, 9157 Washam Potts Rd, 3BR/2.5BA, Oakhurst, 1,490 sq ft, Built 2003

8/11/25, \$475,000, 18846 Cloverstone Cir, 3BR/2.5BA, Edinburgh Square, 1,925 sq ft, Built 2001

8/12/25, \$1,305,000, 18116 John Robbins Ln, 5BR/4BA, Robbins Park, 3,843 sq ft, Built 2014

8/12/25, \$490,000, 9227 Island Overlook Ct, 3BR/2.5BA, Westmoreland, 1,806 sq ft, Built 2004

8/13/25, \$305,000, 9716 Psalms St, 3BR/2BA, Cornelius, 1,089 sq ft, Built 2006

8/14/25, \$650,000, 20417 Harborage Ct #510, 3BR/2BA, Harborage, 1,351 sq ft, Built 1985

8/15/25, \$1,190,000, 19205 Hidden Cove Ln, 3BR/2.5BA, The Peninsula, 2,602 sq ft, Built 1992

8/15/25, \$755,000, 2007 Bishops Ct, 3BR/2.5BA, Antiquity, 2,556 sq ft, Built 2013

8/18/25, \$349,000, 17406 Tuscany Ln, 3BR/2.5BA, Vineyard Point, 1,368 sq ft, Built 1995



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4293433 This stately townhouse in Redwood Rookery features an open-concept layout with a gourmet kitchen and main-level flex room. Upstairs, the primary suite includes a tiled ensuite and walk-in closet, with two additional bedrooms and laundry. Just minutes from Charlotte Douglas Airport and Uptown. **\$405,000**



4289104 Impeccably maintained, this 4-bedroom, 2.5-bath custom home in Killian Crossing is an entertainer's dream! Relax on the screened porch, gather around the stone fireplace, or enjoy the beautifully landscaped 0.57-acre lot. There's plenty of space for everyone! **\$675,000**



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8/18/25, \$419,000, 19539 Denae Lynn Dr, 3BR/2BA, Heritage Green, 1,675 sq ft, Built 2006

8/19/25, \$410,000, 8245 Viewpoint Ln, 3BR/2.5BA, Harborside Townhomes, 2,095 sq ft, Built 2012

8/19/25, \$285,000, 20016 Walter Henderson Rd, 2BR/1BA, Hidden Hills, 775 sq ft, Built 1964

8/19/25, \$405,000, 18723 Vineyard Point Ln, 2BR/2BA, Arbors, 978 sq ft, Built 1990

8/19/25, \$370,000, 19416 Fridley Ln, 3BR/2BA, Heritage Green, 1,279 sq ft, Built 2006



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8/19/25, \$595,000, 18631 Vineyard Point Ln, 3BR/2BA, The Moorings, 1,382 sq ft, Built 1990

8/20/25, \$485,000, 17916 Caldwell Track Dr, 4BR/2.5BA, Caldwell Station, 2,161 sq ft, Built 2007

8/21/25, \$387,000, 8230 Viewpoint Ln, 3BR/2.5BA, Harborside Townhomes, 1,989 sq ft, Built 2011

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7/25/25, \$810,000, 1970 Topaz Plz, 5BR/4.5BA, Waterford on the Rocky River, 3,683 sq ft, Built 2017

7/25/25, \$210,000, 353 Jetton St, 3BR/2.5BA, Parkside Commons, 1,849 sq ft, Built 2025

7/28/25, \$1,919,800, 825 Hudson Pl, 5BR/5BA, Davidson Wood, 5,489 sq ft, Built 2007

7/28/25, \$610,000, 13359 Caite Ridge Rd, 4BR/3.5BA, Westbranch, 2,811 sq ft, Built 2019

7/28/25, \$2,120,000, 13420 Robert Walker Dr, 5BR/5BA, River Run, 5,533 sq ft, Built 2004

7/30/25, \$558,000, 9937 Travertine Trl, 5BR/4BA, Waterford on the Rocky River, 3,113 sq ft, Built 2017

7/31/25, \$1,340,000, 18618 Rollingdale Ln, 5BR/4BA, River Run, 4,091 sq ft, Built 2004

7/31/25, \$535,000, 921 Northeast Dr, 3BR/2BA, Spinnaker Reach, 1,399 sq ft, Built 1999

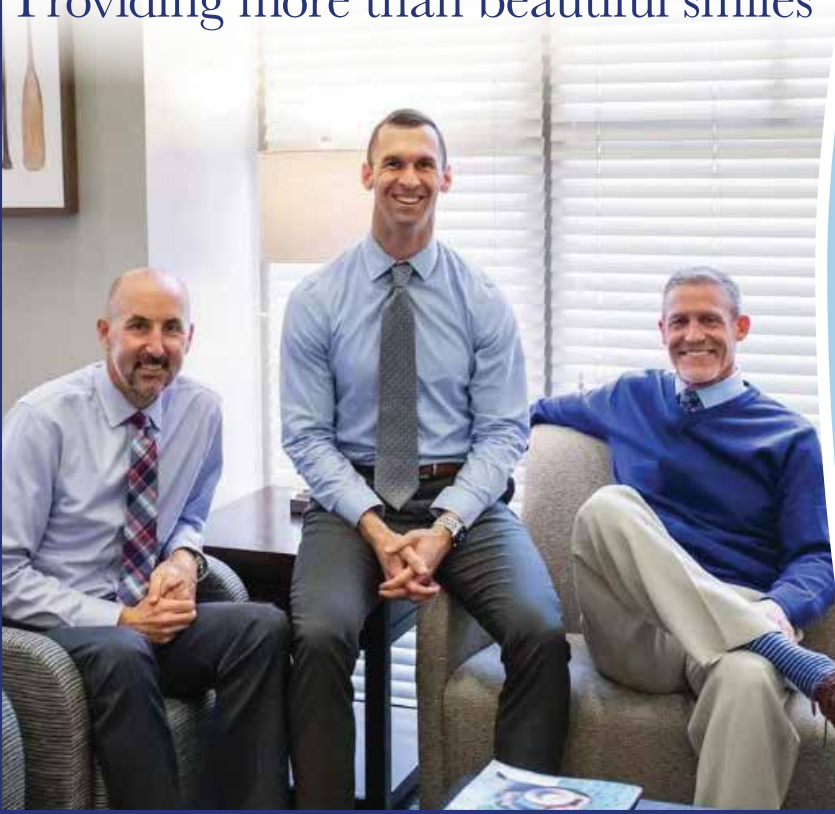
8/1/25, \$906,004, 11342 James Coy Rd, 5BR/4.5BA, Mayes Hall, 3,662 sq ft, Built 2025

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September Events

Things to do

Here are some of the best bets around Lake Norman.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 5

Rock the Park

6:30 pm | Buffett & Beyond will close out the season with a perfect end-of-summer celebration. Local food vendors will be on-site. Liberty Park in Mooresville.

First Fridays

5-7 pm | A gallery crawl type of event showcasing artworks from local artists, music and shopping; most businesses will stay open. Main Street and South Main Street, Davidson.

Brian Kelley - Sunshine State of Mind

8 pm | From Florida Georgia Line. \$30 advance; \$40 at door; \$154 VIP package. BoatYard Lake Norman.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 7

Pergolesi's "Stabat Mater" & Songs by Henry Purcell

3 pm | Davidson-based soprano Sarah Lynch and British countertenor Charles Humphries join the North Carolina Baroque Orchestra Chamber Players. Davidson College Presbyterian Church (Sanctuary).

THURSDAY, SEPT. 11

Remembering 9/11

7:45am | Cornelius-Lemley Fire Rescue hosts a ceremony at Fire Station 1 to remember those who lost their lives in the September 11 terrorist attacks.

Safety Saturday at Birkdale Village

10am - noon | Day of safety fun for the entire family while interacting with local first responders with live DJ and safety vehicles. Birkdale Village plaza.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 12

Ramble Ramble: The Creedence Clearwater Revival

7:30 pm | Composed of a group of talented musicians who share a deep passion



Sept. 27 | 'Tawba Walk Arts & Music Festival

2-8 pm | Live music on two stages, local artists and crafters, craft beer and food trucks, kids zone, petting zoo. Oak Street Mill, Town Hall and Catawba Avenue in downtown Cornelius.

for the music of CCR, Ramble Tumble has become renowned for their ability to recreate the magic and energy of the iconic rock band. Pricing from \$41.83 to \$63.43. Cain Center for the Arts.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 13

Cornelius Festival of Cultures

3-6 pm | An opportunity for people to experience the many cultures that make up Cornelius and the surrounding area. Food, drink, and beer/wine vendors, handmade items from various arts and craft vendors, live performances from local groups, kids' crafts and more. Catawba Avenue by Town Hall, downtown Cornelius.

Mark Clearview

7:30 pm | Mark Clearview is a world-renowned magician, comedian, and world record holder. \$30.63 to \$52.73. Cain Center for the Arts.

The Wheeland Brothers

7 pm | With opener Mystic Vibrations. \$15 advance; \$20 at door. BoatYard Lake Norman.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 17

BBQ & Bingo

11 am - 1 pm | Barbecue lunch and play to win one of five awesome prizes during bingo. Registration required. \$10 for residents; \$15 others. Cornelius Town Hall.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 18

Backyard Barbecue with Jazz & Bourbon Tasting

5:30-7:30 pm | \$75 for a BBQ & Jazz ticket; \$100 for a BBQ, Jazz & Bourbon tasting experience ticket. Cain Center for the Arts.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 19

Dirty Dozen Brass Band

7:30 pm | Grammy Award-winning Dirty Dozen Brass Band. Pricing from \$47.35 to \$68.45. Cain Center for the Arts.

Julio & The Saltines

8 pm - midnight | South Carolina's ultimate party band. \$10 advance; \$15 at the door. BoatYard Lake Norman.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

Jazz Legacy Project presents John Coltrane: The Beauty of Struggle

7:30 pm | Explore how John Coltrane's music directly shaped R&B, Soul, and eventually Hip-Hop. \$36.30 to \$47.35. Cain Center for the Arts.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 21

Music at St. Alban's

3 pm | Features the Ciompi Quartet of Duke University for their season opener. Members of the North Carolina Youth Orchestra will perform at 2:20pm. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for seniors.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 26

River Rock at Alexander Farms Fall Festival

4-6pm | Inaugural event with fall decor, bluegrass band, food carts, drink carts and vendors, as well as fun fall games and a pie making contest. River Rock at Alexander Farms, Cornelius.

Hells Bells

8 pm - midnight | AC/DC tribute. \$10 advance; \$15 at the door. BoatYard Lake Norman.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 27

Bailey's Glen Artisan Market

10am-2pm | Potters, woodworkers, photographers and crafters of all types present their work. Bailey's Glen Clubhouse.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 28

Louis Sloan House Tour

4-6pm | Davidson Historical Society and Rachel Workman lead a tour of the historic Louise Sloan House, a Queen Anne style cottage built around 1900. 230 South Main Street in downtown Davidson.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 30

A Night For Paws 2025

6-10 pm | Dinner, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment, raffles and the opportunity to support the lifesaving work of Lake Norman Humane. \$150; tickets required. Lake Norman Humane.



SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Ramble Tumble: The Creedence Clearwater Revival Experience

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The highly acclaimed tribute band has become renowned for their ability to recreate the magic and energy of the iconic rock band.



Mark Clearview Magician & Comedian

SEPT. 13 | 7:30 pm

Mark Clearview is a world-renowned magician, comedian, and world record holder. He performs internationally as well as being a frequent headliner in New York City.



The Dirty Dozen Brass Band

SEPT. 19 | 7:30 pm

The GRAMMY Award-winning New Orleans-based band has taken traditional brass band music and incorporated it into a blend of genres, including bebop jazz, funk and R&B/soul.



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Business Briefs

Kitchen coming to
Lost Worlds Brewing

Fans of Lost Worlds Brewing no longer must depend on food trucks or pizza delivery to satisfy their hunger while frequenting the brew house located in the Planet Fitness shopping center at One Norman Blvd. and West Catawba Ave.

“Since its early days in business, Lost Worlds utilized food trucks to provide a variety of quality food options for its guests,” reads an announcement on LostWorldsBeer.com. “However, something was missing. Lost Worlds wanted the ability to deliver high quality food options, pair food with beer, host beer dinners, and offer catering options.”

The brand new menu from chef Seth Nash features gastropub items with outdoorsy-themed names.

Menu items include the Wilderness Bites fried mushrooms, Trailboss nachos, Pimento Peak cheeseburger and Blue Wedge Parkway salad. The kids menu features the Explorer Pup hot dog and Trail Toast grilled cheese sandwich. The brewer says all items on the menu can be made gluten free.

The new menu is prepared in a mobile kitchen behind the restaurant that will open from Tuesday to Friday from 4-9pm and on Saturday from noon-9pm, with plans to extend hours in the future. Food trucks will still be available when the kitchen is not open.

Online ordering and catering are also available.

Allen Tate rebrands as
Howard Hanna Allen
Tate Real Estate

A rebranding and name change aligns Allen Tate with its parent company Howard Hanna Real Estate, the



Trailboss nachos from Lost Worlds Kitchen / Lost Worlds Photo

largest independent family-owned real estate company in the country. The new name: Howard Hanna Allen Tate Real Estate.

“When we joined forces six years ago, we were confident that we were aligning the same long-standing values and culture: family ownership, local expertise, commitment to local communities, and a relentless focus on the customer. We will now proudly move forward as one unified brand,” said Pat Riley, chairman, Howard Hanna Allen Tate Real Estate.

Yard signs will reflect the new brand as well, with an emerald green and harvest gold color palate and the Howard Hanna Allen Tate Real Estate logo.

“The Carolinas have always been a cornerstone of our long-term vision. For six years, we’ve been building something extraordinary together,” said Howard “Hoby” Hanna IV, CEO, Howard Hanna Real Estate Services. “With this brand evolution, we’re uniting two iconic brands under one name and one mission: to provide the best real estate experience while continuing to grow with intention and invest in our communities.”

Lake Norman Chamber
Business Expo returns
this fall

The Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce will host its annual Business Expo on Tuesday, Oct. 14, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Huntersville Recreation Center.

Recognized as the largest business networking event in the region, the expo will spotlight more than 120 local businesses and organizations, including retailers, service providers, healthcare companies, and nonprofits. The event offers a unique opportunity to explore the area’s commercial landscape.

Roughly 2,000 attendees are expected to visit throughout the day to connect with exhibitors and learn about the products and services offered in the Lake Norman area.

Admission is free and open to the public. For event details or exhibitor information, contact the chamber office at 704-892-1922.

The Business Expo is located at 11836 Verhoeff Drive in Huntersville, near the Huntersville Family Fitness & Aquatics Center.

New Corporations

These businesses registered with the
North Carolina Secretary of State

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7/16/25 16GrandView LLC, Christopher Kare Plattner, 20148 Walter Henderson Rd., Cornelius

7/16/25 Fit Class Cover LLC, Michelle Accetta, 20708 Island Forest Dr., Cornelius

7/17/25 Dryad Properties LLC, Brian Elliott, 19034 Southport Dr., Cornelius

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7/18/25 LE Custom Homes LLC, Luis A. Saldivia, 18508 Torrence Chapel Estates Cir., Cornelius

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Sound Off

Online headline Aug. 11

Ramsey Creek beach
closed due to bacteria

Sure would like to see the report published. Would like to know (specifically) the type of bacteria determined to be present in the water.

—Capt. Andy

Online headline Aug. 8

Kitchen coming to Lost
Worlds Brewing

We look forward to serving each and every one. I am blessed to have partnered with such a great brewery.

—Chef Seth Nash

Online headline Aug. 5

Board approves
Cashmere project

The Board responded to a compelling business argument and majority community support for the approval of this project. Hopefully, Cashmere will be the catalyst to develop an attractive and vibrant Cornelius Village Center down the Jetton Road corridor with businesses, shops and restaurants where there are currently only abandoned paved lots. This was the right decision. Thank you Cornelius Town Commissioners.

—David Judge

From Catawba Rd, Bethel Church Road is a narrow road with those stupid bump outs that prevent a right turn lane at the intersection with Jetton extended; and traffic from Jetton can hardly maneuver a left turn onto Bethel. Do the members of the board actually drive Catawba Ave, or any of the roads here in Cornelius?

—Nancy Brand

The genie is now out of the bottle. Why not eight stories next time? Weak leadership.

—Scott Jeffords

More traffic. Fantastic!!! Said no one ever.

—David Henderson

This is absolutely the right decision by the Planning Board — and one that shows courage, vision, and leadership. It’s refreshing to see our elected officials willing to look beyond fear-based opposition and recognize what the Town’s

—Hesham Sharaway



Ramsey Creek Beach closed because of bacteria

Land Use Plan actually allows: flexibility through variance when a project brings clear value to the community.

This development will enhance the visual character of the area, revitalize a property that’s sat in blight for far too long, and expand homeownership opportunities in a market that desperately needs alternatives. Not to mention, it will grow our tax base and support local economic vitality.

The idea that 14 homes — even if every owner has two cars — will “overwhelm” traffic is not grounded in fact. We already manage far greater volumes for events, school runs, and daily life. To say this project will disrupt traffic is simply not credible.

And let’s be honest — accusations of corruption or “kickbacks” are not only baseless and reckless, but they insult the integrity of the public servants who are trying to do what’s best for all residents — not just the loudest voices in the room.

Our town is growing, and we need smart, responsible development like this — not fear-mongering and obstructionism. Well done to the Board for seeing the bigger picture.

Online headline July 30

Meck County sales tax
referendum

Educate, ha!! More like indoctrinate. You know what you won’t hear from CATS at these meetings? Any ridership or costs estimates. When are the proponents of this even higher tax going to come clean about the immediate need for bonds to be issued to pay for any of these projects? There is no federal funding coming.

—Eric Rowell

Online headline July 29

Owners end Fruitful
Roots development;
land under contract

I wonder how many government regulations/approvals by the County (and less so the Town) played a role in the demise of this investment in Cornelius. This is not the first entertainment venue to die before opening. Getting zoning approval is just the first of many, many, other required approvals; they all add to the total development funding required.

This is true of housing prices as well. Regulations are a larger percentage of the final price than most people would think.

—Mike Miltich
(former town commissioner)

Online headline Aug. 22

NASCAR titan Humpy
Wheeler passes away

Race fans will surely miss this legend!

—Julie Wozniak

Online headline Aug. 14

EarthTalk: Improving
walkability around town

A great goal for all of Cornelius! Action planning is needed to enhance new growth to ensure the quality of life in targeted neglected or congested areas!

—Scott Higgins (town commissioner)

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Online headline July 28
Town seeking
feedback on downtown
master plan

With the amount of e-bikes, it would be great to have more bike lanes (like marked in green so it's recognizable). It's so dangerous with these kids riding the full throttle ones among regular traffic

or on the sidewalks. Ideally they will change the laws where kids at least need to know basic traffic rules but even with that, it's better e-bikes stay in bike lanes vs regular traffic.

—Kay Fisher

From Facebook:
Submit questions for
candidate Q&A

Editor note: we incorporated many of your Facebook comments into our

election Q&A. Here are a few that didn't make the cut that candidates might want to know about.

Is there anything that can be done to areas like vacant lots along Catawba and in our town that require them to keep them mowed and maintained

—Julia Baker

Stop the building and fix the heavy traffic that has continued but ignored. This is the town of Cornelius, NOT the city of Cornelius

—Sandy Phillips

What safety protections will be in place at the Griffins' docks-right next to the busiest boat ramp-when the owners themselves are the ones seeking to increase activity there?

—Beverly Miller (regarding the proposed event venue near Ramsey Creek)

What are their thoughts on corporate investors / investors in general buying

—Kim Sherrill

up property to rent out which keeps prices high and harder for individuals to buy homes to live in. Any ideas on how to help that situation.

—Linda Watts

Thoughts on the light rail and 1% sales tax increase. With traffic already an issue, how will the light rail help with local traffic. Seems it would increase traffic along Old Statesville creating more backups at Bailey & Catawba

—Carol Bernstein

Living the teenage life

BY JON SHOW

After a long stretch of fighting an uphill battle against the teenage years, and hoping my little buddies would bend to my will, I've given up.

When our kids were younger, I remember older parents talking about the harrowing teenage years and my thoughts were always, "Oh, not me. I do stuff with my kids all the time. You must have ignored your kids."

As I sit here a decade later, I know now I was wrong. Dead wrong.

Maybe you have little ones and you think as I once thought? You're wrong, too, and here's why.

One, you don't have a teenager yet. You have no frame of reference.

And/or two, you have a neighbor with an older kid who cleans his or her room and converses like an adult. Has a job. Colleges picked out by sixteen. A car with no small, unexplained dents.

Well, you don't know it yet but that kid is an anomaly. A four-leaf clover. A full solar eclipse. A Powerball jackpot.

How will you know when you've officially entered the teenage vortex? It's not easy and it doesn't necessarily happen at 13. Some get there early and some arrive late.

My extensive research has found that an early indicator is a disappearance of spoons.

One day you wake up and you'll be missing the majority of your spoons.

I found one last month in the mulch in the backyard. I didn't even ask anyone why it was there—I was just happy to have four spoons again, down from the eight we had just a short time ago.

Chip off the block

While I used to yell and grumble, I've stopped inquiring altogether.

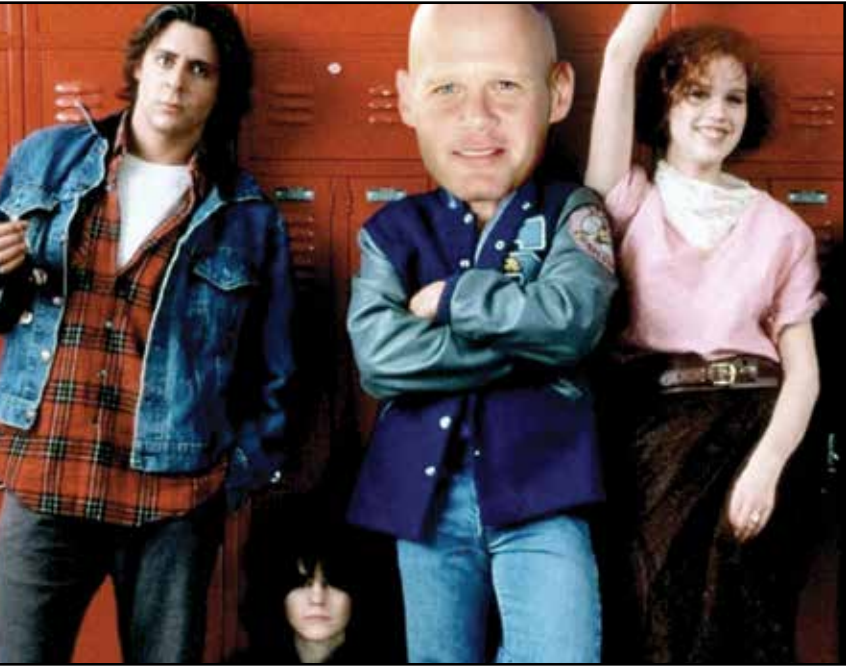
"Why is there chipped paint on the door of my truck?" Or, "Where are all of our bowls?" Or, "Why was location sharing turned off on your phone for an hour this afternoon?"

At the end of the day, I probably don't want to know, anyway.

The other problem with asking those questions is I never get an answer. Or the answer is a question.

"What do you mean there's a small dent in the tailgate?"

I meant what I said. In your spoken language. The only language any teenager speaks despite multiple years of



With apologies to The Breakfast Club

learning a foreign language in school.

Generally, after one of my inquiries I'm presented with a potential explanation of the problem that never makes any sense.

For example, one morning I learned that the lid to my sauce pot was bent, like someone put it between a bench vise.

I walked upstairs and opened Future Man's door at noon (because his job was rained out) and politely asked if he knew what happened to it.

"I don't know," he responded quite lethargically. "Maybe it got super hot ... or something and ... the metal, like, I don't know, bent?"

Cool, cool. So you think something that was designed to sit on fire got so hot that it bent the metal lid that doesn't even touch the fire on the stove? Seems plausible.

Jonnie on the spot

The Blonde Bomber is a new teenager but has taken to calling me Jon at all times, like I'm her stepfather or some guy currently dating her mother.

Not the "daddy" that rolled off her tongue with the mild Southern accent that you get from growing up in North Carolina.

Nope, now it's, "Heyyy Joooonnie, wut's for dinner?"

I haven't corrected her once. I just don't care. As long as she's not calling me something worse to my face.

She celebrates seasons and holidays months in advance, so the upstairs of our house currently smells like a pumpkin came to life and flatulated in the main hallway.

I hate the smell of pumpkin candles. Like I'm physically revolted by them. Does she care? No.

She used to. She used to only light them when I was out of town because she knows how much I hate them, but she's a teenager and no longer cares about my intolerance to the smell of burning pumpkin.

New car smell

Back to Future Man, who's obviously served more time in his teenage years so I have more history to pull from.

He got his first car this summer, a 2009 Honda CR-V that we originally owned and gave to my dad a few years back, but my dad returned it since he doesn't drive anymore.

Many of Future Man's friends have tricked-out cars made in exotic places like Germany, so he set about upfitting his ride to a design motif best described as Fast and the Furious: Suburban Drift.

He painted the steel rims black. Taped over the silver trim with black electrical tape. Painted the silver Honda logo on the grill black.

Then he put spacers on the wheels so the tires stuck out.

When the spacers arrived via Amazon, I told him that they often mess

with wheel bearings and axles but he ignored me and put them on anyway.

The old me would have demanded he send them back and never have allowed him to install them in the first place.

The new me watched him spend three hours installing them in 100-degree heat and another three hours uninstalling them in 105-degree heat because they made his tires wobble when he drove.

And then I watched him drive his car to a mechanic to pay someone to realign all four wheels.

Along for the ride

I think back to that naïve parent I was many years ago, watching teenagers do donuts in the elementary school parking lot while Future Man tested out his new two-wheeler, sans training wheels, for the first time.

In hindsight, there's no better metaphor for parenting than showing a kid how to ride a bike.

You spend so much time teaching them, and they finally get it, and then you stand there and watch them ride away, hoping they'll eventually turn around and come back to you.

But they don't. At least not for a while. Why would they? You gave them a skill that makes it possible for them to get away from you. That's the whole point of parenting.

I'm hopeful that I'm doing all this right but, at this point, I'm not even sure I know what that means anymore.

I just hope that years from now, maybe over a beer in their twenties, someone will tell me where the dents and chips came from. Why my pot lid was bent. Who left dishes in the sink every night.

And where, please tell me, did all our spoons go?

Jon Show lives in Robbins Park with his wife, who he calls "The Mother of Dragons." Their 16-year-old son is "Future Man" and their 13-year-old daughter is "The Blonde Bomber." Their dog is actually named Lightning.



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