

# Welcome to Woodfin!

## Winter 2023 Newsletter



### From the Mayor

I hope you are doing well and have enjoyed a happy holiday season. Your Town will once again be publishing a newsletter and we welcome your input. A lot is going on concerning ordinance updates, new projects, as well as completion to some additional projects now underway, and you will be hearing a lot about the Woodfin Greenway & Blueway (WGB) project in coming months.

Should you be a new resident, welcome to Woodfin! You can visit the town's website at [Woodfin-nc.gov](http://Woodfin-nc.gov) to learn about town services, or find news and updates to all the activity going on now. Residents are also welcome to contact me with any questions or concerns, my cell phone number is (828) 776-6049. Feel free to contact me anytime.

Mayor Jerry VeHaun

### Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers serve an important role throughout the town, including town government. The town's boards and committees are made up of volunteers who bring their knowledge and experience to important functions and decisions. Other individuals contribute in numerous other ways. If you have an interest in contributing to the town please share your thoughts by emailing the town manager at: [stuch@woodfin-nc.gov](mailto:stuch@woodfin-nc.gov).



*Volunteers help create a temporary pickleball court used to gauge community interest in permanent facilities.*

**An introduction to the services and programs of the Town of Woodfin, NC**

# Meet Your Elected Officials

## Woodfin Town Council



### Mayor M. Jerry VeHaun

[JerryVeHaun@Woodfin-NC.gov](mailto:JerryVeHaun@Woodfin-NC.gov) | Term: 11/2019 - 11/2023

Jerry was raised in Woodfin. He worked for Buncombe County for 47 years as Emergency Services Director, and has been Mayor of Woodfin past 19 years. He also attended Woodfin Elementary, Erwin High School, Asheville-Biltmore Junior College (now UNC-A), and is a graduate of Gupton College.



### Vice Mayor Jim McAllister

[JimMcAllister@Woodfin-NC.gov](mailto:JimMcAllister@Woodfin-NC.gov) | Term: 11/2021 - 11/2025

Jim McAllister is a member of Woodfin Town Council and has lived here for 6 years. He retired as a sales executive in the tech industry and serves on the Board of Sebastian Strong Foundation, which funds early-stage pediatric cancer research.



### Council Member Judy Butler

[JudyButler@Woodfin-NC.gov](mailto:JudyButler@Woodfin-NC.gov) | Term: 02/2022 - 11/2023

Judy and her husband moved to Woodfin in 2010 when they first retired. Since then, Judy has been a Community Volunteer with a number of local organizations including Woodfin Elementary School. Judy was excited to join the Town Council when she was appointed in early 2022. Since then she has focused her efforts on various ways to bring individuals and local businesses together in support of each other and the Town as a whole.



### Council Member Eric Edgerton

[EricEdgerton@Woodfin-NC.gov](mailto:EricEdgerton@Woodfin-NC.gov) | Term: 11/2021 - 11/2025

Eric Edgerton has resided in Western North Carolina since 1999, and has spent the last decade working as an attorney in the fields of land use and municipal law. He further serves on the League of Municipalities' Legislative Policy Advisory Board, and on the Board of Trustees for Eliada Homes.



### Council Member Elisabeth Ervin

[ElisabethErvin@Woodfin-NC.gov](mailto:ElisabethErvin@Woodfin-NC.gov) | Term: 02/2022 - 11/2023

Woodfin has been Elisabeth Ervin's home since annexation in 2001. She retired from the federal government and spends her days in service to the YMCA of Western North Carolina, coaching the Asheville High School Swim and Dive Team, and now serving as a council member for the Town of Woodfin. She was brought up in a family where service to others is paramount, and she is pleased to have the opportunity to follow this tradition.



### Council Member Ronnie Lunsford

[RonnieLunsford@Woodfin-NC.gov](mailto:RonnieLunsford@Woodfin-NC.gov) | Term: 11/2019 - 11/2023

Ronnie Lunsford was born and raised in Asheville and his wife moved to Woodfin in 1976. He retired from Buncombe County inspections in 2016. He also has served on the Planning & Zoning Board and now the Town Council.



### Council Member Hazel Thornton

[HazelThornton@Woodfin-NC.gov](mailto:HazelThornton@Woodfin-NC.gov) | Term: 11/2021 - 11/2025

Councilmember Thornton grew up in Kingsport, TN during the 60's and 70's. A retiree, she and her husband moved to Woodfin in 2018 from Nashville, TN.



# Town Manager

## Welcome & Introduction

Dear friends,

Since joining the staff in March of last year, I have been asked many times how I like working for the Town of Woodfin. The short answer is that working with the town has exceeded my expectations. The longer answer would include descriptions of our dedicated and professional staff, the pleasure of working with committed and enthusiastic volunteers, the support and vision of our elected leadership, and most of all, the welcoming and friendly residents and business owners. This last year hasn't been without its challenges as the town continues to work through some growing pains and other adjustments but, overall, it has been an incredibly rewarding experience.

When reflecting on the last year a number of key accomplishments come to mind including: the grand opening of the new Silver Line Park, securing funding for Riverside Park and the Whitewater Wave (now named "Taylor's Wave"), 20 streets repaired and resurfaced, new trash and recycling cans for all residents, updates to the town's development ordinances, and the launch of the town's new Community Partner program that supports residents most in need (see announcement re: the town's new partnership with ABCCM). There is still a lot to accomplish, and I look forward to reporting on more good works in the coming year.

Kindest regards,

Shannon Tuch, Woodfin Town Manager



## Looking forward to 2023

On January 26<sup>th</sup> the Woodfin Town Council met for a strategic planning session that will produce a set of actionable goals used to help guide work in the coming year. While we start the year with an ambitious list, inevitably, some items will be removed or postponed, while others will be added – here's a list of some of the top initiatives. Stay tuned for future updates!

- Initiating construction of the new Riverside Park and Taylor's Wave
- Completion of an inventory and assessment of the town's stormwater infrastructure
- Completion of a feasibility-needs assessment for a new Town Hall / Town Center
- Completion & adoption of the town's Comprehensive Plan
- Exploring additional park amenities at Silver Line Park
- Fully staffing our Police Department and other strategic public safety enhancements
- Initiating feasibility studies for multi-modal improvements to Riverside Dr. and a greenway connection between Woodfin and Weaverville

Please watch for future newsletters on the town's

website: [www.Woodfin-nc.gov](http://www.Woodfin-nc.gov)

# Administration

## Frequently Asked Questions



Feel free to contact Town Hall at (828) 253-4887 if you have any other questions, or require other assistance.

### What services does the town provide? Can I pay my bills at Town Hall?

The Town of Woodfin provides weekly garbage & brush collection and partners with Curbside Management for recycling services. In addition, the town has its own police force and provides for parks & recreation, stormwater management, street maintenance, and snow removal. For most residents, water service is provided by the Woodfin Water Authority, which is separate and distinct from town government. All services provided by the town are free so there is no bill payment collection in town hall. Special fees, such as park reservations or tow/impound fees may be paid at town hall.

### Who are our local service providers?

**Garbage:** Town of Woodfin, (828) 253-4887

**Recycling:** Curbside Management, (828) 252-2532

**Police:** Town of Woodfin, (828) 253-4889

**Water:** Woodfin Water Authority, (828) 253-5551

**Fire:** Woodfin Volunteer Fire Department, (828) 255-7561

**Electricity:** Duke Progress Energy, (800) 452-2777

**Natural Gas** (piped): Dominion Energy, (866) 366-4357

### Does the town offer bulky item pick-up?

Yes. To arrange for the collection of large and bulky items, please call Public Works staff at 828-645-7063 to schedule a date for collection.

### How do I reserve a park shelter?

Shelter reservations can be completed in-person at town hall or by reviewing the calendar and filling out the rental form found on the town's website ([Woodfin-nc.gov/Departments/Parks & Greenways/Shelter Reservations](http://Woodfin-nc.gov/Departments/Parks%20&%20Greenways/Shelter%20Reservations)). Staff will follow-up once the form is submitted with payment information.

### When are the Town Council regular meeting dates?

#### Who can attend?

The Town Council meets on the third Thursday of the month at Woodfin Town Hall (90 Elk Mountain Road). Meetings begin at 5 p.m. and are open to all members of the public.

### How do I find out the zoning of my property?

The town maintains an interactive GIS map that individuals can access through the town's website (Departments/Planning & Zoning/GIS Mapping . . . Enter address in upper right hand corner). Residents may also contact town Planning staff at (828) 253-4887.

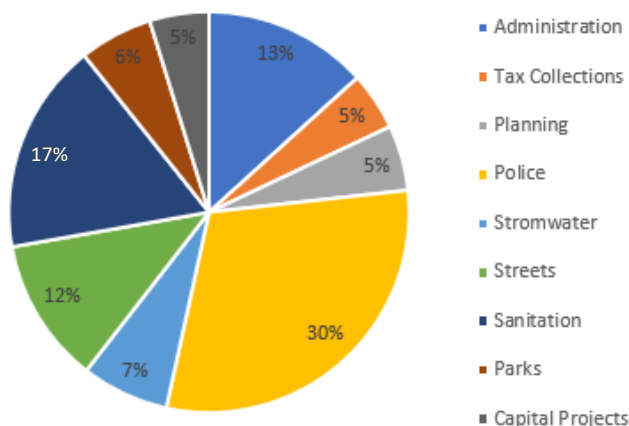
### How do I stay connected with what's happening in the town?

If you would like to receive alerts and notifications on mobile device, from the Town on various issues, then you need to sign up today!! Please contact Town Hall at (828) 253-4887 or e-mail us at [Clerk@Woodfin-NC.gov](mailto:Clerk@Woodfin-NC.gov) and we'll get your information into the system.

Messages are sent regarding emergencies, special events and meetings, storm debris collection, park updates, snow removal, delays in town services due to weather or holidays, and more.

### What is the town's total budget and how is money distributed?

The town's annual budget for the current fiscal year (July 1 - June 30) is approximately \$8.4 million, including \$1.59 million of remaining American Rescue Plan funds that will not reappear in next year's budget. Below is a chart showing how Woodfin's current budget is distributed.



# Administration

## Community Partnership

### Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM)

The Town of Woodfin is pleased to announce that it has selected Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM) to distribute emergency funds to our neighbors in need in Woodfin. Rental assistance, utility bills, emergency food and clothing are all available for Woodfin residents at their facility at 403 Weaverville Hwy, Asheville, NC 28804. Hours of operation vary, so please call ahead to verify hours. Please note that they will also accept food, clothing, household goods and smaller furniture donations at this location during the same hours. All items that are donated go to those in need at no charge! Call (828) 259-5303 should you have any additional questions and/or comments.

Larger items can be donated at a larger ABCCM facility located at 10 Buck Shoals Road, Arden, NC.

Please consider making a donation to this fund to support our most vulnerable neighbors: <https://town-of-woodfin.square.site/>.

### Ministerio Cristiano Comunitario de Asheville-Buncombe

El Pueblo de Woodfin se complace en anunciar que ha seleccionado el Ministerio Cristiano Comunitario de Asheville-Buncombe (ABCCM) para distribuir fondos de emergencia a nuestros vecinos necesitados en Woodfin. La asistencia para el alquiler, las facturas de servicios públicos, los alimentos y la ropa de emergencia están disponibles para los residentes de Woodfin en sus instalaciones en 403 Weaverville Hwy, Asheville, NC 28804. El horario de atención varía, así que llámenos al 828-259-5303 para verificar el horario. También aceptarán donaciones de alimentos, ropa, artículos para el hogar y muebles más pequeños en este lugar durante las mismas horas. ¡Todos los artículos que se donan van a los necesitados sin cargo! Llame al (828) 259-5303 si tiene preguntas y/o comentarios adicionales.

Se pueden donar artículos más grandes en el edificio ABCCM ubicado en 10 Buck Shoals Road, Arden, NC.

Por favor, considere hacer una donación a este fondo para apoyar a nuestros vecinos más vulnerables: <https://town-of-woodfin.square.site/>.



### ABCCM - Impact Stories

Since partnering with the town in November of last year, ABCCM has assisted 16 Woodfin families in need. Here are a few of the ways ABCCM is stepping up to assist our residents.

- A grandmother lost her adult daughter to an overdose and now has custody of her two grandchildren. The grandmother had to quit her job to stay home with the youngest grandchild. ABCCM assisted with \$331 to keep the electricity on while she looks for a job that she can do from home.
- A young homeless couple and their two children were living in a motel for over a year before finding permanent housing in Woodfin. Both parents are working but needed assistance during a period of transition. ABCCM was able to cover their \$700 rent for one month.
- A working mom with two kids was unexpectedly faced with a crisis when her ex-husband was unable to pay child support for two months while taking classes and unable to work. ABCCM covered her \$880 rent and connected her to a church to help with an electric bill.

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### Grant Opportunities for FY 23-24

In November 2022, the Town of Woodfin Town Council adopted the Community Partner Program that established an open and transparent process that would allocate town funds to local service providers in the areas of **Education, Neighborhood and Community Development, and Human Services**. In addition to our partnership with ABCCM, the town issued grants to the **Asheville Buncombe Community Land Trust, River Link, Catholic Charities, and Buncombe County Schools** (Woodfin Elementary Playground), and renewed in-kind donated facilities and services to support the monthly food pantry at the Woodfin Community Center and to provide traffic control for the Woodfin Elementary School annual 5K event.

A new Community Partner Program cycle is expected to be posted this spring for consideration in FY 23/24. Please check the town's website for more information.

# Public Works

## Garbage & Recycling Collection

The Town of Woodfin Public Works Department collects household solid waste (garbage) and contracts with Curbside Management for recycling collection. Garbage is collected every week and recycling is collected every other week. Please visit the town's website at [woodfin-nc.gov](http://woodfin-nc.gov) for information on collection schedules.

### RECYCLING COLLECTION GUIDELINES

All of your recyclables will be picked up by one truck. Please combine paper, plastic, aluminum, and glass in ONE container and do not separate the materials within cart. It is easier to separate them at the transfer station than at your residence.

#### **Below are the items that are accepted:**

##### Metal Cans

- Aluminum, steel, tin

##### Plastic Containers

- Food, beverage, personal care or household plastic

##### Glass

- Bottles and Jars (clear, brown, green)

##### Gable-top Cartons & Aseptic Containers

- Milk & Juice Cartons, Juice Boxes

##### Mixed Paper

- Newspapers, inserts, catalogs, junk mail, magazines, cereal boxes, egg cartons (paper), envelopes, manila envelopes / folders, office paper, paper, phone books, glossy paper, Post-It Notes, brown paper bags, paper towel rolls, corrugated cardboard (collapsed).

#### **Below are some items that are not accepted:**

##### Plastics

- Single-use plastic containers, bags, garbage bags, plastic film, cereal liner bags, storage bags, dry cleaning bags, bubble wrap, shrink wrap, chip bag, 6-pack beverage rings

##### Other non-recyclable items

- Pizza boxes, aluminum foil, black microwavable trays, Styrofoam, packing peanuts, dishes, mirrors, windows, motor oil bottles, pots, pans, shredded paper

### GARBAGE COLLECTION GUIDELINES

- We ask that you place your container within five feet of the curb or edge of your street the night before your scheduled day of service. The trucks start their collections at different times depending on the area that they are working.
- Please bag your household trash. This will help keep down the smell in your container and the possibility of loose trash blowing out of the trucks while in the process of dumping your container.
- Please do not overfill your container - lid should rest securely in place.
- Residents may rent an extra can. Call town hall to make arrangements.
- Woody debris, construction materials, flammable liquids, and rocks will not be collected.
- Sharps must be placed in approved containers. For staff safety, loose bags will no longer be collected.
- Do not bag leaves, limbs or other woody material. Place unbagged plant materials on the curb for collection.
- Call ahead for bulky item collection.
- Special accommodations can be provided for Woodfin residents unable to bring their containers to the curb due to disability or infirmity. If you or someone you know requires assistance, please contact town hall staff at (828) 253-4887.



Woodfin sanitation staff operating the new trucks w/ lift gates.



# Parks & Recreation

## Facility Rentals

### Parks & Facilities

#### Geneva Maney Park

Geneva Maney Park is located at the intersection of Lookout Road and Midwood Drive. Geneva Maney Park is a small neighborhood park that houses picnic tables, benches and a small playground.



#### Riverside Park

Riverside Park is located along the scenic French Broad River at 1630 Riverside Drive and includes a picnic shelter, picnic tables, grills, benches, a kayak/canoe launch, paved walking trails, and public restrooms.

#### Roy Pope Park

Located behind Town Hall at 90 Elk Mountain Road. Aside from its large playground, the Roy Pope Memorial Park houses a covered picnic shelter, a gravel walking path, cooling misters, benches, and public restrooms.



#### Silver-Line Park

Located just north of the Silver-Line Plastics manufacturing facility at 1050 Riverside Drive, Silver-Line Park is the newest of Woodfin's



parks and boasts a pirate ship playground, wetlands, river access via a boat ramp, 2 picnic shelters and a train platform for the Craggy Mountain Line.

### Park Shelters

Shelter Name	# of Tables	# of Grills	Electricity	Restrooms
Roy Pope Memorial Park (Avery's Little Corner)	9	1	No	Seasonal
Riverside Park	6	1	No	Seasonal
Silver-Line Shelter A	3	1	Yes	Yes
Silver-Line Shelter B	3	1	Yes	Yes

*All picnic shelters rent for \$33 for a 3-hour block and \$11 for each additional hour. If not reserved, picnic shelters are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.*

### Woodfin Community Center

Located at 23 Community Street, the Community Center contains a full kitchen, a small stage, seating and tables for more than 200 guests as well as restroom facilities. The Woodfin Community Center is available for rent by the day. In order to inspect or make arrangements to rent the facility please call Town Hall. Alcohol is not permitted at the community center.



*The community center rents for \$265/day + deposit.*

### Woodfin Greenway & Blueway (WGB) Update

With Silver-Line Park's opening in 2022, focus is now shifted to the expansion/renovation of Riverside Park and construction of Taylor's Wave. Construction in the park is expected to begin late fall/early winter with both the park and wave feature are forecasted to be complete by the end of 2024. Buncombe County is managing the construction of the greenway component which is expected to begin in 2025.

# Town of Woodfin

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