

Town of Windsor

Memorandum

June 14, 2022

TO: The Honorable Mayor and Town Council

FROM: William G. Saunders, IV, Town Manager WGS IV

SUBJECT: Town Events Update

Background

The pandemic, and other factors, have halted or limited numerous events in the Town of Windsor, to include the First Friday Concerts at the Gazebo, the Christmas parade, and July 4th festivities. One other factor being the Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors' decision to continue holding July 4th fireworks displays in Heritage Park, rather than in the Towns of Smithfield and Windsor, leaving a void for Independence Day festivities in the Town of Windsor.

Specifics

Town staff have received numerous calls inquiring about whether the Town will reinstate the concert series and/or July 4th festivities, such as the parade, live music and fireworks. Due to the complexities and expense of fireworks shows, they may not be feasible in town, but other aspects of the celebration could be undertaken.

The 2022 concert series has been reinitiated with three dates: June 3rd, August 5th, and September 2nd. The bands will perform from 6:30-9:30 PM, with food trucks serving from 6-9pm.

For July 4th, a small steering committee has met to discuss the possibility of holding an event at the Wesley F. Garris Event Park, although it would be on a smaller scale than previous ones, but could be built upon in future years. The Isle of Wight County Independence Day Events at Heritage Park will take place this year on July 3rd.

At this juncture, what is planned for July 4th, 2022 is a concert at the gazebo with food trucks and vendors, which will not compete with the county events. The concert will take place from 6-9pm on July 4th at the Wesley Garris Event Park.

The committee will reconvene following the July 4th celebration to begin planning on Christmas and future July 4th events.

Enclosures

-2022 First Friday Concerts at the Gazebo Lineup

Recommendations

For Council's information

Town of Windsor's 2022 First Friday Concerts at the Gazebo

Friday, June 3rd

Band – The Feature Attraction Band 6:30-9:30 pm

Food – The Farm Fed Food Truck 6-9 pm

Friday, August 5th

Band – The Fine Swiss Cheese Band 6:30-9:30 pm

Food – The Pitt County BBQ Food Truck 6-9 pm

Friday, September 2nd

Band – The Silver Street Band 6:30-9:30 pm

Food – Dula's Fish on the Fly Food Truck 6-9 pm

Sponsored By:



Wesley F. Garris Event Park, 18 Duke Street, Windsor, VA 23487

All Concerts are free and open to the public. Food and beverages will be for sale on site.

Bring your lawn chair and come enjoy great music and food!