



MAY

- 3 (♫ Bynum Front Porch Music Series 7-9pm) ♫ Malpass Brothers
- 4 BFP BINGO 7pm
- 4 Haw River Festival in Saxapahaw 4pm - 9pm
- 10 ♫ Zambamboogie
- 11 (Bynum Front Porch Pickin - BFP Pickin) 10am - 1pm
- 17 ♫ The Franklin Street Traditional Jazz Band
- 18 Ruritan Fried Chicken/Chicken 'n Dumplings Supper 4 - 7pm
- 19 Bynum Community Garden Spring Potluck Dinner 5pm at the Garden
- 24 ♫ Boys from Carolina
- 25 BFP Pickin 10am - 1pm
- 31 ♫ Barefoot Movement

JUNE

- 1 BFP BINGO 7pm
- 7 ♫ Holland Brothers Duo
- 8 BFP Pickin 10am - 1pm
- 14 ♫ Smith Family Band
- 15 Bynum Front Porch Auction 10am - 1pm
- 15 Ruritan Fried Fish Supper 4 - 7pm
- 21 ♫ John Howie Jr and the Rosewood Bluff
- 22 BFP Pickin 10am - 1pm
- 28 ♫ Samantha Casey and the Bluegrass Jam

JULY

- 5 ♫ Mipso
- 6 BFP BINGO 7pm
- 12 ♫ Bethesda Bluegrass Band
- 13 BFP Pickin 10am - 1pm
- 19 ♫ Squier Red & The Blues Band
- 26 ♫ The South Carolina Broadcasters
- 27 BFP Pickin 10am - 1pm

AUGUST

- 2 ♫ Diali Cissokho & Kaira Ba
- 3 BFP BINGO 7pm
- 6 - 8 Vacation Bible School at the Bynum United Methodist Church
- 9 ♫ Dark Water Rising
- 10 BFP Pickin 10am - 1pm
- 16 ♫ Mary Johnson Rockers and the Spark
- 23 ♫ Saludos Company
- 24 BFP Pickin 10am - 1pm
- 30 ♫ Tommy Edwards and the Bluegrass Experience

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 DAISY TROOP 1006

Winter has been busy for Daisy Troop 1006. The girls kicked off 2013 with the annual Girl Scout cookie sale. We sold close to 1600 boxes of cookies, raising money for girls' activities such as council events and trips as well as supplies throughout the year. A brief note on the power of the sale (and the sell) for our girls:

One group of girls from Troop 1006 were selling cookies at Lowe's Foods. It was that beautiful, rare-this-winter snowy morning with all those giant wet flakes. A man came through and two of the girls, on cue, asks:

"Would you like to buy some Girl Scout cookies?"
 He replies, "I would. What's your favorite?"

One young girl replies, "Thin mints."
 "Well I'll take one of those and I'd like to buy each of you girls a box of your own favorites just because I like what are you doing."

That was four happy Girl Scouts.

The cookie sale is an important endeavor for the girls. Not only do they raise their own money for activities, but they also learn skills such as marketing, finances, goal setting, public interaction, and sales while building their confidence and leadership. We really appreciate Bynum and the larger community's support in helping us provide the girls this learning opportunity.

In March, Troop 1006 ventured out to the Girl Scout Sparkle Day, a Girl Scout sponsored event that introduced the girls to State Park rangers, soil scientists, and other girl scout troops from around the state while teaching about pond exploration and seed starting. We were lucky in that the event was held at our own Jordan Lake and the girls had "the most fun they had ever had." I think it was the mid-March impromptu dip into Jordan Lake wearing ALL of their clothes that caused them so much joy. The simple things....

Written by Dawn Porter (03.15.13)



BYNUM RURITAN CLUB

The Bynum Ruritan Club meets the second Tuesday of each month except August at the Ruritan Club at the corner of Bynum Rd & Charlie Fields Rd at 7pm. We invite you to come out and join us. We are a community organization serving the Bynum community and surrounding area. If you know of someone who is in need from a sickness in the family, loss of a job, or just having a hard time because of the economy, the Ruritan Club may be able to help. Please let us know. Please consult the calendar of events for our upcoming suppers. We look forward to seeing you.

Written by Martha Collins (03.15.13)



Our Mission:

The Bynum Front Porch organization creates family-friendly events and programs that celebrate the community's rich history and bright future.

About us

They say "once you get that Bynum mud between your toes, you'll always come back" and that is exactly what has kept the town going since the 1800's.

BYNUM at a glance
 Newbies

Laura Hester
 Liz Tedesco
 Ryan & Katie Walker

Dispatches
 Jake Lane

Departures

Kris Lenahan & Tasseli McKay (in May)

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HAVE YOU SEEN IT?



If you have not, go by, take in the sight of the work (at the corner of Bynum Rd/Durham Eubanks Rd.). Community members got together March 9th with chain saws, rakes, and clippers in hand and cleared the brush in front of the Old Post Office, Barber Shop, Theatre, and C.E. Durham store. A LOT of work got done in a very short amount of time, then the workers all went to the Ruritan Club to have lunch, which was provided by our "behind the scene" cheerleaders.

Thanks to the Ruritan Club for the use of the building for lunch, pottie breaks, and early morning coffee, to the Bynum Community Garden for use of some of your tools, and to the members

of the Bynum United Methodist Church, Bynum Front Porch, Ruritan Club, Bynum Community Garden, neighbors, and friends (we even had help from New York!!!) for lending your strong, able bodies for the work that got done.

The trees/brush that were cut was mulched by Tyndall Tree Service (919) 542-6247 and left for the community use. If you need mulch, feel free to stop and take some.

Thanks to our community members that participated in the clean-up or helped to provide lunch for us. Thank ye, Thank ye, Thank ye!!!!

Written by Martha Collins (03.15.13)

SAVE THE DATE
 Saturday, June 15th
 10am to 1pm



The Fabulous Bynum Front Porch BENEFIT AUCTION is coming! Right here at the Bynum General Store, 950 Bynum Road, Pittsboro NC 27312 (Bynum village) **Amazing items up for bid!** Come to the auction and help keep the doors open and support the many programs of the Bynum Front Porch -- the Friday Night Summer Music Series, Educational Grants for local high school seniors, meeting space to many community organizations and individual usage. You can also support these activities by making a donation to the auction.

Visit www.BynumFrontPorch.org for more auction information and Email BynumFrontPorch@gmail.com if you have items you would like to donate.



celebrating our 4TH SEASON

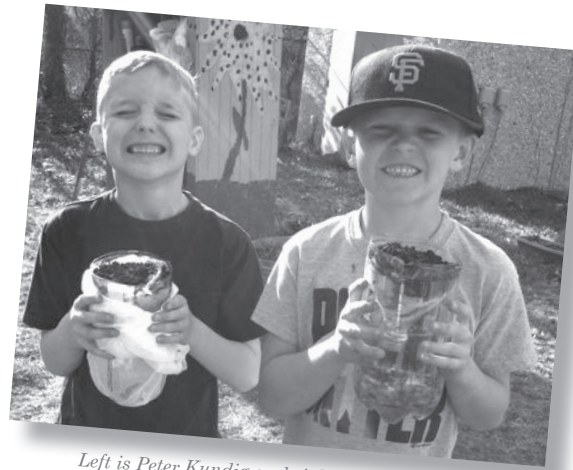


The Bynum Community Garden begins its fourth season this Spring as we continue our mission of making wholesome foods available to residents of the greater Bynum area, contributing fresh produce to those in need through local food pantries, and providing educational opportunities related to growing nutritious foods organically. Several eager gardeners have already planted spring vegetables, and we hope to set another record in 2013 for donations of fresh produce to CORA and other food outlets. We are especially pleased that members of Daisy Troop 1006 are participating again this year by growing birdhouse gourds and tomatoes, and that the local Cub Scout troop, the Tigers from Pack 951, are participating for the first time this year. The Tigers have already planted peas, beets, and radishes. It is gratifying to know that these young people are learning about gardening and nutrition through hands-on experience and that the garden is being used for this purpose.

A major improvement to the garden this year is the addition of a solar-powered water pump (on loan from Piedmont Biofuels in Pittsboro) to move rainwater from our catchment containers to members' beds and the edible wall (the perimeter beds used for growing vegetables to be donated to food pantries). This will greatly reduce the amount of hand watering and use of county water.

This year, the gardeners are planning to expand our production of fresh herbs, which we plan to sell this summer at the Bynum Front Porch Friday Night Music Series. Proceeds from the herb sale will go into the general garden fund and will be used for general garden maintenance and community events. We also plan to continue our regular fundraisers, such as the plant sale during ClydeFest (which, as you read this, occurred in early April) and our popular salsa and chips sale also at the Bynum Front Porch Friday Night Music Series.

Thanks so much to everyone who supports our community garden. Please feel free to visit at any time. 🌱 *Written by Larry Crum (03.15.13)*



Left is Peter Kundig and right is Liam Spotz

AL COOKE'S Gardening Tips

Al has recently retired from the agricultural extension and will hopefully be enjoying a cool drink on his well maintained lawn this summer. But he left us a ton of great gardening information that can be found at <http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/chatham/ag/homehort/homehort.html>

MAY • By May there is almost no chance of anything colder than a "Blackberry Winter," so you can move full ahead with planting the things you plan to can and freeze later this summer. If you're planning on setting out transplants, a cool cloudy day is best. If the day is sunny, planting late in the day is better than putting the plants out in full sun in the morning with afternoon temperatures in the 80s. Pay attention to the weather and give it your best shot.

JUNE • You can divide most perennials about anytime if they have gotten crowded or you want to get them started in another location. Recovery is quicker if plants are well watered before planting. Water after planting to ensure good root-to-soil contact. Watch as new growth begins, and water on an as-needed basis.

JULY • Conserve water and reduce incidence of root rot by avoiding watering schedules. Let the plants tell you when they need water. Watch for early signs of water needs such as wilting, leaf curl, or subtle changes in color. These are the plant's strategies for conserving water and your sign that irrigation is appropriate.

AUGUST • August is the primary month for planting the fall garden. At a minimum, you should remove summer crops as they finish. Crops left in the field serve as an incubator for disease and insect problems that can multiply before next year. Remove old crop debris or chop it up and till it in.



HELLO NEIGHBORS

Bynum United Methodist Church is getting ready for Spring!

We are very excited about all the wonderful ministries we have in place for our children and youth. We have renamed our children's ministry, but we have kept our mission focus. Our children's ministry is now called Mustard Seeds. Our Mustard Seeds will eventually grow into our multi-church UMYF (youth group), called Branches. If you have children or teens and you would like for them to be part of group that focuses on serving God by doing good for others, please give me, Pastor Gina, a call 919-542-4715 or email me at ginabarrow@gmail.com and I will get you connected with the group leaders.

Interested in a very good Bible Study? We have one! We are going to start Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind as soon as we have enough people registered to ensure lively discussion. This study involves daily readings from the Bible or a book of readings from theologians from the first century through the twentieth. The study will take place on Sunday evenings at 7pm or possibly Thursday afternoons at 1:30pm. If interested, contact me at the above phone number or email address.

Save the dates:

Our VBS will be August 6th – 8th, 2013.

Peace, Pastor Gina

🌱 *Written by Gina Barrow (03.15.13)*

Reminder! BYNUM POST OFFICE BOXES

Please be reminded that our Bynum P.O. Box kiosk is in continual danger of being closed and the Bynum zip code lost forever. If you are considering discontinuing the use of your P.O. Box, please pass the key to someone else to use your box number. The more active P.O. Boxes that are maintained, the less likely Bynum will lose the zip code, and other neighbors can keep their addresses so that rural delivery mail boxes at residences will not have to be installed. For more information, you can contact Martha Collins at 919-542-7399. 🌱 *Written by Martha Collins (03.15.13)*



BOATER SAFETY TIPS:

NC State Parks – Lower Haw River State Natural Area

Spring into the year with Boater Safety Tips. Boating is one of the most popular activities at the Lower Haw River State Natural Area. Listed below are a few ideas to help you and your family have an enjoyable and safe day on the river. Currently, Lower Haw River State Natural Area does not manage a designated division approved canoe launch, however park staff recommends that if you use the area for boating entry, please enter the river with caution. For river paddle lengths and travel times, please visit <http://www.triangleoutdoors.com/trails/HawRiver.htm>. For river flow status, please visit <http://www.americanwhitewater.org>.

- 1 Take advantage of the free boater safety courses offered by NC Wildlife Resources Commission. For information visit NCWRC website at <http://www.ncwildlife.org/>.
- 2 Always wear a personal floatation device while on the river and carry a whistle for alerting danger.
- 3 Leave a float plan with a friend. The plan should include your beginning and ending destination, the total number of people on the trip and the trip's timeframe.
- 4 Check the forecast before making a trip and be prepared for changing weather.
- 5 Bring extra gear: a flashlight, map, sunscreen, first-aid kit, extra sunglasses, batteries, and matches. Store these in a watertight floating container.
- 6 If boating in the early spring, take precautions to avoid hypothermia.
- 7 Just as with automobiles, alcohol and drug use contributes to numerous accidents on the water. Two out of three victims of boating related accidents are under the influence of alcohol or drugs. For your safety, leave alcoholic beverages at home.
- 8 Be extremely cautious swimming in the river. The Haw River can experience swift currents depending on the river flow and swimming is at your own risk. Expect frequent jagged stumps and slippery rocks just below the rivers surface and beware of floating or stationary debris.
- 9 Contact park staff for other safety tips or for an explanation of park rules.

Have a naturally wonderful experience,

🌱 *Written by Jordan Lake State Recreation Park Staff (03.15.13)*

Paddling the HAW can be a fun and a safe adventure



NEWS UPDATES from

Chatham County Parks & Recreation

- 🌿 Chatham County Parks are now open for the extended hours of **8:00 a.m. to dusk**
- 🎯 Facility reservations are available, for more information visit our website at: www.chathamnc.org/parksandrecreation
- 🍷 Northeast District Park (5408 Big Woods Road, Chapel Hill, NC 27514) will begin rental of the tennis ball machine this spring beginning April 1st, 2013 from 9:00am – 11:00am Monday – Friday and 4:00pm – 7:00pm Saturday and Sunday. Call **(919)545-8555** with any questions.
- 🍷 Registration and Facility reservations are now available online.
call: **(919)545-8555**
email: recreation@chathamnc.org
website: www.chathamnc.org/parksandrecreation

The Haw River Assembly!

The Haw River Assembly's March 16th river clean-up involved hundreds of volunteers working from Greensboro down to Jordan Lake picking up tons of trash. Right here along the river -- up and downstream from Bynum -- paddlers from the Carolina Canoe Club made a serious dent in cleaning up some floating rafts of trash above the Bynum dam. Over 50 bags were hauled up by volunteers on land to the dumpster provided by the county. HRA members were joined by high school and college students, as well as a great group organized by the Fearington Green Scene Club. March madness was represented by a Carolina blue and white basketball found along the river!

The Haw River Festival is planned for Saturday, May 4th, 2013 in Saxapahaw from 4 - 9pm. Come visit this great sister mill town upriver, with fun for all the family.

🌱 *Written by Elaine Chiosso (01.03.13)*