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newsletter

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 1800s.

Friends of the Lower Haw River State Natural Area Tackle Trash Problem

Volunteers with Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area are working with State Parks to help reduce the amount of trash along the riverbank in Chatham County. The Friends group is hoping to augment annual clean-up efforts by tackling the trash problem on an ongoing basis. Litter is not only an eyesore that detracts from the beauty of this state natural area, it also harms wildlife, their habitats, and water quality. According to Clean Jordan Lake, about 80% of trash in our watershed comes from rainfall that flushes trash off our watershed (stormwater runoff) and 20% comes from careless recreational use at access points. Key findings from research on littering behavior by Keep America Beautiful include:

- A strong contributor to littering is the prevalence of existing litter. Ensure consistent and ongoing clean-up efforts.
- Most littering occurs at a considerable distance from a receptacle. Make proper disposal convenient and accessible.



Jimmy Wood, Ryan Cadwalader, David Everage, Megan Lynch, George Pauly

The project includes installation of permanent trash cans at popular Lower Haw River SNA access points. In December, a team of six dedicated Friends volunteers, including board member Ryan Cadwalader, David Everage, Megan Lynch, board member George Pauly, treasurer Matt Spangler, and Jimmy Wood, installed three trash cans on State Parks property. One can is located at the "upper" parking lot on Bynum Road near the bridge, another is located at the "lower" Bynum parking lot near the old mill site, and the third can is located on the southeast side of the US 64 access (river left, downstream of the overpass). Friends of Lower Haw is currently evaluating options for installing additional trash cans at other access points along the Lower Haw, including above the Bynum dam off US 15-501 and at the southwest access off US 64.

State Parks funded these three cans and Ranger Brock Martin helped coordinate the project and select sites. Friends of Lower Haw has assumed responsibility for installing and periodically emptying the cans, since State Parks does not have the staffing resources to do it. The Friends group is looking for more volunteers interested in helping empty the cans. Contact Matt Spangler at mbspang12@gmail.com if you'd like to help keep this natural area beautiful.

Friends of Lower Haw River State Natural Area is operating as a local chapter of Friends of State Parks, Inc., a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. This state natural area consists of 1,100 acres owned by State Parks along both sides of the Haw River in Chatham County from above US 15-501 to below US 64 at Jordan Lake. It is home to a variety of wildlife and plants, beautiful rugged scenery, and the best white water paddling in the Piedmont. Visit www.lowerhaw.org to learn more about the Friends of Lower Haw.

... at a glance

Moved Out:

- Earl Hicks & Teresa
- Gabbi Holdridge, Elizabeth Holdridge & Carol Carson
- Anna Kizer & Marty Lange
- Sandy Peterson
- Kim Hicks & Trey Robinson
- Eric Williams

Moved In

- Bonnie Biggers Barrow
- James Garlick
- Jeff & Edie Jocomet (Sammy & Jonah)
- Mark Smith
- Gwyn Todd, Alan Todd, Sara Keever, Owen Todd
- Laura Maule & Edward Walgate

Hatches:

- Adam, Laura & Vivian Eubanks welcomed Claire, born on Feb. 12, 2017

Dispatches

- James Crawford (Jimmy) Lane II



Bynum Girl Scout Troop 1006

Bynum Girl Scout Troop 1006 has kicked off 2017 with many service projects and more on the way! We were proud to partner with the Chatham Literacy Council to put the finishing touches on a Little Library which has found its home at Northeast District Park off of Big Woods Road. These libraries, stocked by the Chatham Literacy Council, offer the larger Chatham community easy access to adult and children's books. In addition, a special thanks once again to the Bynum Community for supporting the girls during our annual cookie sale. We have sold over 2,500 boxes of cookies and plan to use the money for an overnight trip to Morehead Planetarium and camping trip in the spring.

As part of the Junior Girl Scout experience, the girls have completed the Bronze award, using the Haw River Clean Up and other activities that support cleaner banks on the Haw! During the remaining months, the girls will focus on the last project of the year where the girls will be working to lead and build a program to assist Hurricane Matthew victims who continue to struggle to create a normal life. Please stay tuned as the girls will be asking the community for support and ideas.

A special thanks to Bynum Front Porch for continuing to support Girl Scout Troop 1006.



Even with weather against them, the mighty Girl Scouts of BYNUM, Troop 1006 keeps our community and the Haw River natural area clear of trash.

If the warm weather at the end of February had you thinking of Spring, you're not the only one! Spring may be the time when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of love, but a gardener's starts well before that. As seed catalogues start to arrive in January, most gardeners start pining for those first seedlings and dreaming of that first vine ripe garden tomato or cucumber sandwiches.

Here in NC we don't have to wait very long to get the garden going! There are lots of plants that enjoy the cool spring temperatures and grow best when they are planted in early to mid February. Lettuce, peas, beets, carrots, broccoli, and cilantro are just a few of the plants that gardeners can begin growing well before the last frost date. This early spring planting benefits from fewer weeds, insects, and (perhaps most of all) a gardener who isn't yet discouraged by scorching July temperatures.

If you would like to try your hand at "grow your own" this year, the community garden still has **beds available** for the upcoming season! New and experienced gardeners are both welcome. **Contact Rachel Lawrence at 919-200-9685 or stokes@gmail.com if interested.**

If renting a bed seems a little too hands on for you, mark your calendar for our annual **Spring Garden Party Potluck**, currently scheduled for **May 7 at 5pm**. If you get your gardening done at home, consider donating **plants for our plant sale, April 22**, or coming out and supporting the garden by purchasing plants at the sale.

We look forward too another great season! As always, the garden is open to all, and we love to see community members taking advantage of the picnic tables.

Bynum Ruritan Club

The Bynum Ruritan Club is now meeting every other month, the next meeting being the second **Tuesday in May**. Please feel free to join us at **7pm** for our **potluck**.

In May the Ruritans will award 2 - \$500 Grants to **Northwood Graduating students** that are planning to continue their education. This will take place at the NHS Awards Day and recipients will be announced in The Chatham News. The Ruritan Club is a community-based organization dedicated to helping our neighbors.



Here at The Haw River Canoe & Kayak Co. we are gearing up for another year of teaching canoeing, kayaking, and stand-up paddle boarding, guiding both day-time and night-time paddle trips, renting boats and boards for self-guided trips on over 30 miles of the Haw River in Guilford, Alamance, Orange, and Chatham counties and conducting week-long paddling and adventure camps in June, July, and August. New this year will be the opening of a river shop in Saxapahaw where we will sell both new and used boats, boards and paddling gear, items with which to explore Nature and art featuring our local environment. We will also offer for the first time fly fishing classes.

The best way to find out what we are doing each month is to go to the calendar on our website. The website address is www.hawrivercanoe.com. Above the changing images on the home page, you will find a series of words going from your left to right. One of those words is Calendar. Click on it and the current month calendar will appear. If you hold your cursor over a listed activity, a brief description of the activity will appear.

One thing you will notice by going to our calendar of activities is what guided trips we offer in or near Bynum. Once each month, we conduct a Sunday afternoon guided trip upriver from the dam. Usually, that same day, we offer a Paddle Dinner in partnership with the Carolina Brewery. After our time on the river, we journey to the Brewery for a multi-course dinner with beer pairings.

Finally, as we have the past several years, we will operate our Bynum Outpost out of the parking lot on Highway 15-501. A signed agreement with Chatham County allow us to do so. Primarily a weekend rental operation, we can accommodate rental trips for large groups during the week. We just need advance notice.

Best way to contact us: 336/260-6465 or info@hawrivercanoe.com.



Pack 951 Cub Scout

"The Dirty Dozen" they have named themselves and rightfully so! These 12 scouts have had many adventures together over the past 5 years-most of which involved dirt of course! It's been my privilege to get to lead these 12 young men through their scout journey that started when they were 6 yrs old as Tiger cubs. They were so little back then but so loud, fun, and energetic. Well now they are 11 yrs old, most of them bigger than me and still very loud, fun, and very energetic! These scouts have all earned the highest honor in Cub Scouts, The Arrow of Light which they received at the Blue and Gold Ceremony on February 25th. I am very proud of each of these fine young men and wish them the best on the rest of their life journey!

Barclay Spotz - Den Leader of the Webelos II Pack 951

Leela Ellis also taught the scouts an "Aware and Care" lesson about what people with disabilities have to overcome on a day to day basis. Thanks Leela!





Chatham County Awarded Recreational Trails Program Grant for Lower Haw River State Natural Area

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) has awarded a \$100,000 grant to Chatham County Parks & Recreation, with the county providing \$25,000 in matching funds. The grant will be used to build a pedestrian bridge over Pokeberry Creek and a natural surface pedestrian trail on both sides of the new bridge, beginning in Bynum, that will be about one mile in length. The project is in the Lower Haw River State Natural Area owned by State Parks. Work will begin sometime in 2017 and the project will be managed by the county. Our Friends chapter can help with this project in the future by organizing volunteers for ongoing trail maintenance and installing educational signage.

This Lower Haw project is part of a larger, broad-based, multi-county initiative known as the Haw River Trail Partnership. The concept of a Haw River Trail began in 2006 when ten governmental agencies, including Chatham County, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with State Parks with the intent to develop the Haw River Trail and to conserve its land and waters. The Haw River Trail will be a 70-mile long land and paddle trail from Haw River State Park in Guilford County to Jordan Lake SRA in Chatham County. This \$100,000 RTP grant is a first phase to begin the Haw River Trail corridor within Chatham. This initial phase focuses on land owned by State Parks.

Currently there are no official State Park trails or bridges over tributaries in the Lower Haw. What exists now are unofficial footpaths created over decades by people walking along the river, and makeshift stream crossings. Unauthorized use by ATV riders and mountain bike riders, litter along the riverbank, and trespassing on private land are problems. Having an officially designated pedestrian-only trail that is clearly marked, with pedestrian bridges that provide safer access and reduce streambank erosion, and informational signage with permissible and prohibited uses, will help address these issues.



Bynum Post Office Boxes

GREAT NEWS BYNUM!

If you have wanted a Bynum mailing address, good news – now is the time to get one.

The postmaster at the Pittsboro Post Office has opened some of the boxes at the kiosk near the ballfield on Bynum Hill Rd. that had previously been closed.

What does this mean?

If you want a post office box, just ask to see Peter or Solita at the Pittsboro Post Office and request a box in Bynum. There will be a one-time charge of \$25 (for the new lock). When the boxes are all gone, the postmaster will consider opening more if there is interest. **Let's get them all filled up so we can maintain the 27228 zip code and keep Bynum on the map!!!**

For more information, you can contact Martha Collins at 919-357-5830 or martha.bynum1@gmail.com



Bynum Artist Spotlight

Amanda Greiner

"It's as if Amanda paints the space where light and shadow meet... those little areas of the world that go unnoticed..."

She, unlike other artists, utilizes the canvas as not just a support, but as a layer of the painting. She likes to experience each brush stroke for what it is, a new experience. The adventure into the unknown fills her with joy. Amanda uses bold brush strokes, reaching a point of spontaneity, painting over areas only to bring them back again. She calls it realistic abstract expressionism. Each painting holds a story, but each viewer has their own unique experience with the painting.

Amanda is very excited her dream art studio has become a reality and is looking forward to upcoming shows and festivals, such as the Bynum Bridgefest and Studio Tour, among others near and far this year.

To commission a painting or find out more, visit greinerstudio.com.



Give Me Some **Space!**

Need a place to do your thing?

Planning a private party or function? Looking for a place to hold that yoga class or crafting circle? The ole Bynum General Store & Post Office is available for community use for events such as meetings, birthdays, anniversaries, or other parties, etc. The store is free to use for Bynum residents. Nearby Chatham County neighbors or the wider community wishing to use the store will be asked to make a \$50 donation fee to cover related costs of operation and help support educational grants sponsored through Bynum Front Porch.

Please keep the following in mind as you request use of the store:

- Alcohol is not allowed in the store or on the property.
- Events should not begin before 9am and must be finished by 9pm.
- You are responsible for cleaning up after your event and for any damage that may occur.
- A Building Use Agreement Form will be supplied with the further details/ instructions.

For more information, a copy of the Building Use Agreement, and to check dates for availability, contact **bynumfrontporch@gmail.com** and include your contact information, description of event, date, time, and potential number of guests. Someone from the Bynum Front Porch Programming Committee will reply.

Bynum is special in so many ways. Bynum Front Porch looks forward to sharing the space with you.

Our Mission:

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

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Ways you can help

- * Volunteer on one of the BFP Committees
- * Donate Items from the BFP Wish List
- * Join the team as a Corporate Sponsor

Wish List

- ** Licensed Electrician – the building and stages could use some donated skills from a licensed electrician.
- ** Solar Powered Lights
- ** Roofer needed – There are some leak areas that need attention
- ** Aluminum folding 12' ladder



Bynum Front Porch

Paver Campaign Still Under Way!

Want to honor someone you love or who loved Bynum? Do you love that the Bynum General Store is still a gathering place for neighbors, friends, & visitors to the community? Do you want to cement your place in history and show your support of Bynum is solid as a brick?

Wait no more, Bynum Front Porch is offering you that opportunity! You can purchase one or more pavers to help construct a dance floor in front of the stage at the Bynum General Store. And on those pavers, you can even have a name or a message engraved!

Inserted in this newsletter is an order form with sizes, prices, and instructions on how to purchase your commemorative paver and help pave the way for a bright future where the Bynum General Store and Bynum Front Porch Music series will be around for many more generations.

2017 Bynum Front Porch Board of Directors

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Bynum Front Porch Storytelling



photo's by David Minnich

Shows are on second Saturdays from **September – May at 6:30pm**. Upcoming 2017 dates are **April 8** and **May 13**. After a break for the summer, shows resume September 9 and run through the winter. The iconic pith helmet is passed during the storytelling shows for donations (**proceeds go to the storytellers and a portion to BFP**).

The storytelling shows are family friendly “most enjoyed by those 8 and above.” Each show has several professional storytellers plus “a few folks that just know how to spin a good yarn!” says Bynum Storyteller Cynthia Raxter, the show’s producer. The shows also feature a local top comedian as emcee.

The BFP Storytelling Series started in November 2015 with Tellebration™. “Since it was Saturday night, I wanted it to be just a little bit fancy.” says Producer Cynthia Raxter. “I brought triple cream brie - Chapel Hill storyteller Ken Corsbie brought dark chocolate-dipped shortbread cookies!” Several months (and cookie trays later), “I realized this was more than just a show. It’s a party with friends. And some of my friends are really good storytellers!”

The old Bynum General Store twinkles on second Saturdays. Go planning to visit and hear very good storytelling. Bynum resident Rebekkah Cote agrees, “Storytelling nights end up being the best nights after all!” The May Storytelling Show will include: Emcee: Mark Brady. Tellers: Sam Pearsall, Revonda Crow, Gretchen McNeely, Russell Davis, Cynthia Raxter.



Bynum Front Porch Bluegrass Pickin’ 9th Anniversary

Bluegrass Pickin’ Jam is every
2nd & 4th Saturday
10am-1pm

This year marks the 9th anniversary
of the Saturday morning Pickin Jam.

Join the fun!

Bring an stringed instrument
or just yourself.



2017 community calendar

APRIL

- 8 **BFP Storytelling** 6:30- 9pm
Emcee: Garry Lipson. Tellers: Ken Corsbie, Tyndall Harris, Pam Smith and Suzi Whalen.
- 15 Spring **WorkDay** – Building & Grounds 9am-1pm
- 16 Easter **Sunrise Breakfast** at Ruritan Club 7am
- 22 BFP Bluegrass **Pickin' Jam** 10am-1pm
- 22 Bynum **Community Garden**
Plant Sale 9am-2pm
- 22 **Bird Walk** 7:30am starts at bridge.
- 22 **Bynum BridgeFest** (bephilarthropy.com) 10am-5pm

MAY

- 5 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 6 **Haw River Festival** in Saxapahaw (HawRiver.org)
- 7 Bynum Community Garden Potluck 5pm
- 9 Bynum **Ruritan Club Meeting** 7pm
- 12 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 13 BFP Bluegrass **Pickin' Jam** 10am-1pm
- 13 **BFP Storytelling** 6:30- 9pm
Emcee: Mark Brady. Tellers: Sam Pearsall, Revonda Crow, Gretchen McNeely, Russell Davis, Cynthia Raxter.
- 19 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 26 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 28 BFP Bluegrass **Pickin' Jam** 10am-1pm

JUNE

- 2 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 9 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 10 BFP Bluegrass **Pickin' Jam** 10am-1pm
- 16 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 23 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 24 BFP Bluegrass **Pickin' Jam** 10am-1pm

**BFP is a non-profit organization,
your tax deductible donations
are always welcome:**

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- 30 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm

JULY

- 7 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 8 BFP Bluegrass **Pickin' Jam** 10am-1pm
- 11 Bynum **Ruritan Club Meeting** 7pm
- 14 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 15 Summer WorkDay 9am-1pm
- 21 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 22 BFP Bluegrass **Pickin' Jam** 10am-1pm
- 28 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm

AUGUST

- 4 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 11 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 12 BFP Bluegrass **Pickin' Jam** 10am-1pm
- 18 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 25 🎵 Friday Night **Music Series** 7-9pm
- 26 BFP Bluegrass **Pickin' Jam** 10am-1pm

SEPTEMBER

- 9 BFP Bluegrass **Pickin' Jam** 10am-1pm
- 9 BFP **Storytelling** 6:30- 9pm
- 12 Bynum **Ruritan Club Meeting** 7pm
- 23 BFP Bluegrass **Pickin' Jam** 10am-1pm
- 24 **Homecoming** – Bynum Methodist Church
10:30am Worship Services, then Lunch

My Community
Volunteers Welcome
Get involved this year...

Winter is through and Bynum Front Porch is looking forward to spring and the start of the **Friday Night Music Series beginning on May 5th!** We are always looking for reliable folks of all ages to come and give an hour or more of your time. You can help set up chairs Fridays starting around 5:15pm. Please call **Martha Slattery at 919-548-3316**. Student volunteer hours can be authenticated.

We have plenty of fun and and you can have the opportunity to know your neighbors deeper. Hablamos espanol! Join the fun and let's have a great 2017 Friday Night Music Series!

Summer Music Series

friday nights • 7-9pm • may-august

The Friday Night Music Series was started to create an opportunity for community members to gather and to support the General Store prior to the closing of store, which had also served as Bynum's post office. Folks come from all over the Triangle to sit under an open sky to enjoy fine music, food from local vendors, and each other's company on summer Friday evenings from May to August. Music goers can bring their own chairs (though we provide plenty), but we ask that you please leave your pets and alcohol at home.

There's no cover charge or tickets, but we 'pass the hat' to compensate the performers and encourage a \$5 to \$8 donation. The music takes place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. BFP features a variety of bands spanning multiple musical genres including gospel, folk, blues, rockabilly, bluegrass, and more!

Boys from Carolina



Paper Crowns



Heart of Carolina Jazz Society



Blue Cactus



MAY

- 5 Violet Bell (Lizzie Ross and Omar Ruiz-Lopez) • www.Lizzy.net
- 12 Onyx Club Boys • facebook.com/onyxclubboysnc
- 19 Boys from Carolina • www.boysfromcarolina.com
- 26 Paper Crowns • www.thepapercrowns.com

JUNE

- 2 Too Much Fun • www.tmfband.com
- 9 Gabe Pelli and Will Ridenour • www.willridenour.com
- 16 Holland Brothers • reverbnation.com/thehollandbros
- 23 Bynum Front Porch Pickers Fundraiser Concert
- 30 Heart of Carolina Jazz Society • www.carolinajazz.com



JULY

- 7 Blue Cactus • <https://bluecactusmusic.com>
- 14 Gray Matter • www.graymatter.com
- 21 Bobby Gales and New Direction • www.facebook.com/newdirectionbluegrass
- 28 Tonk • www.tonknc.com

Bluegrass Exerience



AUGUST

- 4 Swift Creek • <https://www.swiftcreekmusic.com/eorchestra.com>
- 11 Gospel Jubilators • <https://vimeo.com/197699108>
- 18 Durham Ukulele Orchestra • www.durhamukuleleorchestra.com
- 25 Bluegrass Experience • facebook.com/bluegrass.experience

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