Forsyth County Parks & Recreation

PARKS NEWSLETTER

November & December 2026



Welcome!

Welcome to the sixteenth installment of the Forsyth County Parks and Recreation bimonthly newsletter! As always, we will include updates on upcoming special events around the county and exciting new information on projects happening around the department. Take a few minutes to sit back and enjoy getting up to speed on all things Forsyth County Parks & Recreation!

Our goals at Forsyth County Parks and Recreation are to provide extraordinary, safe, and well maintained facilities to ensure recreational and leisure opportunities are available for residents and visitors of Forsyth County. Follow along our journey with this newsletter and be sure to sign up so you never miss an edition!



Department Updates

Horizons Park Multi-Modal Trail System Grand-Opening

Forsyth County Parks & Recreation is excited to announce the opening of a new multi-modal trail system at Horizons Park on November 17th, expanding outdoor recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

Located north of Memorial Industrial School Road, the trail system features approximately eight miles of natural-surface trails designed for biking, horseback riding, hiking, cross-country running, and nature exploration.

The system includes the 2.62-mile Beech Trail, along with four connecting routes: Cedar Trail (2.34 miles), Poplar Loop (.82 miles), Oak Loop (0.50 miles), and Pine Trail (1.16 miles).

To enhance accessibility and the visitor experience, the project also includes a paved parking area accommodating passenger vehicles and horse trailers, along with trail signage, potable water access, trash receptacles, and landscaping.

Developed as part of the Horizons Park Conceptual Master Plan, this project reflects Forsyth County Parks & Recreation's continued commitment to expanding outdoor recreation while preserving the natural character of its parks.

2026 Festival of Lights Season

Forsyth County's Tanglewood Park is all geared up for its 35th season of Festival of Lights. Sponsored by Le Bleu Corporation, Festival of Lights is one of the top holiday traditions in the Triad! Be on the lookout for new displays throughout the light show with multiple exciting additions and the rearrangement of displays throughout the show. Along with the magical lights, you will surely want to stop at Gift Village approximately halfway through the route. In Gift Village, you can take care of some holiday shopping by purchasing items from any of our 40+ artisan handmade product vendors. Or, if shopping isn't your thing, don't worry! Right outside of our Gift Shop, you can visit S'moresville. Here you can purchase s'mores kits to roast over our s'mores cooker firepits or just enjoy your favorite snack or drink from Southern Harvest Hospitality. There's plenty for everyone at Tanglewood Park Festival of Lights. The show will run from November 13th - January 1st, open nightly from 6 - 11PM!





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Upcoming Festival of Lights Events

Miles for Meals 5k - November 7th
5:30PM - Tanglewood Park

Hillsdale Church will kick off our series of Festival of Lights walks with the Miles for Meals 5k! Enjoy a beautiful evening under the Festival of Lights at Tanglewood Park! The Miles for Meals 5K is a walk/run event with a course that takes participants through the lights at Tanglewood. A fun event for the entire family, with food trucks, hay rides, and more. Come out and join us in supporting the Hillsdale Church Food Ministry! For more information about Miles of Meal and to purchase tickets, visit Hillsdale Church.

TOAST - November 8th
5:30PM - Tanglewood Park

The Rotary Club of Clemmons is hosting the annual Totally Outstanding Awesome Stroll through Tanglewood (TOAST) Walk. This 1.3-mile walk is perfect for families and people of all ages. There will also be food trucks and other activities for everyone to enjoy. For more information about the Toast walk and to purchase tickets, visit Toast.

Paws in The Park - November 9th & 10th
5:30PM - Tanglewood Park

The Humane Society of Davie County presents Paws in the Park. Join us with your leashed four-legged friends for a walk through the Festival of Lights route. Local food trucks and vendors will be in attendance for guests to enjoy and shop at. For more information about Paws in the Park and to purchase tickets, visit the Davie County Humane Society.

Running of the Lights - December 31st
11:00PM - Tanglewood Park

Start the New Year with a night of celebration and a 5k walk/run through the Festival of Lights route. This race will start at Midnight on New Year's. Participants will get to watch the ball drop from Times Square and then start the race. Hot chocolate and snacks will be provided at the finish line. For more information Running of the Lights and to sign up, visit Running of the Lights.

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County Spotlight -

Festival of Lights Advance Tickets

Festival of Lights Advanced Tickets are now on sale at the Tanglewood Park Welcome Center and Marketing & Events Office! Purchasing tickets ahead of time can be a fun way to get in the holiday spirit and make plans early or they can serve as a great gift to family or friends!

For large groups, companies or organizations you can save by buying in bulk. Starting at orders of 100+ tickets. we are offering discounts from $2 to $4 PER TICKET, which could net you up to 20% in total savings!

If you are interested in purchasing in bulk, contact our Events Team at (336) 703-6480 or by emailing us at tanglewoodevents@forsyth.cc



Until Next Time!

Thanks for reading! For more information on any of your Forsyth County Parks you can visit forsyth.cc/parks to stay up to date on exclusive website articles regarding important updates, special events, and things to know about your Forsyth County Parks!

If you enjoyed this newsletter you can sign up by clicking **HERE** to receive each bimonthly edition via email. You can also sign up by visiting our website and navigating to the "Sign Up for our Bimonthly Newsletter HERE" button and filling in your preferred email address! Physical copies of our bimonthly newsletter will also be available for pick-up at our Downtown Parks & Recreation office located on the 2nd floor of the Forsyth County Government Building OR at the Tanglewood Park Welcome Center!

In the months of November and December, we hope you are able to take time from your everyday life to enjoy everything our beautiful county parks have to offer. Come to the park and walk a trail, ride a bike, play some golf (or disc golf), host a picnic, or do anything else we have to offer. There's always plenty to do in Forsyth County!

Upcoming Events

Festival of Lights Gift Shop Pre-Sale
November 7th - Tanglewood Park Red Barn

The Festival of Lights Gift Shop will be open on Saturday, November 7th from 11AM-4PM. Don't miss your opportunity to shop from our local vendor tables before the show begins. Can't make it to the pre-sale? The gift shop will be open every night of Festival of Lights (Nov. 13th-Jan. 1st). We will also be open for November 28th, December 5th, and December 12th from 11AM-3:30PM.

2026 Veterans Day Ceremonies
November 11th - Triad Park

The NC War Memorial Foundation: Military Veterans, Families, and Foundation Members will hold ceremonies in honor of Veterans Day. This will be Tuesday, November 11th, starting at 11AM at Triad Park's Carolina Field of Honor. There will be several speakers and ceremonies taking place. For more information about the Veterans Day Ceremonies, please visit the Carolina Field of Honor.



2027 Tanglewood Park Annual Passes ON SALE NOW!

Get ready for 2027! Tanglewood Park Annual Passes are now on sale at a special discounted rate of $20, available from November 1st through December 31st at the Tanglewood Park Welcome Center. Passes are valid from the purchase date all the way through December 31, 2027. Don't miss this opportunity to save—grab your 2027 pass today!

