



THE  
CHIMNEY SWEEP  
— EST. 2020 —

It's sweeping the city!

## MANAGER'S MESSAGE

As we entered the New Year, I found myself reflecting on the many reasons why I am so grateful to live in and work for the Town of Forest City. This has been a tough year, to say the least. Each of us has had to make adjustments to our daily lives, and I appreciate our community's steadfast determination and willingness to rely on each other to get through it together.

I would like to thank our employees, Town Council, business owners, and citizens who contribute to making Forest City a wonderful place to live, work, and visit. 2021 was a year full of challenges and accomplishments, and I am confident that 2022 will be another year filled with success and continued growth.

-Janet H. Mason, Town Manager

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## 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Ten new full-time employees joined our team
  - John Mark Bennett was elected as Commissioner and Commissioner Shawn Moore and Mayor Steve Holland were reelected
- Implemented an online reservation system for Town facilities

### FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Billy Samuel was promoted to Assistant Chief
  - Dedicated Truck #22, which replaced a 32-year-old model
- Hosted numerous community blood drives

### PUBLIC WORKS

- Sonny Penson was promoted to Wastewater Treatment Superintendent
  - Opened a new section of the Alexander Cementary
- Electric Department received a safety award from Electricities

### PARKS & RECREATION

- Approved a new five-year plan, which provides an actionable plan to guide the Town's actions and decisions regarding parks and recreation
- Entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the County to construct a soccer complex

### EVENTS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Several new businesses opened and held grand openings within the city limits
- Hosted over 50 special events at POPS and on Main Street, including a Spring Concert, the Finally Fridays concert series, the Drop-In Movies series, Earth & Soul Yoga and more
- Awarded four facade grants to Main Street Realty, Luxury Nail Salon and Spa, Naturally On Main and Forest City Chiropractic
- Many buildings were renovated, including the McBrayer Building, Main Street Realty, Luxury Nail Salon and Spa, Girls of Grace Boutique and Main Street Family Medicine
- Added carriage rides and hay rides on Friday and Saturday nights in December due to the increased visitors coming to Forest City during the holiday season

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Received a grant from the Governor's Crime Commission for \$23,878 to purchase an ATV
- Partnered with Walmart and United Way for the annual Shop with a Cop, which helped twelve children purchase gifts for their families
  - Lt. Brandon Rothrock & Lt. Josh Williams completed six months of leadership training

### LIBRARY

- Circulated 13,805 items and registered 161 new patrons for library cards
- Hosted a Summer Reading Program, with 43 children completing the Tails & Tales Challenge to adopt a stuffed dog toy
- Received a \$1,500 Walmart Local Community Grant for STEAM materials and programming

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## EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

We experienced heavy snowfall throughout town over the January 14th weekend. Numerous employees from every department immediately went to work to clear the roads and sidewalks, restore power and communicate with the public. Thank you to our many crew members who worked for several days to get our beautiful town cleaned up and safe as quickly as possible!

## STAFF REPORT

### NEW IN TOWN

- Mara Short was hired as a Payroll/Accounting Technician in the Finance Department.
- Airin Bradley was hired as a Maintenance Worker in the Street Department.
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### SWITCHIN' THINGS UP

- Darrell Greene transferred from the Street Department as an Equipment Operator to the Pump Maintenance Department as a Pump Maintenance Mechanic.
- Parker Smart transitioned from a Maintenance Worker to an Equipment Operator in the Street Department.

### HAPPY TRAILS

- Congratulations to Payroll/Accounting Technician Carolyn Wease for her retirement from the Finance Department on January 28.

### JOIN THE TEAM

- The Town of Forest City is accepting applications for Police Officer.

## NOW HIRING!

Many of our businesses, including Scoop, are looking for great employees! You can join the Scoop team by applying at [scoopontop.com](http://scoopontop.com) or the Scoop Forest City Facebook page.

Scoop will reopen for the season in early March so stay tuned to their social media for more information. Scoop can't wait to serve our beautiful community and create many delicious memories!



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**AMERICA'S**



**FUDGE SHOP**  
 155 East Main Street  
 Forest City, NC 28043  
 828-447-2041  
 americasfudgeshop@gmail.com

## MERCHANT CORNER

America's Fudge Shop took a well-deserved break after the holidays, and we are so excited that they are reopening on Wednesday, February 2 at 11AM!

Get ready for Valentine's Day with 24 flavors of fudge, cinnamon glazed nuts, peanut butter Ritz crackers and chocolate-dipped strawberries, Oreos and marshmallows - all done up in Valentine's day colors and flavors! Visit America's Fudge Shop at 155 E. Main Street.

## COUNCIL CONNECTION

### JANUARY 10, 2022

- Council awarded the contract for the Clay Street Milling & Resurfacing Option to Stott Construction for \$138,734.02.
- Council awarded the contract for the Clay Street Stormwater Project to Two Brothers Utilities for \$98,925.20.
- Council approved the budget amendments for the aforementioned projects.
- Council approved the appointment of Mara Short as the Deputy City Clerk.
- Dr. Mason provided a manager's update about the Turner Street construction project, the closure of POPS due to maintenance and information regarding the FY22-23 budget, quotes for repairs at Mooneyham Library, the new business registration process, the Rutherford County Soccer Complex and Public Works Director Barry Spurlin's upcoming retirement.

Remember that you can watch the council meetings live on our website!

## FEBRUARY FEATURES

- Saturday, 2/5 - Down Time Habit Concert (Twisted Pear)
- Sunday, 2/6 - National Fettuccine Alfredo Day (Mario's has some of the best!)
- Monday, 2/7 - Council Meeting
- Wednesday, 2/9 - National Pizza Day (Celebrate with a slice from Louie's Cafe!)
- Sunday, 2/13 - Super Bowl (Catch the game at a local restaurant or grab takeout and watch at home!)
- Monday, 2/14 - Valentine's Day (Support local and treat that special someone in your life to a lovely day in Forest City!)
- Thursday, 2/17 - National Random Acts of Kindness Day
- Monday, 2/21 - Council Meeting

### RECURRING EVENTS

- Mondays & Thursdays, 10AM - Preschool STEAM Storytime (Mooneyham Library)
- Thursdays, 7PM - Twisted Trivia (Twisted Pear)

### STAY TUNED

- 6:30-8:30PM, Date TBA - Poetry & Spoken Word Reading (Next Door Used Books)



# SUPPORT LOCAL

JOIN US IN WELCOMING THESE NEW BUSINESSES THAT OPENED IN 2021!

- **Girls of Grace Boutique** — 118 W. Main Street — 10AM-6PM Wednesday-Saturday — A unique boutique that began as a scribble in storeowner Michelle Rippey's Bible and now exists to support women in our community and around the world
- **The Hoot Nannie** — 164 E. Main Street — 11AM-10PM Wednesday-Thursday, 11-12AM Friday-Saturday, 11AM-6PM Sunday — The Farmer and Pitmaster combined the best of Fallston, NC staples The Honey Hog and Nannie's Fish & Chicken to create this unique restaurant with fresh burgers, steak, whole hog BBQ, appetizers and a full service bar
- **Luxury Nail Salon & Spa** — 116A W. Main Street — 10AM-7PM Monday-Thursday, 9:30AM-7PM Friday-Saturday, 11AM-5PM Sunday — Family-owned specialty salon offering nail care services like manicures, pedicures and spa services
- **Main Street Family Medicine** — 120 W. Main Street — 9AM-5PM Monday-Friday (appointments required) — Direct primary care practice that accepts patients as practice members with an affordable flat monthly rate
- **Main Street Realty** — 116 W. Main Street — 9AM-5PM Monday-Friday — Brokerage of local experts that are dedicated to achieving results while providing exceptional customer service whether you are buying or selling

## HOST FAMILIES NEEDED!



The Forest City Owls are looking for host families this summer! Host families allow the players to stay at their homes during the baseball season and get free tickets to every home game.

For more info, contact Stephanie at 828.245.0000 or [sblatnicky@forestcitybaseball.com](mailto:sblatnicky@forestcitybaseball.com).

## WE WANT CANDY!



A **Sugar Station** is coming to Creekside Kids Boutique! The sweet treats will be individually wrapped and sold by the pound like a classic candy shop.

CKB is located at 104 E. Main Street. Stay tuned to their social media for the official announcement about the Sugar Station's arrival!

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