

## 2024 SUMMER ADDITION

### HILDEBRAN TOWN COUNCIL

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## ROYAL PARK GROUNDBREAKING PLANNED FOR JULY 17<sup>th</sup>

The Town Council contracted with DDI of Hickory to construct Royal Park. As mentioned in previous newsletters, the park will feature a new restroom and concessions building, a quarter-mile walking track going throughout the park and nearby municipal complex, an amphi-theater, splashpad, and accessible playground station.

Royal Park's design is multi-functional. It offers recreational activities, water activities during the summer months, and an event space for shows, concerts, and festivals. Construction is anticipated to finish in July of 2025. The project will be a family-friendly recreation area centrally-located in town. A ribbon-cutting hosted by the Burke County Chamber of Commerce shall be announced in a future newsletter once construction finishes up.

In 2021, the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund provided a matching grant to help fund a portion of the project. Other external funding sources include State & Local Fiscal Recovery Funds and State Capital Infrastructure Funds.

If you or your organization would like to consider sponsoring Royal Park, please see the following page for more details.

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*Future Site of Royal Park*

## Town Council Meeting Schedule

The Town Council's next 10 regularly scheduled meetings are set for:

July 22, 2024  
August 26, 2024  
September 23, 2024  
October 28, 2024  
November 25, 2024  
December 16, 2024  
January 27, 2025  
February 24, 2025  
March 24, 2025  
April 28, 2025



Time & Location: 7:00pm in the Council Chambers, 202 S Center Street

## 2 ADDITIONAL AUDITORIUM GRANTS

In our last newsletter we announced receiving two competitive grants from the N.C. Department of Commerce's Rural Transformation Grant (RTG) Fund. These were expected to partially fund auditorium renovations and additions. Since that time, Hildebran received two additional grants for our proposed additions and renovations - a \$500,000 Regional Economic Development Reserve grant from the State of NC and a \$62,500 Rural Downtown Economic Development grant from the NC Department of Commerce. Between all four grants, current external funding for the project rests just under \$1 million at \$912k. Final design considerations are underway.



*Stage view from Hildebran Auditorium*

Items under consideration include ADA upgrades, additional restrooms, a greenroom, dressing areas, a concessions area, new seating and more. We anticipate construction to begin in August of this year.

## STARTING A BUSINESS IN THE TOWN OF HILDEBRAN?

Whether you are starting a new business, moving to a new location, or are a property owner changing the use of a location **a development permit is required**. A development permit can be found on the Town of Hildebran website under the Government subsection Planning tab.

**Step 1:** Verify your zoning district and permitted uses for the proposed business; locations must be consistent with the Town of Hildebran Zoning Ordinances. The Burke County GIS site outlines the land's current zoning for residential, office, commercial, and industrial uses. If you are not sure how your business is classified per the Town of Hildebran Zoning Ordinance, we recommend you contact the Hildebran Town Planner.

**Step 2:** Once it is determined the zoning district allows the use, check the Permitted-Use table outlined in the Town of Hildebran Zoning Ordinances to determine if there are any other specific constraints to take into account. The three types of uses in each zoning district are either permitted, not permitted, or permitted only with an approved Special Use permit. Visit Burke County GIS Site to verify the existing zoning and permitted land use. On the GIS site, you can search by the parcel owner, parcel address, or property parcel number. You may use the map layers tab on the sidebar to see how a parcel or area is zoned. If you need assistance or cannot find a specific tract of land, please contact the Town of Hildebran or Burke GIS office. If you find that the use you need for your business isn't permitted by the zoning, you may go through the process to request a property be rezoned or look for another location in the Town of Hildebran that better accommodates the needs of your business

**Step 3:** IF the use is permitted, but requires a new build, expansion, alteration, or is a change of use a zoning permit is required. Please contact the Hildebran Town Planner for zoning requirements such as landscaping, parking, or site design.

**Step 4:** Once a zoning permit is approved, the applicant may apply for any necessary additional permits with Burke County Building and/or Burke County Fire Marshall.

### **Contact information:**

Hildebran Planning and Zoning Administration: Katelyn Smith; [katelyn.smith@wpcog.org](mailto:katelyn.smith@wpcog.org), 828.485.4258 or Hildebran Consultant Planner (Commercial and Residential Site Review): Rachel Wooster; [Rachel.wooster@wpcog.org](mailto:Rachel.wooster@wpcog.org). 828.455.2926

## HOW TO SPONSOR ROYAL PARK

In addition to grant funding, we are seeking to partner with organizations and individuals who want to sponsor park features or park facilities. Sponsors will have the ability to provide general donations or specified donations that provide unique benefits and marketing opportunities for themselves or their organization. Details and benefits regarding our sponsorship opportunities are available via our Royal Park Amenities Sponsorship Policy. You can get a copy of the policy from Town Clerk Alice Sanders at Town Hall or from our website at [www.hildebranncc.com](http://www.hildebranncc.com). We look forward to partnering with you!



# Looking for rental space to host your next event?



-Train Depot

The Town of Hildebran offers several facility rentals to the public for parties, shows, concerts, reunions and indoor sporting events. Rentals include the Old Train Depot (above), pavilion, auditorium and gymnasium. For more information contact Town Hall at (828) 397-5801.



## Code Enforcement Services

The Town of Hildebran contracts with the Western Piedmont Council of Governments for Code Enforcement services within town limits. The vision of the WPCOG Code Enforcement Division is to promote and maintain a safe and desirable living and working environment. They strive to maintain and improve the quality of each community by administering fair and unbiased enforcement of State laws and local ordinances to correct violations and reduce hazards that lower the quality of life of residents and guests. If you want to discuss a potential issue, contact **Chad Powell** by phone at (828) 455-3343 or by email at [chad.powell@wpcog.org](mailto:chad.powell@wpcog.org).

**WE ARE ONLINE AND ON SOCIAL MEDIA! CHECK US OUT ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PLATFORMS:**



**HildebranNC.com**

*\*All Town Council meetings are streamed live via the Town's YouTube channel. If you miss a meeting, visit our channel to playback a previous meeting.*



Waste Collection  
Schedule

Every Wednesday

*\*Some Streets are picked up on another day. Call Republic Services at 828-437-7940 for more information.*



Curbside Recycling  
Schedule

Collection occurs every other  
Wednesday

Town of Hildebran  
109 S Center Street  
Hildebran, NC 28637

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(828) 397-5801

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(828) 397-7180

