

Town to Purchase First Bank Building for New Town Hall

The Town of Southern Pines and First Bank are pleased to announce an agreement for the Town to purchase the First Bank Corporate Office property at 300 SW Broad Street in downtown Southern Pines. First Bank has accepted the Town's offer of \$6.4 million for the approximately 21,000-square-foot building located at the corner of SW Broad Street and W. Massachusetts Avenue.

With minor renovations, the four-story building will serve as the Town's first dedicated Town Hall, housing multiple departments and providing a dedicated Council Chambers. The purchase is the result of years of facilities planning following a 2019 assessment that identified structural and accessibility deficiencies in the Town's Finance and Administration buildings. Renovating those buildings was estimated at over \$4 million with limited opportunities for expansion due to aging infrastructure and small footprints.

Mayor Taylor Clement noted that, over time, the Town expects to sell or repurpose some existing buildings to help offset the purchase cost and preserve historic properties in ways that better suit their condition and community value.

Town Manager Reagan Parsons called the purchase "a practical, forward-looking solution to our long-term facility needs" that is faster, more cost-effective, and more sustainable than building new. He also highlighted the property's location, which supports the Town's 2040 Comprehensive Plan by extending the downtown district further south.

The contract tentatively sets a closing date by the end of December 2025, allowing time for logistical planning and identifying renovation needs. The Town is releasing a Request for Proposals to secure financing, which requires Local Government Commission approval before finalizing the loan.

Stay Safe as You Return to School

September is Campus Fire Safety Month and SPFD is helping you get back to school safely with these tips:

- If you live in a dormitory, make sure your sleeping room has a smoke alarm or your dorm suite has a smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm in each living area as well as the sleeping room. Test your smoke alarms at least monthly.
- Never remove smoke alarm batteries or disable the alarm.
- Learn your building's evacuation plan and practice all drills as if they were the real thing.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking.
- Use battery operated flameless candles.
- Check your school's rules before using electrical appliances in your room.

Happy Birthday, SPPL!

This month, the Southern Pines Public Library is celebrating the 30th anniversary of the opening of our Connecticut Ave. building! The past 3 decades have been full of amazing programs, outstanding service, and, best of all, wonderful patrons who value reading and our community. From **September 8th to the 14th**, join us for 90's-themed giveaways, decorations, and special birthday events. Friday, September 12 will feature an all-day **Birthday Bash!** The party room will be open all day long with crafts and activities.

Keep N.C. Weird

Join presenter Liz Z Pardue on September 6, at 10:30am, for an hour-long presentation about all the history, people, places, and stories that make North Carolina weird and wonderful. Liz is a seasoned storyteller and published author who directs historical ghost tours in Fuquay Varina. Whether you're an N.C. native or a new resident, this presentation will surely have some entertaining and spooky info!

Senior Show and Tell Returns!

If you missed it the first time, not to worry! You've got a second chance to take a trip down memory lane and share a piece of your past with others on Friday, September 26 at 10:30am. If you would like to present an item or story, please register in advance by calling the library or visiting our website. All ages are welcome to attend!

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^Activity requires advance registration.

Questions? Need to register? Call us!

Library 910-692-8235

Parks & Recreation 910-692-2463

Date	Day	Time	Event	Location
1	Mon	All Day	Town Offices Closed	TOSP
2	Tue	4:30pm	Kids Rock (ages 7-12)^	WH
3	Wed	5:30pm	Supermom Circuit (adults 18+)^	TH
4	Thur	3:45pm	Little U Preschool Storytime **New Time** (ages 3.5-5) Every Thursday!	SPPL
6	Sat	9:00am	Hike & Brew (all ages)^	RSVR PK
6	Sat	9:00am	Childbirth Education & Movement Workshop (expecting parents)^	WH
6	Sat	10:30am	Keep N.C. Weird- Storytelling with Liz Z Pardue (adults and families)	SPPL
8	Mon	9:30am	Pine Power Core (adults 18+)^	TH
9	Tue	6:00pm	Town Council Business Meeting	DCC
10	Wed	5:30pm	Book Chat and Chill @ James Creek Cider House (adults)	SPPL
12	Fri	All Day	SPPL Birthday Bash! (all ages)	SPPL
13	Sat	10:00am	Nature Connections (all ages)	WH
14	Sun	2:30pm	STEAM Sunday: Balloons! (grades K-5)	SPPL
19	Fri	11:00am	Introduction to Libby (adults)	SPPL
20	Sat	10:15am	Saturday Storytime: Baby Disco! (birth-5)	SPPL
22	Mon	6:00pm	Musical Theater Workshop (ages 11-18)^	TH
23	Tue	3:00pm	Town Council Work Session	SPPD
23	Tue	5:00pm	Teen Book Chat and Chill (ages 13+)	Swank Coffee
24	Wed	3:30pm	ATLAS: Civil War Badges with Jim Reynolds (K-2)	SPPL
26	Fri	10:30am	Senior Show and Tell	SPPL
26	Fri	5:00pm	Spookywoods (ages 13-17)	REC CTR
27	Sat	11:00am	Intro to Ropes at TRC (ages 12+)^	REC CTR

2025 Municipal Election – Coming This November

Key Dates & Deadlines:

- Voter Registration Deadline: Friday, October 10, 2025 (25 days before Election Day)
- Mail-in Voter Registration Applications: Must be postmarked by Friday, October 10, 2025. Must be received no later than Wednesday, October 15, 2025 (20 days before Election Day)
- Early Voting Period: Thursday, October 16, 2025 – Saturday, November 1, 2025
- Election Day: November 4, 2025



The Town of Southern Pines will have three candidates on the ballot for the 2025 Municipal Election. Current council members Ann Petersen and Brandon Goodman are seeking re-election, and Robert Curtin has also filed to run.

FACILITIES & ADDRESSES

DTP: Downtown Park | 145 SE Broad St.

DTSP: Downtown Southern Pines | Location varies

SPPL: So. Pines Public Library | 170 W. Connecticut Ave.

REC CTR: Recreation Center | 160 Memorial Park Ct.

RSVR PK: Reservoir Park | 300 Reservoir Park Ct

WH: Whitehall | 490 Pee Dee Rd.

SPPD: Police Department | 450 W. Pennsylvania Ave.

TH: Train House | 482 E. Connecticut Ave.

DCC: Douglass Community Center | 1185 W. Pennsylvania Ave



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