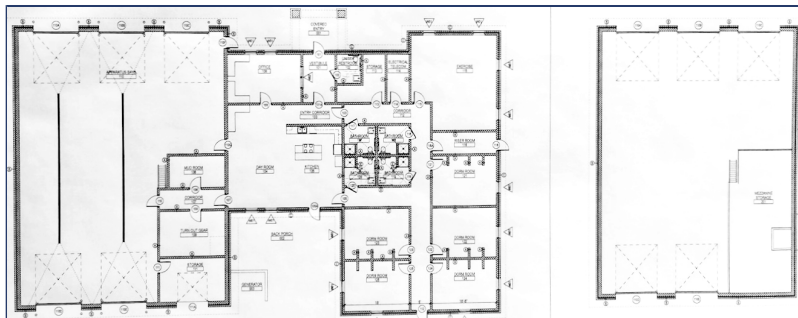


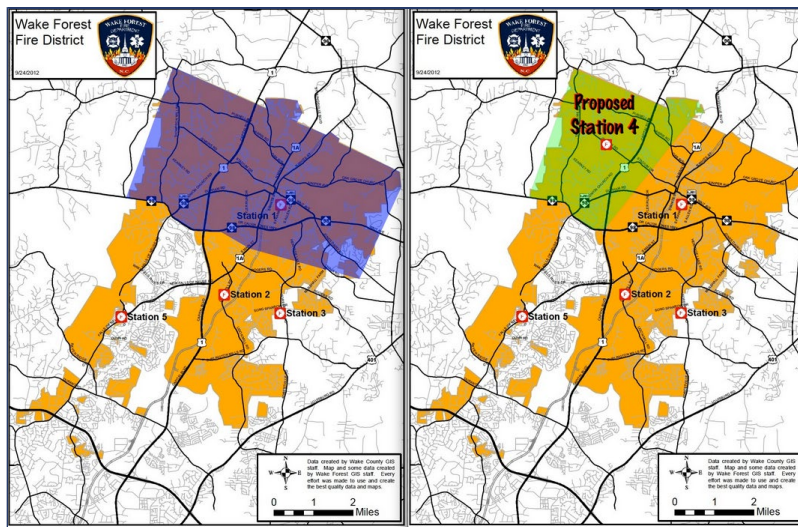
Wake Forest News on Wake Forest Station 4

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The *Wake Forest News* last week posted a lengthy feature on Wake Forest's proposed fourth fire station. The site is located at the intersection of Jenkins Road and Fullard Drive, in northwest Wake Forest. The project is opposed by some residents, who are concerned about such issues as noise and property values. The story includes a map illustrating the probable proposed coverage area. There are also architect's renderings of the single-story, three-bay building. And blueprints! [Read the story](#). (How do you close the images in the WFN piece, once you click on them? Locate the Close icon, in the lower right corner of the pop-up.)

Next question, what existing fire stations in town or around Wake County have generated controversy either before or during their construction? Believe there was objection to Wake Forest Station 2, before it was opened on Ligon Mill Road in 2001. For that matter, perhaps any fire station in or near a residential area compels concern. The residents by my neighborhood, off Lead Mine Road, voice concerns to city officials in the 1970s, as Station 16 was being planned. Click to enlarge:





Will station 4 be manned 24 hours a day as soon as it is completed? Or will they leave it unmanned like Bay Leaf #3?

Is there any talk of Wake EMS placing a full time or peak time truck at Station 4?

By the way, Congrats to WFFD for being forward thinking and planning for the future.

Buckwheat - 11/26/13 - 14:12

Fulltime paid staff 24/7. No accommodations for volunteers in addition to that. No talk of EMS cohabitating the space.

FD - 11/26/13 - 16:05

Why would you not have any accommodations for volunteers???? With Wake Forest station 5 not being funded next year or being shut down from what I have been reading. It seem like volunteers are not needed in Wake Forest or is the membership closed and are they doing away with their volunteer firefighters? I was looking into Wake Forest to maybe become a member just moved to the area and I live in Wake Forest. I was a member of a combo department back home and we ran around 7,000 fire calls and about 21,000 EMS calls out of 6 fire stations and the Chief always looked at the benefit of volunteers. I can see that the call volume is lower then the area I live in but I can still see the benefit. If it is true that Wake Forest doesn't need volunteers is there any department near by that do?

Thank you for any help.

Why No Volunteers - 11/27/13 - 13:25

Since I'm not a journalist nor play one on television, I've done no validation or verification of the comments from the anonymous user "FD."

They might be factually correct, they might the "word on the street," they be speculation, etc.

The lack of accuracy in turn renders this thread dubious or outright inappropriate for discussion of Wake Forest's volunteer program and its future. Wait, you say, we discuss plans and future things all the time. And we swap rumors right and left.

Good point. That seems evident of a discrepancy. We'll look at that more closely. For now, though, be aware that verified/validated facts aren't yet present (here).

Legeros - 11/27/13 - 15:56

I have seen the plans. A private room for each paid member with no extras for volunteers. Why do it like that? No clue. There are not really accommodations for volunteers at any of the stations except for 5. I prefer to stay anonymous to avoid repercussions from the powers that be.

FD - 11/27/13 - 17:56

I'm curious as to the speculation of decreasing property values. Perhaps someone could enlighten me. It seems that having a firehouse move

into your neighborhood would be a good thing for property values and insurance premiums.

Then again, you know how rough-and-tumble we firefighters are.

Duda ([Email](#)) - 12/02/13 - 10:25

While it is nice to have a fire station nearby the perceived added noise would keep somebody from wanting to move into a home that is nearby. There are homes right across the street from this address. I personally, even as a firefighter, would not want to move into those homes because of the noise of sirens, running equipment, etc. Therefore their property value would suffer due to a loss in the number of people finding the property appealing.

FD - 12/02/13 - 14:28

Although if you take a look at Porto Fino across from WF 2, the houses sell as quickly as they're built.

Truth - 12/02/13 - 20:52

I am not denying that in the slightest. It is the perception of the homeowner...hence my use of the word perceived. And it does of course depend on the exact location of the home. A house deeper in that neighborhood probably does not really even know the fire station is a few hundred yards beyond the entrance to the neighborhood. However, I would be interested to see how long it would take one of the houses whose back faces the station to sell. My guess would be a longer time. Thus a 'decreased' value if nothing else than in terms of time on market over price of home.

FD - 12/03/13 - 11:28

This particular thread is proof that firefighters shouldn't play real estate agents online. I find it doubtful and completely ridiculous that a fire station has any effect at all on a home's property value. I imagine a home may be less desirable to some if it is too close to a fire station, but I just don't buy that it decreases the actual value of the property. But perhaps someone who actually works in real estate could comment.

Century One - 12/04/13 - 07:35

Just because the assessed value does not change it doesn't change the opinions of potential buyers. The value might be the same, but it might take some additional time to find the right buyer.

Remax - 12/04/13 - 11:28

Decreased value or not, as a firefighter, knowing how fire stations operate, would NOT want to live across from E8. I can see clearly why a resident across from a proposed fire station would be up in arms or how property value could go down. I am not saying it should not be built, just that I understand. It may be a nuisance to 10 but benefit 1000's.

Zillow - 12/04/13 - 14:21

Also keep in mind the fire service is nothing more than an expense and nuisance until we are needed. When the emergency is over the fire service goes back to being nothing more than an expense and nuisance.

Rescue Ranger - 12/04/13 - 17:36

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