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Friday, July 4th, 2011

by John Tiley



**B**ackyard BBQs' Featuring Burgers and Dogs, Lemonade and Chips... Parades and Fireworks! These are the visions 4th of July bring to my mind. How much more American can you get? Some of us go to the beach and others wish they could. It's going to be hot one because summer is already in full swing. And, if there are kids around watch out, you might even get caught by an unexpected stray water balloon or two. ...all in good summer fun. Since I have been living in the Waxhaw area I appreciate more and more the home town approach taken here. The years festivities are kicked off at 10AM with a few announcements from the Judges Area followed by a local singer doing a rendition of the National Anthem. Then the Parade starts up featuring pretty girls and politicians, marching veterans in their immaculately cared for uniforms with even a war hero or two honored for their sacrifices; bands and kids groups, tractors and horses, if it can be in a parade, its probably going to be seen here! You just don't get that in the big cities!

Throughout the day things will be happening around town. There 's plenty of good food at the local restaurants for those of you who aren't going home to do a "proper back yard BBQ" and as always the antique shops are open for you to meander through and perhaps find just the right treasure to take home.

In the evening starting at 5:00 p.m. plan to join the fun at the Beach Party/Music Festival behind the car wash next to the Waxhaw Post Office. Live performances on the Main Stage will feature RJ Adams followed by Too Much Sylvia. For the kids we will have face painting, bouncies, and a balloon twister and for everyone a food court with BBQ, hot dogs, ice cream, funnel cakes and Italian ice.

Then in the evening, amongst friends and neighbors, you get to hunt to find just the right piece of grass to throw a blanket down or set up couple of chairs on ...or maybe just pull up a bit of street curb.

Around 9:30PM comes the main attraction starting off with a bang, one of the absolute best fireworks displays to be seen. The famous Waxhaw fireworks And they will be set off in the field right there next to CVS Pharmacy. Not some big commercial presentation launched from the tallest building around or a barge offshore. Believe it or not, I even like the insects buzzing around my feet, taking a bite or two before I can spray 'em with the Off, that was the way it was done when I was a kid and, if your asking me, it's the best way to do it today as well!

I'm glad to be in Waxhaw this Fourth of July.... our Independence Day! What a great place to be.

## Attention Readers:

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**Iron Man 2**  
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\* MOVIES START AT DUSK

*The movies will be held at David G. Barnes Park next to the SK8 (skate park) on Caldwell Street.*

## Independence Day events across the region

Here is a day-by-day and county-by-county list of events for the Fourth of July courtesy of the Charlotte Observer.

## Around Town

**A**s always I try to check out Broome Street Blues to see what I may have missed before publishing.

This week Kaliph noted two things in particular I would like to add to...

GAS: I was in South Carolina earlier this week and topped off at the Gateway Station over by Indian Land High School. While Kangaroo was still at \$365.9 here I paid \$338.9 there... that is a savings of \$.27 per gallon, well worth the trip if you are low, especially if you need something from Wal Mart, Loews or any number of grocery/retail stores all at South Carolina's lower tax rate. Works especially well if you do a combined run or just happen to be passing through on your way to or from home.



Also, the Rock Store BBQ; they are located in the strip along with Loews. I haven't spoken with anybody at that store but did speak with one of the guys from the Stallings Store, (located right across the street from the complex where my dear old Mum lives...) where I have on a number of occasions enjoyed their fare... all very good. And the ribs, they smell great but I haven't had a chance to try them out... yet.

The number I was given for the Waxhaw store is 704-283-0210.

Thanks to Kaliph and his **blog** for the heads up!

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## And now, Our Weekly Dose of Humor directly from the Internet.....

*bits and pieces that your Editor will not testify to for correctness, accuracy nor even believability but they are certainly humorous. So Enjoy!*

### Perks of reaching 50 or being over 60 and heading towards 70!

1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation you are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run--anywhere.
4. People call at 9 pm and ask, did I wake you?
5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now won't wear out.
8. You can eat supper at 4 pm.
9. You get into heated arguments about pension plans.
11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge.
12. You quit trying to hold your stomach in... no matter who walks into the room.
13. You sing along with elevator music.
14. Your eyes won't get much worse.
15. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off.
16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service.
17. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either.
18. Your supply of brain cells are finally down to a manageable size.

### BREAKING NEWS!!

To save the economy, in July, 2011, the government will start deporting older people (instead of illegals) in order to Lower Social Security and Medicare costs. I started crying when I thought of you.

### RUN, YOU OLD BUZZARD, RUN!!



**Well.....**

**Someone sent it to me. And I'm not going alone!**



19. You can't remember who sent you this list.

20. You didn't notice #10 was missing

And you notice these are all in Big Print for your convenience.

**And NEVER, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.**

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