



Alamance County Beekeepers

November 2021 Newsletter



Message from Ira

Reid, Zivon and I will be telling our stories of beekeeping in 2021. It still would be a good idea to check our hives to see how many mites they have and possibly treat with Oxalic Acid. Most people use the vaporization method. I would recommend waiting until a day that the temperature is at least 65 degrees before opening up the hive to do the mite check. It's also time to put in your entrance reducers and have your IPM Boards ready to put in on cold nights. Also make sure your bees have enough food to make it through the Winter. Sugar bricks and winter patties are a good method this time of year.

Look forward to seeing you on our Zoom call !! This meeting is a good one to listen to because our speakers will be talking about what worked and what didn't work in their apiaries this year. I seem to pay more attention to the things I did that didn't work. I'm sure you will enjoy this learning experience !!

The Alamance County Beekeepers will have a spot in this year's Burlington Christmas Parade on Saturday, November 20th. See below for more info, and call Ira at 336-314-0499 to let him know you're coming!

The Alamance County Beekeepers will be hosting the Beginning Beekeeping Class virtually again this year - stay tuned for details!

November Meeting Info - November 18th 7pm [link](#)



Lessons Learned

Presented by our own club members! Reid, Zivon and Ira will be sharing their experiences with us.

This is always a spirited evening of give and take, as we hear how new, intermediate, and experienced beekeepers have fared this year. We offer pats on the back, condolences, and tips for the future. Join-in virtually to share your experiences and your knowledge with your fellow beekeepers, and learn something new!

This will be our last full membership meeting of 2022.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83900816962?pwd=TGFVWVVEOZ2IEK2JvNDBNaUFoZmRKUT09>

Click above link to join or, Meeting ID: 839 0081 6962

Passcode: 022343. Past meetings can be found in the members section of our website. Can't log in? Find your local dial in number here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kbwWURJVOx>

Notes from the October Meeting

Our October meeting was a day in the life of a NC Apiary Inspector! Don Hopkins shared details on how the state inspectors help us beekeepers both in the day to day and the long term.

Don't forget - as a member of Alamance County Beekeepers, you have access to past zoom recordings! The members only section of our website can be accessed [here](#), and the password is in the email sent to members with this newsletter. **due to an error, the October meeting was not recorded. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.*

As always, if there's something you would like to see in the newsletter, or you have photos, articles, accomplishments, questions, etc, you'd like to add - email us! We can always be reached at alamancecountybeekeepers@gmail.com or newsletter@alamancebeekeepers.org



STATE FAIR UPDATE



Congratulations to our winners!! Ira took 1st in 3 sections of comb honey, 1st in Cosmetic Lip Balms, and the Senior Sweepstakes. Benny Boggs took 1st in 3 jars light amber, and 2nd in extracted amber. We know how difficult it is to get entries together - especially this year!

Thank you so much to all that entered for participating in this year's fair - here's to a great one in 2022!! (yes, it's NEVER too soon to start planning!)

Election Results

The results are in, and the following roster will be your officers for 2022. A heartfelt thank you to those that have volunteered! As planning for 2022 gets underway, there will be opportunities for anyone that would like to get involved to participate on committees, volunteer for events, etc - please don't hesitate to contact one of the officers if there's a way you'd like to get involved.

2022 officers are:

President: Ira Poston
Vice President: Mike Ross
Recording Secretary: Caitlin Vatikiotis-Bateson
Treasurer: Sarah Stevens
Program Chair: Reid Cardwell
3-year Director: Liz Riley
2-year Director: Zivon Price
1-year Director: Paul Jollay
Webmaster: Jay Rimmer

Burlington Christmas Parade Info

Saturday, November 20th

This year we are again participating in the Burlington Christmas Parade!! We would love to have our members join us, come with bee suits and smokers!

PARADE ARRIVAL FOR PEOPLE WALKING OR PARTICIPATING IN THE PARADE

- NOBODY should drop off participants on Webb Avenue, please use designated drop off parking lots located throughout Downtown Burlington (City Lot off Maple #2, City Lot off Main and Front #3) on the map on the next page.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- The Burlington Christmas Parade does not assign a numbered order to the units.
- Units are lined up on a first-come/first-serve basis and are filtered into the parade line-up based on music, sizing and other factors.
- If you have registered for 2 vehicles, please plan to meet elsewhere and arrive to the staging area together. Once you are in the parade staging area, there is not an opportunity to rearrange vehicles.
- Parade Units will be lined up beginning promptly at 8:00am.
- Please be respectful of surrounding parade units- keep your music (if applicable) at a low volume and have anyone walking with your unit stay as close to your unit as possible.
- For safety reasons, no one is to throw candy or any items from their parade unit because children may run into the street and in front of cars.
 - Items may be handed directly to parade watchers by your walking units.

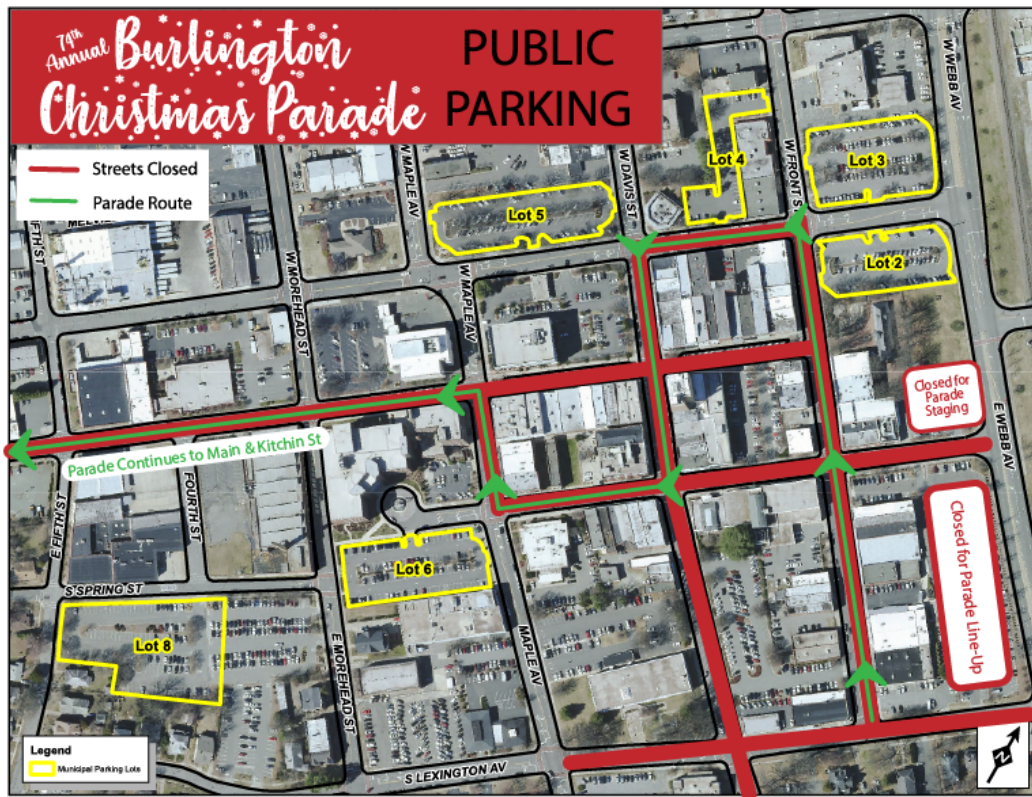
END OF PARADE DIRECTIONS

GENERAL & COMMERCIAL ENTRIES: Once on Kitchin Street, turn right onto Overbrook Rd. Staff will assist you in parking your vehicle/group for disassembly, then exit through round-about on Overbrook Rd. heading toward S. Church Street.

If no disassembly is required, entries may continue straight on Kitchin St. and exit via Mebane St. **PLEASE NOTE-** No units will be allowed to drive out of the parade area with people on the back of a trailer/vehicle. Everyone must have a seatbelt on inside vehicles. Units must unload **all** other participants before exiting the area.

PARTICIPANT PICK-UP

- If you are picking up someone who is participating in the parade, please make plans to park at the Maynard Aquatics Center and walk to meet your group on Overbrook surrounding the ballfields.
 - The Aquatics Center area is **ONLY ACCESSIBLE** via S. Church St (near the Park Restaurant)
 - A few other options for pick-up within a short walking distance are the Kernodle Senior Center parking lot (Mebane St), and the Homebuilders Parking Lot (Overbrook via S Church).
- Please stay on sidewalks/grass areas and out of the road as much as possible. There will be parade traffic exiting through the roundabout.



This month in the bee yard...

Combine hives that are weak/have failing queens.

Ensure adequate ventilation near top of hive.

Feed thick syrup, candy boards or fondant if needed, for winter stores.

Provide weights (brick, rock, concrete block, etc.) for tops of hives to limit wind-induced toplessness.

Plant trees for future nectar/pollen sources (tulip poplar, maple, sourwood, etc.).

Consider closing off screened bottom board to improve heat insulation.

Bee caught up before Thanksgiving, so you can enjoy food, family, football, Black Friday, etc.!

<https://www.ncbeekeepers.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/CALENDAR-FOR-BEEKEEPING-IN-CENTRAL-NORTH-CAROLINA2020.pdf>

Membership Renewals and Contact Info

It's time to renew for 2022! You can do it online through our website [here](#), or you can download the application and mail us a check. Our club relies on our dues to keep our programs available!

As a 501(c)3, we are also able to accept donations. Donations can be accepted a few different ways, feel free to reach out for more information.

Our club has a new mailing address! If you should have any need for a mailing address for the club, it is:

Alamance County Beekeepers
PO Box 512
Snow Camp, NC 27349

It is now even easier to get in touch with us! While our main email address (alamancecountybeekeepers@gmail.com) remains in effect, each of our officers has their own club email address. We hope that this makes it easier for you to get in touch with who you need to quickly.



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