

## Valdese Employee Recognition

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Welcome New Employees!

Richard Damron  
Public Works

Dustin McKinney  
Police

Kimberly Cline  
Finance

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## Downtown Spot Light

Welcome to Downtown Valdese!  
**Thurston Springer Financial**  
Maryann Diamond  
141 Main Street West | 828.368.0655  
Dedicated to the creation & preservation of wealth



## Causby's Main St. Station

460 Main Street West  
Valdese, North Carolina  
828.368.0004

Causby's Main Street Station is a flashback of the 1950's full service station in the heart of Historic Valdese. Our mission is to provide customers with professional services they can trust and an experience they will enjoy.

Shop Small! Shop Local! Support your Downtown!

## Update on Valdese Lakeside Park



Mayor Black delivered incredible news for Valdese Lakeside Park at the May Council meeting. The Town received an Award Letter from NC DEQ Water Resources announcing the receipt of a \$200K grant for 4,000 linear feet of greenway, permeable parking and storm water control. This is \$200K to match our donors' \$200K to start a 10 ft wide crushed cinder greenway along Lake Rhodhiss and McGalliard Creek!!

# Calendar of Events

## Book the Old Rock School

**Auditorium**  
Seats up to 500  
Ideal for pageants, concerts, recitals

**Waldensian Room**  
Seats up to 150  
Ideal for weddings, birthdays, showers, anniversaries, meetings & more.

**Classrooms**  
119, 137, 138, 139  
Seats up to 25  
Ideal for small meetings, workshops & classes

**Teacher's Cottage**  
Seats 50  
Ideal for weddings, birthdays, showers, anniversaries, meetings & more.

For information call 828-879-2129.



Find out more about all Valdese events at [visitvaldese.com](http://visitvaldese.com) or hear about them on our local station **WSVN 96.5 FM**

225 Main Street  
West Valdese NC

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[wsvmradio.com](http://wsvmradio.com)  
828.475.6980

## CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER CRAFT VENDOR APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Vendor applications can be downloaded at [visitvaldese.com](http://visitvaldese.com)

\*New for 2019 - show will be held 2 days! Handmade items only!

## VALDESE FARMERS MARKET OPENS MAY 24 THROUGH AUGUST 30

Markets are held on Fridays from 11am-4pm at the Old Rock School Front Lawn

## FAMILY FRIDAY NIGHTS SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Free Concerts from 7-10pm on Fridays in Downtown

June 7: Fox & Company, June 14: Emily Minor, June 21: The Night Move Band

## VALDESE INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, June 28

Rides! Beer Garden! Car Show! Valdese Famous Fireworks!

Main Street Closes at 5pm & Live Music starts at 7pm with Little Johnny Trailer Trash

opening for ON THE BORDER, the Ultimate Eagles Tribute

Festivities start at 7pm and the fireworks will start at dusk!

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July 5: Southwind, July 12: Shake Down Band, July 19: The True Grass Band, July 26: Tony Bailey

## HISTORIC OUTDOOR DRAMA "FROM THIS DAY FORWARD"

July 12 - August 10 @ 7:45pm at the Fred B. Cranford Amphitheatre

Fridays & Saturdays Only - Tickets available online at [oldcolonyplayers.com](http://oldcolonyplayers.com) or Call 828-522-1150

## SUMMER CAMPS! FOR ALL AGES AT THE OLD ROCK SCHOOL

David Harmon Studios Presents:

June 24-28 Photography Camp for ages 12-18 - Call 704-936-9704 for more information

Old Colony Players Summer Camps - [oldcolonyplayers.com](http://oldcolonyplayers.com)

"Summer Shakespeare" June 17-21, 10am- 3pm, for ages 13-18

"From Awkward to Awesome" July 29 - August 3, 1:30-4:30pm, for Ages 9-16

"Jack Tales and Other Fables" August 12- 15, 10am-12pm, for ages 4-10

Rock School Arts Foundation Presents - Call 828-838-9806

People Everywhere: July 8 -12 & Cornucopia: Food & Art July 15 -19 both from 2-4pm

## BLUEGRASS AT THE ROCK SEASON TICKETS GO ON SALE IN JULY!

See your bluegrass favorites at the Old Rock School from October through March

Lineup includes: IIIRD Tyme Out, Sideline, Darin & Brooke Aldridge & more!

Find out more at [concertsattherock.com](http://concertsattherock.com)

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August 2: Skate Rink Jukebox, August 9 & 10 - Waldensian Festival, August 16: Carson Hill,

August 23: Dirty Grass Soul, Season Finale August 30: Tim Clark Band

## 44TH ANNUAL HISTORIC VALDESE WALDENSIAN FESTIVAL!

August 9 - Kickoff Celebration with Cassette Rewind & Gump Fiction - 80's & 90's Variety

August 10 - Festival Grand Finale with Gary Lowder & Smokin' Hot - Beach, Dance, Variety

See front cover for full event lineup or visit [waldensianfestival.com](http://waldensianfestival.com) for all the details

## Contact

[townofvaldese.com](http://townofvaldese.com)

Town Hall: 828.879.2120

Town Manager: 828.879.2116

Town Clerk/Human Resources:  
828.879.2117

Fire Department: 828.879.2103

Recreation Center: 828.879.2132

Planning Department: 828.879.2124

Tourism Department: 828.879.2126

Community Affairs: 828.879.2129

-Old Rock School -Teachers Cottage

Public Works: 828.879.2128

Waste Water Plant: 828.879.2131

Police Department: 828.879.2102

Fitness & Aquatics Center:  
828.879.2144

Water Department: 828.879.2127



The summer is going to be rocking at the Valdese Rec! We have a large number of aquatic activities taking place for folks of all ages. Our Aquacise classes are in full swing on weekday mornings, and we are continuing to offer adult swim lessons on Wednesday mornings with Linda Kidd. The Valdese Torpedo Masters workout group is also available to anyone 18 & over interested in swimming for fitness or to keep competing. We will offer free trial practices from June 1-June 7.

For kids 3 and up, we have swim lessons taking place all summer long. For the 2-4 year olds, we have our Saturday morning Puddle Jumper Pals class for parents & children. We now have some puddle jumpers on hand if you don't have your own thanks to a donation from Xcell Aquatics.

The Valdese Torpedo Swim Team is back in the water this summer, hoping to get kids interested in the sport of swimming. We are also looking to defend our Tarheel Swim League championship. Kids up to 18 years who are able to swim a minimum of a single lap of the pool are welcome to join this program.

Also, back this June is the Get Wet, Get Fit program led by Toni Reece & Melissa King! They utilize cardio & strength in the water to support patrons in their goals of getting fit! This has been a popular class in the past, and we're looking forward to a great time this go round, as well.

We are busy with things for those interested in staying dry, too. Yoga? Come check out the Flow Yoga classes on Tuesday evenings at 7pm with Autumn Hansen, or you can come visit the Tuesday & Thursday morning Hatha yoga with Dianne Buff. Our Silver Sneakers classes are staying pretty busy most weekday mornings, as are our TRX classes with Melissa & Toni. We've recently begun offering pilates with Nancy Thomas once a week, too & Tawny Homesley, a long time Zumba instructor, started offering Thursday night classes. As always, our fitness center opens early and closes late, so there is always time to stop in for a jog or quick lift.

There are a few special programs in the works as we partner with some local organizations, such as a movie/theme night at the pool this July with the Burke County Public Library!

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TAKE THE BUS!

Greenway Public  
Transportation

Have you tried our Burke  
County Flex Bus Routes?

Stops include:  
Valdese Hospital Outpatient  
Bimbo Bakeries  
Zimmerman Realty  
First Citizens  
Old Rock School  
Main Street & Church Street  
Foot Lion  
Public Housing (Lydia Ave)  
Find out more at mygreenway.org



Newsletter

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North Carolina's  
Friendly Town



- January 7, 2019
- \* January 31, 2019  
Special Meeting - Announcement
- February 4, 2019
- March 4, 2019
- March 18, 2019  
1-8pm Annual Budget Retreat  
Old Rock School Waldensian Room
- April 1, 2019
- April 15, 2019  
6pm Council Budget Workshop Dinner  
Town Hall Community Room
- May 6, 2019
- June 3, 2019
- June 24, 2019  
Budget Public Hearing; also serves as  
July Council Meeting
- August 5, 2019
- September 3, 2019  
Tuesday Due to Labor Day Holiday
- October 7, 2019
- November 4, 2019
- December 2, 2019

Town Council Meetings

Agendas can be found online at  
townofvaldese.com the Friday  
before each meeting.

Summer is right around the corner and Valdese has the season planned for you! Whether you are interested in healthy eating or the best live music to dance to, our summer event calendar has you covered. Valdese is well known for its ability to celebrate the summer with residents and visitors alike. Summer concerts kick-off on May 24th with a special opening celebration featuring the country band, OUTSHYNE. The 2019 season showcases a variety of music genres ranging from classic rock to bluegrass and will continue each Friday night until August 30th.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for our larger events including our Independence Day Celebration on June 28th. Each year Valdese celebrates the Friday before the 4th of July and the event continues to grow and grow. This year we are sure not to disappoint with live music starting at 7pm with Little Johnny Trailer Trash followed by our special music headliner, On The Border, The Ultimate Eagles Tribute Band. The celebration would not be complete without our Valdese famous FIREWORKS at dusk!

The season continues with the 44th Annual Waldensian Festival on August 9th & 10th. Valdese hosts this annual festival to celebrate the "Glorious Return" of the Waldenses from exile in Switzerland to their native valleys in the Cottian Alps of Italy in 1689. This celebration is mirrored around the world by other Waldensian communities. The event for 2019 will feature a celebration of the 80's & 90's on Friday night with variety music by Cassette Rewind at 7pm followed by Gump Fiction. The celebration will continue on Saturday with over 150 food/art/craft vendors filling Main Street, attraction tours, bocce tournament, footrace, traditional Waldensian Meal & Church Service, art competition, amusement rides, outdoor drama and so much more!

Not a fan of big crowds? Enjoy a quiet stroll along Valdese Lakeside Park and soak up the beautiful scenery of Lake Rhodhiss. Bring the family and cool off from the summer heat at the Valdese Family Splash Park or dip your toes in the water at McGalliard Falls.

Make plans to visit Valdese this summer - A small town with the biggest celebrations! Find out more at visitvaldese.com