

## **Town giving July 4 party**

### **Officials will serve hot dogs; churches will present music**

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#### WALKERTOWN

Town officials can set the property-tax rate and award road-paving contracts, but residents will get a different kind of municipal service on July 4.

The town will hold a hot-dog cookout at Walkertown Community Park. The town will provide the hot dogs and their fixings, and town officials will serve the food.

Local churches will provide a program of patriotic music after the cookout.

Town Clerk Lynn McKinnie said that the cookout will take place at the park from 4 to 6 p.m.

"It is free," McKinnie said. "The town is donating the hot dogs. I ordered 500 hot dogs."

McKinnie said that although the event is for town residents only, the plans are to feed anyone who shows up.

In the past, Love's United Methodist Church has sponsored the cookout, which drew about 100 people.

The turnout was between 200 and 300 the first time it was held.

Tom Lane, a resident and a caterer, will use his big cooker that he takes to events to cook anything from chicken to steak to pork shoulders.

"Me and my wife enjoy cooking," he said. "We are going to cook a bunch of hot dogs and have some gospel music singing, and people playing softball and baseball and kickball, and everyone just sitting around enjoying themselves and conversing. I think it is good that the public can be around the politicians and really get to know who they are."

Lane, who said that he is a longtime friend of Mayor Doc Davis and the Walkertown Town council, said that he will volunteer his time and equipment.

"I'll make them put the hot dogs on the bun and put the dressing on them and stuff," he said.

Davis plans to make sure that he is not the only elected official helping out, he said. He has asked the council members to be there.

"They better be," Davis said.

"We have requested that they be out there slinging hot dogs. They will be good."

The Rev. Phil Wagoner, the pastor of Walkertown First Baptist Church, said that the program after the cookout will last from 30 to 40 minutes and will include singing and recognition of veterans.

“We will recognize service personnel with special recognition to those from World War II,” Wagoner said.

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