

State Funds Available for Bicycle, Pedestrian and Facilities Projects

The N.C. Department of Transportation is accepting applications for the 2024 Multimodal Planning Grant Program, which provides state planning funds for identifying bike and walking paths and transit connections.

Applications should include information outlining a comprehensive strategy, rather than a single project, for expanding bicycle and pedestrian opportunities in a community. The plans may also address facilities, programs, policies and design guidelines that encourage safe walking and bicycling.

The following are also eligible to apply:

- Municipalities of all sizes and counties with populations of less than 100,000 seeking to update their existing bicycle or pedestrian plan if it is at least five years old.

- Municipalities with populations of less than 10,000 seeking an abbreviated project acceleration plan that prioritizes project identification and implementation for small towns.

The program is sponsored by the NCDOT's Integrated Mobility and Transportation Planning divisions. The program has awarded approximately \$8.6 million to 260 municipalities and six counties since it started in 2004.

Proposals are divided and judged in geographical groups to help establish equal distribution of funding across the state. Selected recipients commonly include a diverse mix of municipalities from large cities to small towns.

Applications must be submitted electronically by 5 p.m. March 25. Award recipients are expected to be notified by May.

For more information, contact Nick Morrison at 919-707-2608 or:

nemorrison@ncdot.gov.

To learn more about IMD, its projects and safety initiatives, visit:

ncdot.gov and follow Integrated Mobility on Twitter (X) @NCDOT_IMD and LinkedIn at NCDOT Integrated Mobility Division.

Anson Animal Shelter Needs Volunteers - Would You Like to Help?

The Animal Shelter depends on the help of volunteers to ensure that animal residents receive love and care. More volunteers will also help relieve the workload on staff which can result in more time for resident animals to be adopted before they are euthanized (put to sleep). Please consider volunteering. For more information on helping or making a donation, call 704-994-2738.

Obituaries ...

Rev. Floyd Franklin Newton, Sr.

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He was a man of great faith and always shared his witness for the Lord wherever he was. He was a charter member of Faith Baptist Church in Lilesville.

Those left to cherish his memory are his children, Judy Faye Newton, Floyd Newton, Jr. (Norma), Ron Newton (Angela), and Janet Newton Hinson (Jeff); his grandchildren, Bobby Newton, Amanda Newton, Dustin Jackson, Joshua Casey, Brandon Newton, Dillon Crowley, Matt Newton, Mark Newton, Jessica Crowley and Ricky Newton; his 16 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild; his brother Haywood Newton; his sister-in-law Mary Ruth Newton; and his faithful companion Smokey, III.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 63 years, Faye; his baby boy Douglas; his granddaughter Crystal; and his brothers and sister, William Ray, Carter and Edna.

The family is most grateful to the staff of Richmond County and Anson Community Hospice for the compassionate care they gave Floyd and most recently to the staff at Hospice Haven for the dignity and love they shared with him.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Faith Baptist Church or to Hospice Haven.

Anson Schools Sports Update

Anson High School Girls Basketball

- Tuesday, February 6 - **AHS lost to Monroe High School 39-31. Leading Scorers:** Za'Kiyah Hixson 9 points, 5 rebounds; Alaysia Caraway 7 points; and Dorhianna Rivers 6 points, 7 rebounds.
- Friday, February 9 - **AHS lost to West Stanly 61-31. Leading Scorers:** Titiyanna Burns had 20 points, 16 rebounds and 5 blocks giving her a double, double for the game.

Funny, Random & Weird Holidays

- February 15 Thursday - Gumdrop Day
- February 16 Friday - Do a Grouch a Favor Day
- February 17 Saturday - Random Act of Kindness Day
- February 18 Sunday - Battery Day
- February 19 Monday - Chocolate Mint Day

NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION FOR ANSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The PRIMARY ELECTION will be held on Tuesday, March 5, 2024.

The polls will be open for voting on Election Day from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

CANDIDATES

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE - DEMOCRAT

- Joseph R. Biden, Jr

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE - LIBERTARIAN

- David (Trime Taveler) Dunlap
- Michael Rectenwald
- Jacob Hornburger
- Joshua Smith
- Beau Lindsey
- Mike ter Maat
- Lars Mapstead
- Toad Anderson
- Chase Oliver
- Charles Ballay

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE - REPUBLICAN

- Ron DeSantis
- Donald J. Trump
- Nikki Haley
- Ryan Brinkley
- Asa Hutchinson
- Chris Christie

US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 08 (REP)

- Mark Harris
- John R. Bradford III
- Chris Maples
- Don Brown
- Allan Baucom
- Leigh Brown

NC GOVERNOR (DEM)

- Gary Foxx
- Marcus W. Williams
- Michael R. (Mike) Morgan
- Chrelle Booker
- Josh Stein

NC GOVERNOR (LIB)

- Mike Ross

- Shannon W. Bray

NC GOVERNOR (REP)

- Dale R. Folwell

- Bill Graham

- Mark Robinson

NC LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (DEM)

- Rachel Hunt

- Mark H. Robinson

- Ben Clark

NC LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (REP)

- Rivera Douthit
- Ernest T. Reeves
- Jeffrey Elmore
- Hal Weatherman
- Marlenis Hernandez Novoa
- Seth Woodall
- Allen Mashburn
- Deanna Ballard
- Jim O'Neill
- Peter Boykin

NC ATTORNEY GENERAL (DEM)

- Satana Deberry

- Tim Dunn

- Jeff Jackson

NC AUDITOR (REP)

- Charles Dingee
- Jeff Tarte
- Jim Kee
- David Boliek
- Anthony Wayne (Tony) Street
- Jack Clark

NC COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE (REP)

- Colby (Bear) Hammonds

- Steve Troxler

NC COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE (DEM)

- Natasha Marcus

- David Wheeler

NC COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE (REP)

- Andrew Marcus

- C. Robert Brawley

- Mike Causey

NC COMMISSIONER OF LABOR (REP)

- Luke Farley

- Jon Hardister

- Chuck Stanley

- Travis J. Wilson

NC SECRETARY OF STATE (REP)

- Jesse Thomas

- Christine E. Villaverde

- Chad Brown

NC SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (DEM)

- C.R. Katie Eddings

- Maurice (Mo) Green

- Kenon Crumble

NC SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION (REP)

- Michele Morrow

- Catherine Truitt

NC TREASURER (DEM)

- Gabe Esparza

- Wesley Harris

NC TREASURER (REP)

- A. J. Daoud

- Rachel Johnson

- Brad Briner

NC SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE SEAT 06 (DEM)

- Allison Riggs

- Lora Christine Cabbage

NC COURT OF APPEALS JUDGE SEAT 15 (REP)

- Chris Freeman

- Hunter Murphy

NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 055 (REP)

- Arthur L. McDonald

- Richard T. Miller

- Mark Brody

IDENTIFICATION IS REQUIRED TO VOTE

Acceptable IDs include NC drivers license, military or veteran ID cards issued by the federal government, and college student and public employer ID cards that the State Board approved for use in voting.

For a full list of acceptable forms of photo ID for voting, see the website: ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id.

Registered voters who do not have an acceptable ID card for voting in North Carolina can go to the Board of Elections office to get a free ID.

ANSON COUNTY POLLING PLACES:

- **Ansonville Fire & Rescue**
9145 US Highway 52 North, Ansonville NC 28007
- **Burnsville Fire-Rescue** 33 Rescue Road, Polkton NC 28135
- **Gulledge Fire Dept.** 34 Chewning Road, Wadesboro NC 28170
- **Lilesville Fire Department** 202 West Wall Street, Lilesville NC 28091
- **Morven-McFarlan Fire Department**
242 East Main Street, Morven NC 28119
- **Peachland Fire Department**
35 East Passaic Street, Peachland NC 28133
- **Polkton Fire Department** 61 West Polk Street, Polkton NC 28135
- **Wadesboro SPCC Lockhart-Taylor Center Ingram Room**
514 North Washington Street, Wadesboro NC 28170
- **White Store-Community Bldg.**
5672 Union Church Road, Peachland NC 28133

ALL ANSON COUNTY VOTERS CAN VOTE EARLY AT THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OFFICE (402 Morven Road in Wadesboro)

Early Voting Time Period - February 15 - March 2

Mondays - Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 25 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

** If you do not vote at the Early Voting site - you will need to go to your regular polling precinct to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, March 5. 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

There will not be voting held at the Board of Elections on Election Day.

BUFFER ZONE NOTICE: All election day voting locations will have signs posted to indicate a 50-foot buffer zone where no electioneering will be allowed per NC GS 163-166.4(a).

* Campaigning or distribution of election material is only allowed outside the Buffer Zone.

REGISTERING: Anson County residents may register to vote by mail or in person at the Board of Elections Office.

The deadline to register to vote on Election Day is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 9, 2024. If you are registered to vote in Anson County (and your name or address has not changed) you DO NOT need to register again to vote in this election.

Voters who are not registered in the county by the deadline may register and vote during One Stop Early Voting. They will be required to provide documentation of their identity and residence: Current and valid photo identification - or a copy of one of the following documents that show the name and address of the voter; a current utility bill; bank statement, government check; paycheck; or other government document.

ABSENTEE BY MAIL VOTING: Is available upon request from the voter or a near relative or a legal guardian. State law requires that all requests must be made on the official Absentee Ballot Request Form, which is available online. Application may be made in person at the Board of Elections Office, or by writing to this address: Anson County Board of Elections, PO Box 768, Wadesboro NC 28170.

The deadline to apply for an Absentee by Mail ballot is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 27, 2024. §163-230-2

To apply or request an Absentee by Mail Ballot, a voter or near relative must complete the state issued Absentee Request Form. Absentee By Mail requests can only be turned in by the voter or a near relative.

(Near relatives as defined by statute are: spouse, brother sister, parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, step-parent, or step-child.)

EARLY VOTING: is Monday, February 15 until Saturday, March 2 at the Anson County Board of Elections Office, located at 402 Morven Road, Wadesboro NC.

Early Voting hours Monday - Friday (8 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.)
Saturdays (8 a.m. - 3 p.m.) & Sunday, Feb. 25 (12 p.m. - 6 p.m.)

ABSENTEE MEETINGS: The Anson County Board of Elections will meet to approve applications for absentee ballots for the March Primary Election at the Board of Elections Office, 402 Morven Road, Wadesboro NC pursuant to G.S. 163.230.1(c1). Other business may be transacted by the board at this time.

Absentee by Mail ballots will be counted on March 5, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Results for Absentee Mail and Early Voting will be reported after polls close at 7:30 p.m. Overseas (UOCAVA) Ballots must be returned by the close of polls on Election Day, March 5, 2024 (7:30 p.m.), or the covered voter shall submit the ballot for mailing, electronic transmission, or other authorized means of delivery not later than 12:01 a.m., at the place where the voter completes the ballot, on the date of the election AND the County Board of Elections receives the ballot the last business day before the County Canvass.

CANVASS DAY MEETING: Will be held in the Board of Elections Office on Friday, March 15, 2024, at 11:00am.

QUESTIONS: Any questions about registration, voting locations, or other election matters may be answered by calling the Anson County Board of Elections Office at 704-994-3223, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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