

HOLLA! to Host 'Our Giving Tree' 5K and Afternoon Literary Escape on May 18

HOLLA! Community Development Corporation is excited to announce the 8th annual 'Our Giving Tree' 5K and Afternoon Literary Escape on May 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the HOLLA! Community Development Center. The event will feature a professionally measured 5K race, storytime for children with Tyris Jones, and a literary festival with esteemed authors in partnership with The GeneSis Beginning. The HOLLA! 5K will kick off the day's festivities, welcoming competitive runners, walkers, and fun runners. Participants can register as part of a team for \$200 (minimum of 10 members) or individually for \$20. Registration is available at runsignup.com/Race/NC/Morven/Holla5K. Top runners will be awarded cash prizes and age-bracket medals.

At 3:00 p.m. HOLLA! and The GeneSis Beginning present An Afternoon Literary Escape: A Festival of Words, Cuisine, and Conversation. This hybrid event, open to adults aged 21 and up, will allow participants to interact in-person or virtually with highly acclaimed authors while enjoying wine and heavy hors d'oeuvres. Attendees can register for \$20 per person until May 15.

"We are thrilled to bring our community together for the eighth year of 'Our Giving Tree' 5K and Afternoon Literary Escape," said Leon Gatewood, Founder of Our Giving Tree at HOLLA! "This event not only supports our literacy and youth programs but also provides a fun and engaging way for participants to connect with literature and celebrate the freedom of literacy."

This year's Literary Escape will feature local and global authors, including Dr. Josel Doyle, a board-certified pediatrician, and neonatal-perinatal medicine specialist. Dr. Doyle is an international best seller and an advocate for diversity and quality care in the medical field. As a successful physician-preneur and businesswoman, she will share her experiences and insights on overcoming challenges as a Black female, foreign graduate, and immigrant physician.

For more information about the 'Our Giving Tree' 5K and Afternoon Literary Escape, please visit givebutter.com/NQXfkY.

HOLLA! is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community development corporation, located at 229 East Main Street in Morven. Donations are tax-deductible and used to support its various programs. The programs are designed to improve literacy rates and the social capital of underprivileged youth in Anson County.

For questions about this event visit www.holla.us or email leon@wadesboro.com.

All Aboard the Historic Spencer Shops Train Show 2024!

All aboard! Join us for the Historic Spencer Shops Train Show on May 18, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and May 19, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come experience the world of trains with model train layouts, train memorabilia, vendors, railroad motor car rides provided by Red Springs & Northern, passenger train rides, and more! You can also explore the museum's extensive collection of full-size locomotives and train cars. It's an event you won't want to miss!

Tickets for the event when combined with a train ride are \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors/military, \$12 for children 3-12, and free for members and children under age 3. Event admission without the train ride is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors/military, \$6 for children 3-12, and free for children under 3. Tax and ticketing fees apply.

The show will feature a special program, "YouTube for Trains," presented by Jimmy from DIY and Digital Railroad. This popular YouTube channel has over 58,000 subscribers and is all about model railroading, from the first train to a basement railroad empire. The channel shares Jimmy's love for model railroading as a family friendly hobby. The program will take place in the Gift Station building at 11:30AM and is included in the price of admission.

At 1:30 p.m. visitors can attend a short program in front of the Bob Julian Roundhouse to celebrate its 100th anniversary. After sharing some history about the historic roundhouse, named by Southern Railway to honor Mr. Julian for his years of service at the Roundhouse Foreman, the museum will welcome some members of the Julian family. Visitors can enjoy a piece of cake outside the Roundhouse Orientation Room.

Members of the North Carolina Transportation Museum enjoy this daytime event, including event admission and train rides, for free. Saturday, May 18, is also Member Appreciation Day with special members-only tours and other perks. If you're not already a member, it's a great day to sign up and enjoy a day at the museum for free! Members are strongly encouraged to reserve tickets in advance using their membership number.

For more information and to purchase advance tickets, go to: nctransportationmuseum.org/train-show. The event will be held rain or shine. Tax and fees apply.

About N.C. Transportation System The N.C. Transportation Museum is located at 1 Samuel Spencer Dr., Spencer, N.C. The mailing address is 411 Salisbury Ave., Spencer, N.C. 28159. The physical address is 1 Samuel Spencer Dr., Spencer, NC 28159. It is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday, and closed Monday. Regular admission is \$4 to \$6 based on age and prices are doubled when a train ride is added. Admission and train ride prices may vary on special event days. For information about the site call (704) 636-2889. The N.C. Transportation Museum is part of the Division of State Historic Sites within the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.



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FOR MAY 14TH, 2024 2ND PRIMARY ELECTION

Thursday April 25	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday April 26	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday April 27	Closed
Sunday April 28	Closed
Monday April 29	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday April 30	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday May 1	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday May 2	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday May 3	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday May 4	Closed
Sunday May 5	Closed
Monday May 6	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Tuesday May 7	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Wednesday May 8	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Thursday May 9	8:30 AM - 5:00PM
Friday May 10	8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday May 11	8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

CANDIDATES

NC LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (Republican)	NORTH CAROLINA AUDITOR (Republican)
• Jim O'Neil	• Dave Boliek
• Hal Weatherman	• Jack Clark

ELECTION DAY IS TUESDAY, MAY 14

POLLS ARE OPEN 6:30AM - 7:30PM

VOTE AT YOUR NORMAL VOTING PRECINCT

Board of Elections-----704-994-3223

N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SET TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING PROPOSED WADESBORO BYPASS IN ANSON COUNTY STIP Project No. R-5878



Wadesboro - The public is invited to a meeting with the N.C. Department of Transportation to discuss potential corridor options between Polkton to Lilesville. These corridor options would help improve traffic mobility near Wadesboro, while increasing traffic flow and freight transportation between Charlotte and Wilmington.

The open-house public meeting will be held **May 9 at Lockhart-Taylor Center, 514 N. Washington St., Wadesboro**. The public is invited to attend at any time between **4-7 p.m.** There will be no formal presentation.

Project details, including maps can be found on the NCDOT project web page: <https://www.ncdot.gov/projects/wadesboro-bypass/Pages/default.aspx>. This information will be available at the meeting, allowing for one-on-one discussions with engineers.

People may also submit comments online at <https://publicinput.com/Wadesboro-Bypass>, by email at Wadesboro-Bypass@publicinput.com, by phone (984) 205-6615 and enter code 4762, or by mail no later than June 7, 2024 to:

Bryan Key
Project Management Team Lead
NCDOT Division 7, 9, &10
1000 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1598



NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled people who wish to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Alecia Hardy, Environmental Analysis Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1598, 919-707-6072 or ext-arhardy@ncdot.gov as early as possible so arrangements can be made.

Those who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon prior request by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

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