



Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



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County-Wide Zoning Ordinance Development Open House Events

Second round of open houses to be held during October

Anson County is working to develop a draft county-wide zoning ordinance for the unincorporated areas of the County based on the recently approved comprehensive land use plan. The County held a series of open houses in July 2021 (first round) for residents to provide input on what they would like to see incorporated into a zoning ordinance. Now a second series of open houses are scheduled for October.

Phase 1 of the process was Development of a zoning ordinance. Phase 2 is the development of a companion zoning map projected to begin in the spring of 2022.

The October (second round) open houses are for residents to receive a presentation on the draft ordinance and provide feedback.

Each open house will be open to the public from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Please consider attending one of the dates below at the specified locations. Each open house will include a PowerPoint presentation overview of the draft zoning ordinance and facilitated residents' feedback and input. Residents can attend one or all of the available meetings.

Feel free to attend the open house that is most convenient to you. For more information contact Larry Newton, Tax Director/Interim Planning Director, at 704-994-3211 or email: lnewton@ansoncountync.gov.

Dates and Locations (All meetings 6:30 to 8 p.m.)

- **Thursday, October 7** - Morven (South Anson) at HOLLA, 229 Main Street, Morven, NC 28119.
- **Tuesday, October 12** - Lilesville (East Anson) at the Lilesville Fire Department, 202 West Wall Street, Lilesville, NC 28091.
- **Thursday, October 14** - Polkton (West Anson) at South Piedmont Community College, L.L. Polk Campus, Raye Community Room, 680 US 74 Polkton, NC 28135.
- **Tuesday, October 19** - Burnsville (Northwest) at the Burnsville Fire Department, 13380 NC Highway 742 North, Polkton, NC 28135.
- **Thursday, October 21** - Ansonville (North Anson) at the Pee Dee Wildlife Refuge, 5770 US Highway 52 North, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

ZONING INFORMATION

What is a Zoning Ordinance? A zoning ordinance is a document which prescribes how each parcel or area in a city or county jurisdiction is regulated or zoned. The zoning ordinance provides provisions and land use regulations for the physical development of an area directly connected to an official the zoning map and land use plan.

Purpose Zoning regulations are designed to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare to the residents of a county or city. The regulations address the following community issues including but not limited to: congestion in the streets; provide parameters for adequate light and air; seek to create safe pedestrian mobility; the prevention of overcrowding of land and buildings; seek to mitigate the overly concentration of populations; facilitate or assist in the adequate provision of transportation services; the preservation and protection of water quality; provide provisions for proper sewerage disposal; create provisions for the strategic location of schools and other civic uses; as well as parks and other public recreational facilities and services.

Four Questions form the Framework of a Zoning Ordinance

1. Can a zoning ordinance protect and/or encourage economic development?
2. Can a zoning ordinance protect the property value of a parcel?
3. Can a zoning ordinance help spur jobs and future employment opportunities?
4. Can a zoning ordinance help create community safety while managing growth?

Why is a Zoning Ordinance Important? The recently adopted Anson County 2040 Comprehensive Land-Use plan represents the goals, objectives, aspirations, and recommendations for guiding the future land use and physical development of the County. One of the recommendations from the Plan is the development of a county-wide zoning ordinance for the unincorporated areas of the County.

A zoning ordinance is a key policy initiative that can help make the county more livable and prosperous by integrating physical development with environmental, social, transportation, and economic issues to enhance the coordination of development and inform decision-making.

Residents' input from the community input meetings will be used to help develop a draft zoning ordinance that will, if adopted, help the Board of Commissioners and Planning Board make long-range land use decisions on the growth and proposed developments in Anson County based on appropriate and relevant data from the land use plan.

The zoning ordinance will be developed using a gradual approach for implementation of zoning regulations across the unincorporated area of the County.

How will the zoning ordinance be used? If approved, the zoning ordinance will be used by the Board of Commissioners and appointed officials, county staff, residents, businesses, developers, and others with an interest in the current and future land use of Anson County and help determine how land should be developed both efficiently and sustainably.

The ordinance will be used to implement the recently approved 2040 comprehensive land use plan, as well as the following:

- Establish zoning districts for parcels in unincorporated areas of Anson County.
- To work in concert with a zoning map (Phase 2).
- To act as a tool for decision making and the consideration of land development proposals.
- Coordinate public capital investments (transportation improvements, water and sewer extension, schools, parks, emergency services, etc.) by linking capital improvement programs (CIP) to development approvals and land use plan.
- Protect Anson County from local unwanted land uses (LULU's).
- To help protect property values from incompatible uses.
- To help induce economic investment and jobs for Anson County.

Anson Youth Leadership Forum and National 4-H Week

On Monday, September 21 H.O.L.L.A!, the Anson Youth Leadership Academy of the Caraway Foundation, and Anson County 4-H partnered to host the first Anson Youth Leadership Forum. JF Harward and Tanya Chance were awesome panelists and they gave great insight and advice to the youth on how to be leaders in their community. There were more than 25 participants and the event was a success!

National 4-H Week is October 3-9, and the theme is Find Your Spark. We are celebrating National 4-H Week and we hope everyone will take advantage of this important week to highlight the remarkable 4-H youth in our communities and showcase the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people. Local celebrations included the virtual Anson Youth Leadership Forum on October 4, and the upcoming Studio 256 Karate Mati Club Workshop on Thursday, October 7 at 7 p.m. The October 7 event is virtual and requires registration through Eventbrite. www.eventbrite.com/e/mati-club-anson-karate-workshop-tickets-177476947327

Other events that have taken place during National 4-H Week were:

- Sunday, October 3 - Kick-Off Event featuring the 4-H Talent Showcase
- Monday, October 4 - Premier of Champions, honoring Gold Winners in Record Books, Presentations, Scholarships, and National Trip.
- Tuesday, October 5 - 4-H Donor and Youth Virtual Meet and Greet honoring Gold Winners in Record Books, Presentations, Scholarships, and National Trips.

On Thursday, October 7 the Dr. Kim Ingold 4-H Photography Contest winners will premier on the North Carolina 4-H Facebook page, from 7 to 8 p.m.

Follow Anson 4-H on social media at [facebook.com/anson4h](https://www.facebook.com/anson4h)

Follow Anson Cooperative Extension at [facebook.com/ansoncoopextension](https://www.facebook.com/ansoncoopextension)

For more information on the 4-H program in Anson County contact Samuel Cole, 4-H Agent with the Cooperative Extension Service at 704-694-2915.

Writers' Club Workshop, "Getting Started on a Novel"

Award-winning novelist and poet Joseph Bathanti will present a workshop, "Getting Started on a Novel," from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, October 16, at the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall in Wadesboro. The class is limited to 12 participants. Cost is \$45 and includes a soup and sandwich lunch.

One scholarship will be offered. Scholarship applicants must submit an essay of 500 to 2,000 words explaining how the workshop will benefit them. Email to info@ansoncountywritersclub.org with "Workshop" in the subject line by Sunday, October 10.

Bathanti said, "In this session, we'll talk about the nuts and bolts of mounting a novel -- and I have in mind a narrative of at least 150 pages (think of it as a long story). Paramount to that discussion are strategies for shaping and structuring a novel: organization, choreography and architecture, a cast of characters that you'll have to manage and move through time and space. We'll discuss essentially the plot-driven novel and the character-driven novel, though the two are not mutually exclusive."

Since this workshop takes place in Anson County, Bathanti suggests (re)reading *The Color Purple* in advance so all have a common novel that exemplifies (often pesky) craft issues that arise when writing a protracted narrative.

In addition, Bathanti will touch on linked stories, also called short story cycles, short story sequences, composite novels, novel-in-stories and broken-novels. Tim O'Brien's *The Things They Carried* is a classic example of linked stories, as is Elizabeth Strout's *Olive Kitteridge*, which won the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. A very early example of linked stories is Sherwood Anderson's *Winesburg, Ohio*.


"Folks in the workshop should be prepared to share some work and/or concerns and please arrive with questions -- and be prepared to do some writing," Bathanti said.

Bathanti, a North Carolina Poet Laureate, is professor of English and writer-in-residence at Appalachian State University's Watauga Residential College. In addition to his poetry, he has published novels *East Liberty*, *Coventry*, and *The Life of the World to Come*; and *The High Heart*, a book of stories. Nonfiction works are *They Changed the State: the Legacy of North Carolina's Visiting Artists, 1971-1995*; and his book of personal essays, *Half of What I Say in Meaningless*.


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