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Voter ID is Required to Vote

Free ID cards are available from the Anson County Board of Elections

Identification is required to vote in the upcoming election on November 5. Registered voters who do not have an acceptable identification card for voting in North Carolina can now go to their county board of elections office to get a free ID.

The Anson County Board of Elections is located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-994-3223.

Most voters have a North Carolina driver's license, which is an acceptable form of photo ID for voting. Those voters do not need to obtain a separate ID from their county board. Other common forms of acceptable ID include military or veterans 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 State Board's website at ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id.

Registered voters who do not have an acceptable form of identification for voting purposes can now get a free photo ID from their county board of elections office. No special documents are needed. Voters will simply provide their name, date of birth, and the last four digits of their Social Security number, and have their photo taken.

In most counties, voters will be able to get an ID printed and given to them on the spot. A few counties may need to get the required information from the voter, take their photo, then mail the ID card to the voter or inform the voter that the ID card is ready to be picked up, whichever the voter prefers. Voters with questions about the ID process should contact their county board of elections.

A free voter photo ID will include the voter's photo, name, and registration number. They will expire 10 years from the date of issuance. The county boards of elections can issue cards at any time during regular business hours, except for the period following the last day of early voting through Election Day.

"Any voter who does not have an acceptable ID card for voting can now get a free ID from their county board of elections," said Karen Brinson Bell, Executive Director of the State Board of Elections. "State Board staff has worked diligently with the county boards of elections over the past couple of months to get the necessary software and hardware in place for ID printing."

Voters also can get a free ID from the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV). Find more information under "No-Fee ID Cards" at State IDs | NCDMV website: ncdot.gov/dmv/license-id.

Daquon Lloyd Charged for Assault, Possession of Stolen Firearm and Methamphetamine

During the weekend of October 18 the cooperative effort between the Wadesboro Police Department and the Anson County Sheriff's Office resulted in two felony arrests. These arrests led to five felony charges, two misdemeanor charges, and three guns seized.

On Friday, October 18 law enforcement was dispatched to Orchard Street in Wadesboro for a subject shooting at another subject, and then chasing him. Numerous Officers from the Wadesboro Police Department and the Anson County Sheriff's Office saturated the area. The suspect later identified as Daquon Lloyd was arrested. Officers located two firearms on his person as well as a quantity of Methamphetamine.

Lloyd was arrested and charged with: Felony Possession of a Stolen Firearm, Possession of Methamphetamine, Carrying a Concealed, and Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury. Lloyd was served and placed in Anson County Jail under a secured bond of \$50,000.

Yukia McNair Arrested for Breaking & Entering, Other Charges

On Sunday, October 20 law enforcement was dispatched to a home on Smith Street in Wadesboro regarding a breaking and entering in progress. Officers from Wadesboro Police Department and the Anson County Sheriff's Office arrived on the scene quickly and surrounded the area. A firearm was located, and the suspect took off running from the scene. After a quick foot chase, the suspect, identified as Yukia McNair, was arrested and warrants were obtained.

McNair was charged with: Felony Breaking and Entering to Terrorize, Misdemeanor Injury to Personal Property, and Misdemeanor Resist/Delay/Obstruct. She was served and given an unsecured bond of \$10,000.

School Board Meeting is October 28

The Anson County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 28. The meeting will be held in the Anson County Schools' Administrative Board Room, located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

Closed Session will begin immediately after the opening of the meeting at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing matters related to personnel and property pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(6) and NCGS 143.318.11(a)(5). Open Session to the public will begin at 6:00 p.m.

If the public wishes to sign up for public comment, they can sign up in-person. A sign-up sheet will be available 30 minutes before the meeting begins for any individual or group to indicate their desire to address the board. Public comment will be held during the Open Session portion of the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will be live streamed on the Anson County Schools' YouTube channel for the public to view. To find the YouTube you can search YouTube for "Anson County Schools."

Chair Exercise Classes at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library is hosting a chair exercise class on Thursday, October 24. Class begins at 10:00 a.m. in the library's Pritchett Room. Everyone is welcome. Any questions please call 704-694-5177.



Pee Dee Electric Awards \$5,000 to Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center

Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC) has served Anson County residents for 30 years. The long-standing organization began in 1994 as a 501-c 3 nonprofit charitable entity. BRLC was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from Pee Dee Electric Co-operative as part of their Care to Share initiative. The grant was presented to BRLC to support the many valuable services they provide to this community.

Families in this county and local communities use the BRLC's services weekly. Children and adult lives have been changed for the better, and this tradition will continue because of supporters and sponsors who give to this charitable organization. Carol Smith, the Director of BRLC, said: "Throughout the course of Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center's existence Anson County has change tremendously. Young people are making a difference in the world because of you!"

Pee Dee Electric Representative Taylor Demby presented the Care To Share Grant, which was awarded to Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center's Director Carol Smith Director, Board Chair Nelson Jackson, Secretary Treamenda Caple, board member Marshall Caple and BRLC volunteer Victoria Horne. The \$5,000 will help with the future expansion project for the Burnsville Community and Anson County.

A Town of Lilesville to Hold QX Spooktacular Event

Everyone is invited to the Spooktacular Event that will take place in Lilesville on Tuesday, October 29. Come to Hatcher Park, located on North Cowan Street, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for lots of fun for all ages. There will be food trucks, picture props...and best of all...Trunk or Treat!

This event is sponsored by the Town of Lilesville. If you would like to volunteer to help decorate trunks and pass out candy, please contact Jamie Varela at 321-202-3465.

North Carolina's September Employment Figures

The state's seasonally adjusted September 2024 unemployment rate was 3.8 percent, remaining unchanged from August's revised rate. The national rate decreased 0.1 of a percentage point to 4.1 percent.

North Carolina's unemployment rate increased 0.2 of a percentage point from a year ago. The number of people employed increased 659 over the month to 5,068,142 and increased 3,902 over the year. The number of people unemployed decreased 1,708 over the month to 197,885 and increased 11,192 over the year.

Seasonally adjusted Total Nonfarm employment, as gathered through the monthly establishment survey, increased 8,000 to 5,033,700 in September. Major industries experiencing increases were Education & Health Services, 6,800; Professional & Business Services, 1,900; Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 1,200; Construction, 400; Other Services, 200; Manufacturing, 100; and Mining & Logging, 100. Major industries experiencing decreases were Leisure & Hospitality Services, 1,500; Financial Activities, 1,000; and Information, 200. Government employment remained unchanged.

	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024
N.C.	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7	3.8	3.8
U.S.	3.8	3.8	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.9	3.8	3.9	4.0	4.1	4.3	4.2	4.1

Since September 2023, Total Nonfarm jobs increased 76,600 with the Total Private sector increasing by 59,900 and Government increasing by 16,700. Major industries experiencing increases were Education & Health Services, 29,700; Leisure & Hospitality Services, 17,100; Government, 16,700; Construction, 7,900; Other Services, 5,500; Professional & Business Services, 4,200; and Financial Activities, 2,500. Major industries experiencing decreases over the year were Trade, Transportation & Utilities, 4,100; Manufacturing, 2,200; and Information, 700. Mining & Logging employment remained unchanged over the year.

NC Department of Transportation Adopts Traffic Signal Policy for Improving Pedestrian Safety

As new pedestrian signals are installed or existing ones are upgraded, the N.C. Department of Transportation is programming them with an enhanced safety feature. NCDOT is adding what is called a "leading pedestrian interval," or LPI, to its traffic signals, giving pedestrians a head start of three to seven seconds with the "Walk" sign to enter the marked crosswalk before motorists on the parallel direction get a green light. This interval allows pedestrians to better establish themselves in the crosswalk to drivers who must yield to them before making a left or right turn.



"This change makes pedestrians more visible for drivers," said Nick Zinser, NCDOT's Western Region Signals Engineer. "It's a safety enhancement, and it can be done at a low cost by reprogramming the existing equipment at our traffic signals."

LPI use is already common in the downtowns of the state's largest cities of Charlotte and Raleigh, but NCDOT is working to add this feature at all signalized pedestrian crossings statewide.

North Carolina has over 3,500 intersections that have signalized pedestrian crossings. Since making this policy change earlier this year, the department estimates 20% of those intersections now have a leading pedestrian interval for improved safety.

Going forward, the department and its municipal partners will continue to increase the number of locations with leading pedestrian interval capabilities.

Holiday Market for Missions is November 9

The second annual Holiday Market for Missions will take place on Saturday, November 9 in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro. Shoppers will enjoy shopping the variety of crafts by local artists, including pottery, fiber arts, wood carvings, jewelry and many other art works. Gourmet food will also be available.

Proceeds from the rental of tables to the artists will support First Presbyterian Church's mission of providing Anson County citizens with emergency assistance. This is an excellent opportunity to Christmas shop, support local artists...and help fellow Ansonians in need.

Anson County NAACP Meets October 28

The October meeting of the Anson County Branch of the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) will be held on Monday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church, located at 612 Salisbury Street in Wadesboro. They welcome you to come and see what is going on. "Each one reach one."

For more information contact Anson NAACP President Sinic Marsh at mrs6@yahoo.com or 704-254-0630.

Anson County Beekeepers Meet Thursday

Anson County Beekeepers will hold their regular bee meeting on Thursday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. at the Anson County Extension Office, located at 501 McLaurin Street in Wadesboro. Guest speaker will be Bryan Fisher will talk about Beekeeping: The good, the bad & the ugly.

There will be fun 50-50 drawings to help earn funds for the association. If you are able to bring some items for the drawings, the Anson Beekeepers will greatly appreciate it.

Not a member but would like to learn more about the local chapter and beekeeping educational programs? Do you need a beekeeper to re-home a visiting swarm? Visit the "Anson County Beekeepers Association" Facebook page for more information.

Acoustic Music Jam is Oct. 24

The Hampton B. Allen Library will host a bluegrass acoustic music jam on Thursday, October 24, 6:30 until 8:30 p.m. in the Litter Theater. Musicians, singers and spectators are welcome. Jam sessions are open to all age levels and skill levels. Children age 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

If you have any questions please contact Dianne or Caroline at the library, 704-694-5177. You may also contact event volunteer Randy Collins at 336-430-6318 (call or text) or via email at vaguitar@msn.com.