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Anson County Board of Commissioners Meet November 5

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5 at 6 p.m. The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro. To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201. The Commissioners' board meetings are live streamed on their YouTube channel. Also, the videos are archived so they can be viewed at any time. Visit youtube.com and search for Anson Commissioners.

Trunk or Treat Event is Thursday

Sheriff Landric Reid would like to invite all trick or treaters out to the Anson County Sheriff's Office parking lot this Thursday, October 31 for the 4th annual Trunk and Treat event. Treats will be given out between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to come out and participate in this fun filled event. It is an opportunity to give parents and their children a secure environment to participate in an enjoyable Halloween festivity, in a safe and well lighted location. The Sheriff's Office is located at 119 North Washington Street in Wadesboro.

Tips for a Safe Halloween

Soon our streets will be scattered with little ghosts, goblins and witches trick-or-treating this Halloween. "Halloween should be filled with surprise and enjoyment, and following some common sense practices can keep events safer and more fun," said Anson County Sheriff Landric Reid. The Sheriff reminds all Anson County residents to follow these safety tips:

- Motorists**
- Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
 - Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.
 - Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.
 - At twilight and later in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.
- Parents**
- Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under age 12.
 - Check the sex offender registry at www.ncdoj.gov when planning your child's trick-or-treat route. You can view maps that pinpoint registered offenders' addresses in your neighborhood and sign up to get email alerts when an offender moves nearby.
 - Plan and discuss the route trick-or-treaters intend to follow. Know the names of older children's companions.
 - Make sure older kids trick-or-treat in a group.
 - Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along an established route.
 - Teach your children to stop only at houses or apartment buildings that are well-lit and never to enter a stranger's home.
 - Establish a return time.
 - Tell your youngsters not to eat any treats until they return home.
 - Review all appropriate trick-or-treat safety precautions, including pedestrian/traffic safety rules.
 - All children need to know their home telephone number and how to call 9-1-1 in case of emergency.
 - Pin a slip of paper with the child's name, address, and telephone number inside a pocket in case the youngster gets separated from the group.

- Costume Design**
- Only fire-retardant materials should be used for costumes.
 - Costumes should be loose so warm clothes can be worn underneath.
 - Costumes should not be so long that they are a tripping hazard.
 - Make sure that shoes fit well to prevent trips and falls.
 - If children are allowed out after dark, outfits should be made with light colored materials. Strips of retro-reflective tape should be used to make children visible.
- Face Design**
- Do not use masks as they can obstruct a child's vision. Use facial make-up instead.
 - When buying special Halloween makeup, check for packages containing ingredients that are labeled "Made with U.S. Approved Color Additives," "Laboratory Tested," "Meets Federal Standards for Cosmetics," or "Non-Toxic."
 - Follow manufacturer's instruction for application.
 - If masks are worn, they should have nose and mouth openings and large eye holes.

- Accessories**
- Knives, swords, and other accessories should be made from cardboard or flexible materials. Do not allow children to carry sharp objects.
 - Bags or sacks carried by youngsters should be light-colored or trimmed with retro-reflective tape if children are allowed out after dark.
 - Carrying flashlights with fresh batteries will help children see better and be seen more clearly.

- While Trick-or-Treating** Do not enter homes or apartments without adult supervision.
- Walk; do not run, from house to house. Do not cross yards and lawns where unseen objects or the uneven terrain can present tripping hazards.
 - Walk on sidewalks, not in the street.
 - Walk on the left side of the road, facing traffic, if there are no sidewalks.
- Treats**
- Give children an early meal before going out.
 - Insist that treats be brought home for inspection before anything is eaten.
 - Wash fruit and slice it into small pieces.
 - Throw away any candy that is unwrapped or partially wrapped or has a starchy odor, color, or texture.

- Homeowners/Decorations**
- Keep candles and Jack O' Lanterns away from landings and doorsteps where costumes could brush against the flame.
 - Remove obstacles from lawns, steps, and porches when expecting trick-or-treaters.
 - Keep candles and Jack O' Lanterns away from curtains, decorations, and other combustibles that could catch fire.
 - Do not leave your house unattended.
- "Halloween is a fun time in Anson County," Sheriff Reid concluded. "But, let's make it a safe time as well. The major dangers are not from witches or spirits but rather from falls and pedestrian/car crashes."



Ansonia Theatre Wins Theatre Group of the Year & More Awards!

This is a more detailed report of an article that was originally published on October 9: The Metroline Theatre Association held its 11th Awards Gala on Sunday, September 29 in Charlotte. The Metroline Theatre Association supports all levels of theatre in Charlotte-Mecklenburg and the surrounding area, including community theatre organizations, professional theatres, and independent production companies. The MTA includes twenty-one theatres from Statesville to Wadesboro and Gastonia to Rock Hill, and all were gathered to celebrate a night of theatre and to recognize outstanding work in our region.

The Ansonia was nominated for twenty-two awards for its productions of *Dearly Departed* and *Gypsy*. There were also two special nods for Theatre Person of the Year for Tommy Wooten and Theatre Group of the Year for the Ansonia.

The comedy *Dearly Departed* garnered nominations for Leslie Capell, Tommy Wooten, Lindsey Melton, Donald Perkins, Mike Phillips, Brittany Price, Paige Mercer, Miraque Stansberry and Joe Blocker. The musical *Gypsy* earned nominations for Terra Medlock, Tommy Wooten, Jennifer Boswell, Kimberly Smith, Terri Stegall Beeson, Gail Litaker, Mike Phillips, Donald Perkins, Joe Blocker and Britany Price.

The Ansonia Theatre took home four trophies. Jennifer Boswell won for Best Supporting Actress in a Musical for her role as Louise in *Gypsy*. Tommy Wooten won Best Director of a Musical as well as Best Supporting Actor in a Musical for his role as Herbie in *Gypsy*. The biggest prize of the night, Theatre Group of the Year, also went to the Ansonia Theatre.

The Ansonia just finished a run of the comedy *Drinking Habits*. The rest of the season includes *Miracle on 34th Street*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Alice in Wonderland*, and *Ghost: The Musical*.

To buy tickets or become a supporter call 704-694-4950 or go online to ansoniatheatre.com.



Tommy Wooten won two awards, Best Director of a Musical as well as Best Supporting Actor in a Musical. He also was recognized as Theatre Person of the Year.



Jennifer Boswell won an award for Best Supporting Actress in a Musical.

Uptown Wadesboro Halloween Festival is Thursday

Dress up in your favorite costume and join Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. and the Town of Wadesboro this Thursday, October 31 for the Wadesboro Halloween Festival. Activities will start at 5:30 p.m. on East Wade Street with games, trunk-or-treat, photo booths and treats at uptown businesses.

Also, enjoy Halloween cartoons starting at 7:00 p.m. For more information contact Uptown Wadesboro, Inc. at 704-694-4181 or email uptownwadesboro@windstream.net.

Lilesville Area Railroad Crossings to be Closed for Maintenance

Southern Commercial Development, LLC, working with CSX Transportation, put out a release on October 15 announcing the closing of three railroad crossings in the Lilesville area for routine maintenance. The crossings will be closed for two to five days. Here are the sites:

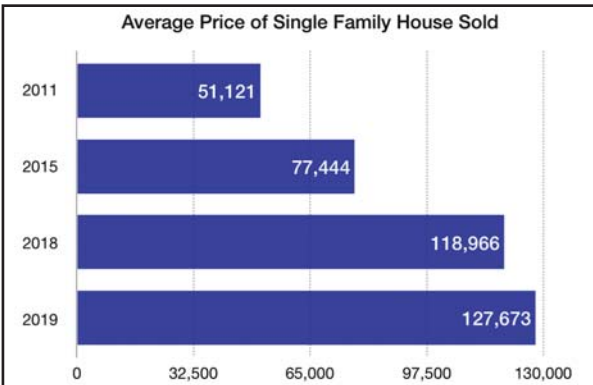
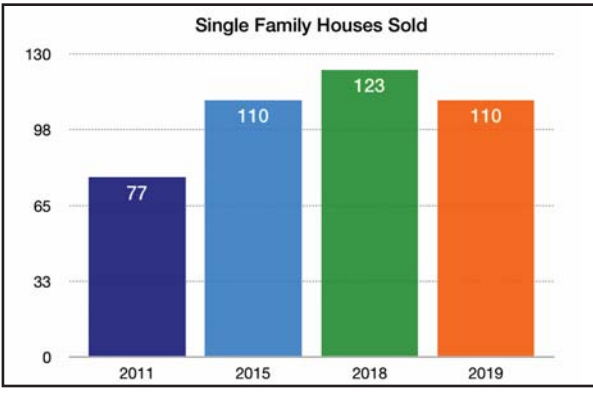
- Pee Dee Road/SR 1842 (Down from Woodyard Road). Closing on or around November 12.
- Gravel Plant Road. Closing on or around November 13.
- Pit Road/Haileys Ferry Road (Near Welika Fish Camp Road). Closing on or around November 14.

The closings will necessitate rerouting traffic. Signage will be in place marking the detour routes. The dates are subject to change due to weather or other conditions. The Express will update any changes in the schedule as they occur.

Anson Real Estate is Trending Up

This article is courtesy of Anson Economic Development Partnership (AnsonEDP): The latest figures from local real estate sales show definitively that the Anson County market is trending up. Through the first ten months of 2019, 110 single family homes were sold with an average value of \$127, 673, compared to 123 homes sold at an average value of \$118,966 in all of 2018. Extrapolated out to a full year, that's a 7+% gain in both sales and price year-over-year. Perhaps even more telling is the change since 2015 when 110 houses were sold at an average price of just \$77,444. That's an 18% gain in the number of houses sold and a whopping 65% increase in the average sales price.

When compared to average home values in neighboring counties -- \$237,000 in Union, \$142,000 in Stanly -- it is clear that Anson still provides an excellent home ownership value for this part of the Charlotte market, but the strong sales figures and increasing home values demonstrate a robust economy and improving economic situation that bode well for future growth and development.



Spaghetti Fundraiser for Tammy Timmons is Friday

The community is invited to enjoy a delicious spaghetti dinner that will raise funds to help pay the medical bills of Tammy Timmons. The event will be held this Friday, November 1, starting at 11 a.m. at the Anson Rescue Squad Building in Wadesboro. Plates are \$8. Deliveries are available for orders of 10 or more plates. For more information call 704-695-7542.

On June 14, 2019, Tammy Timmons fell ill with a serious heart condition known as Takotsubo Cardiomyopathy (aka broken heart syndrome). She is still in recovery, and is currently not able to work. She has many extensive medical costs that need to be covered. This fundraiser is being held in hopes of relieving some of the medical bills.

Several Exhibits at the Ansonville Historical Society Museum November 9

The Ansonville Historical Society will be open on Saturday, November 9, from 12 noon until 2 p.m. with several exhibits. Among these exhibits will be Indian artifacts, a depression glass collection, and carved duck decoys. All are welcome to visit the museum. The museum is located at 9162 Highway 52 in Ansonville, across from the Ansonville Fire Department. For more information call 704-826-8228