



MCRC Weekly Newsletter **November 4, 2022**

Notable Notes From the Region

-New Hire for Mid-Carolina Regional Council: We are pleased to announce the hiring of Verna Jones as our new Deputy Director of Workforce Development. Jones joins the team with over 25 years of experience in leadership roles. Her experience is extensive with service to the NCWorks system for several years as a Veteran's Manager and DWS Manager. She also serves in the National Guard. She additionally served as the direct liaison between the President of the United States, White House staff and Veterans, five years as Director of Veteran Affairs and Rehabilitation, and eight years serving of honorable service in the US Army. Please join us in thanking Ms. Jones for her service and give her a warm welcome as she begins her time with the Mid-Carolina team!

-Grant Awards Announced: The Mid-Carolina Workforce Development Board was recently announced as one of the 11 Workforce Development Boards from across the state to have been awarded ARPA grants focused on supporting small businesses and underserved populations. The MCWDB received a total of \$600,000 to fund initiatives assisting justice-involved and substance abuse-challenged populations in attaining local employment within the skilled trades. The MCWDB is honored to have received this award and looks forward to utilizing these funds to benefit individuals from across the region.



NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT of COMMERCE

The Mid-Carolina Workforce Development Board was awarded \$600,000 from the NC Department of Commerce.

-Cumberland County to Launch Operation Green Light: Cumberland County will be taking part in Operation Green Light this year, illuminating all county buildings green on the night of November 7th. Operation Green Light is a nationwide collaborative initiative run by the National Association of Counties, meant to support military veterans, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families. For more information on the County's initiative or Operation Green Light, [click here](#).



On Nov. 7th, all Cumberland County buildings will be illuminated green to support military veterans.



HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

VETERANS DAY

— UNITED STATES OF AMERICA —



Veteran's Day Announcement:

Next Friday, 11/11, the Mid-Carolina Regional Council, along with many other local governments in the area will be closed in observance of Veterans Day. We will be reopening for business on Monday 11/14. Thank you to all of the Veterans that reside in our region, and we hope that on Veterans Day this year, you're able to honor the countless veterans that sacrifice to protect our freedoms throughout the world.



**OPEN
HOUSE**

MCRC Open House:

The Mid-Carolina Regional Council will be holding an open house event on December 6th from 3:00 PM-7:00PM open to the public. The open house will be in our conference room at 6205 Raeford Rd Fayetteville, NC 28304, and will be a great opportunity to get to know the staff at the COG and interact with them face-to-face. We highly encourage any local government officials to come out to this informal event to get to know what we do in the office!

Upcoming COG Events

Thursday, November 10: Transform the Way You Care: Free Caregiver Virtual Reality Experiences, held every second Thursday of the month, all day through appointment only, Mid-Carolina Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road Fayetteville, NC 28304. This event can be attended only through appointment only. To make an appointment please contact Barbara White at bwhite@mccog.org, or 910-323-4191, ext. 28. This event is free, for more information on the event, please [click here](#).

Wednesday, November 16: Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body: Tips From the Latest Research, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM, Harnett County Division on Aging, 309 W. Cornelius Harnett Blvd., Lillington, NC 27526. The event is free and will include two speakers who have years of experience in the field of neurology.

Thursday, November 17: Cumberland County Caregiver Support Group, held every third Thursday of the month 12:00 PM-1:30 PM, Mid-Carolina Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road Fayetteville, NC 28304. The Family Caregiver Education and Support Group provides a supportive and educational environment to enhance the caregiver & family understanding of Alzheimer's & Demential or related cognitive impairments. To view the flyer for the event, please [click here](#).

Thursday, November 17: Sampson County Caregiver's Academy, begins at 10:00 AM, 307 E Main Street, Clinton, NC 28328. For more information on the support the caregiver's academy, [click here](#).



UNC School of Government Worthwhile Reads

2022 Public Health Legislative Update
(Published 10/27/22) Read [here](#).

Local Government Commission (LGC) Approval of Bonds, Installment Financings, Leases, and Other Contracts Involving Capital Assets (Including Recent Changes Related to Local Governments on the Unit Assistance List)
(Published 10/28/22) Read [here](#).

Occupancy Taxes and Airbnb
(Published 11/2/22) Read [here](#).



About Us

Mid-Carolina Council of Governments is a multi-county, planning, development, and human services organization. We reach across county and municipal borders to provide technical assistance to our local governments and to administer programs that benefit our region's citizens. Our mission is to provide creative regional solutions to relevant and emerging issues in Cumberland, Harnett, and Sampson Counties while providing a standard of excellence in the delivery of federal, state, and regional services for our local governments and the people they serve.

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