



MCRC Weekly Newsletter December 2, 2022

Notable Notes From the Region

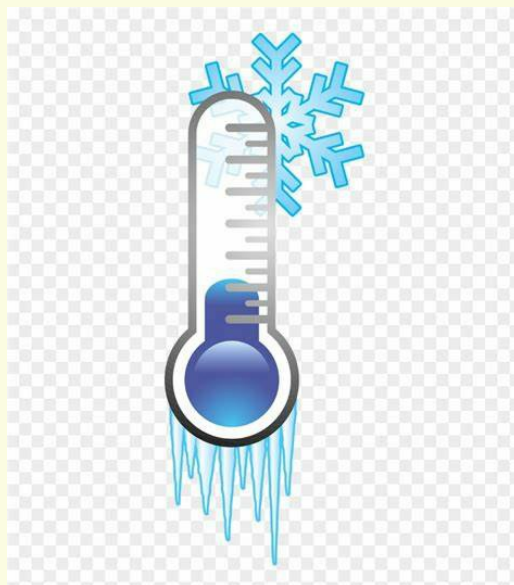
-Multiple Upcoming Christmas Parades: Many local governments throughout the region will be holding their annual Christmas Parades this Saturday, December 3. Towns that are holding their parades this Saturday include, but are not limited to, Salemburg, Hope Mills, and Dunn. This is a great opportunity to join in with residents from throughout the region and get into the holiday spirit. Make sure to check your local town website for more information about any upcoming holiday-related events.

-Cumberland County Hires new County Manager: The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners recently announced the hiring of Clarence Grier as its new County Manager. Mr. Grier currently serves as the Deputy City Manager for Roanoke, VA, and has over 30 years of local government experience, including time working in North Carolina. He also has local roots, receiving a Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration from Campbell University. Welcome Clarence and best of luck on your new position!



Clarence Grier will begin his position as the Cumberland County Manager on March 1, 2023.

-Sampson County School Teachers Awarded Grants Funds: Sampson County Friends of Education, a non-profit organization working to aid Sampson County Public Schools and improve the quality of its education, recently awarded 27 Sampson County educators with mini-classroom grants. The grant monies will be put towards offering unique, valuable classroom lessons that directly involve students. These specific projects fulfill unmet needs that are faced by many classes throughout the region and will greatly benefit all classroom participants well into the future. Congratulations to all grant award winners, keep up the great work!



Winter Weather Preparedness:

It's almost winter which means that we will begin to see winter weather soon. In anticipation for any big weather events, we recommend that you prepare yourself for the elements that the winter can bring. This includes creating an emergency kit for your home and your car in the event of a power outage or getting stuck on the road. The key for any winter weather preparedness is ensuring that you and your loved ones stay safe, warm and connected throughout any weather scenario. Have a great end to the fall and beginning of the winter season, and most importantly, stay safe and cozy!



MCRC Open House Reminder:

A reminder that the Mid-Carolina Regional Council will be holding a winter holiday 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. Stop by for refreshments, the chance to meet our staff, and the opportunity to see what your COG does. We highly encourage everyone to come out to this informal event to get to know what we do in the office!

If you are planning on attending the Open House, please RSVP to aresnick@mccog.org by end of business December 2nd.

Upcoming COG Events

Tuesday, December 6: Mid-Carolina Regional Council Open House, 3:00 PM-7:00 PM, 6205 Raeford Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28304. The open house is open to the public 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 folks to stop by for refreshments, to meet our team, and to learn more about the work of your regional council. To view the

event flyer, please [click here](#).

Tuesday, December 6: Mid-Carolina Joint Aging Advisory Council & Senior Tar Heel Legislature Meeting, 12:00 PM, Mid-Carolina Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304. Open quarterly meeting.

Wednesday, December 7: Free Confidential Memory Screenings, held every Wednesday from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, Mid-Carolina Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304. Each memory screening takes approximately 10 minutes and while the result is not a diagnosis, it can suggest if someone should see a physician for a full evaluation. To book an appointment contact Barbara White 910-323-4191 x28.

Wednesday, December 7: Male Caregiver Support Group, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM, Mid-Carolina Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304. Male caregiver support groups are a safe place to learn, offer and receive helpful tips and meet others coping with caring for a loved one. To view the event flyer, please [click here](#).

Thursday, December 8: Free Caregiver Virtual Reality Experiences, Held every second Thursday of the month all day through appointment only. Mid-Carolina Regional Council Offices located at 6205 Raeford Rd., Fayetteville, NC 28034. To make an appointment, please contact Barbara White at bwhite@mccog.org, or 910-323-4191, ext. 28 or Carla Smith, 910-323-4191, ext. 23. This event is free, for more information on the event, please [click here](#).

Monday, December 12-Tuesday, December 13: Cape Fear Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Free Classes, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM each day, 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304. Lunch cost \$10/day. Register by contacting Barbara White at bwhite@mccog.org or 910-323-4191, ext. 28. For more information, please [click here](#).

Thursday, December 15: Cumberland County Family Caregiver Support Group, 12:00 PM-1:30 PM, 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304. Please RSVP to Barbara A. White, 910-323-4191, ext. 28, bwhite@mccog.org OR to Carla Smith, 910-323-4191, ext. 23, csmith@mccog.org. To view the flyer for the event, please [click here](#).

Thursday, December 15: Sampson County Caregiver's Academy, 10:00 AM, 307 E Main Street, Clinton, NC 28328. [Click here](#) to view the event flyer.



UNC School of Government Worthwhile Reads

N.C. Court of Appeals Addresses a Dispute Over Local Sales and Use Tax Distributions: Town of Boone v. Watauga County
(Published 11/22/22) Read [here](#).

Impending Changes to Bonding Requirements for Finance Officers: Prepare Now For January 1, 2023 and Beyond
(Published 11/23/22) Read [here](#).

Responding to First Amendment Audits: Practical Considerations for Local Governments
(Published 11/30/22) Read [here](#).

HIPAA Enforcement Discretion and Preparing for the End of the National COVID-19 Public Health Emergency
(Published 12/1/22) Read [here](#).



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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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