



MCRC Weekly Newsletter February 10, 2023

Notable Notes From the Region

-Roseboro, Erwin Selected for CORE Program: This week, the towns of Roseboro and Erwin were chosen as two of the 34 communities from across the state to take part in the Creating Outdoor Recreation Economies (CORE) Program funded by the NC Department of Commerce. The program aims to optimize outdoor spaces in rural communities around the state and will offer a variety of strategic planning and technical assistance resources. Participants like Roseboro and Erwin will be able to utilize the resources offered through the program to enhance tourist attractions and bolster their local economies. Congratulations to both towns on this great news!

-Mid-Carolina Workforce Development Board Expansion: The Mid-Carolina Workforce Development Board recently confirmed its expansion into Montgomery and Moore counties. The announcement came earlier this week at an NCWorks Commission meeting in Raleigh. The merger will be officially completed on July 1 of this year. As such, the Mid-Carolina Workforce Development Board will then manage NCWorks Career Center operations in Montgomery and Moore counties, as well as support their community colleges and local businesses.



MID-CAROLINA REGIONAL COUNCIL

Creative Regional Solutions

Mid-Carolina Regional Council Annual Meeting

The Mid-Carolina Regional Council will be holding its annual meeting and regional dinner on Wednesday, March 8 at 6:00 PM at Campbell University's Oscar N. Harris Student Union Banquet Hall. The event is our region's premier gathering of local governments and partner organizations from across the Mid-Carolina Region. The event serves as an opportunity to reconnect, build cross-community relationships, share best practices, and collaborate on emerging issues. For more information on becoming a partner or sponsor for the event, please [click here](#). For anyone interested in attending the dinner, please RSVP to jhembree@mccog.org or swullenwaber@mccog.org by March 1.



Save the Date for Mid-Carolina Senior Games

It's almost that time of the year, the Mid-Carolina Senior Games are only a little ways away! This year will be the 37th Annual Mid-Carolina Senior Games taking

place in Cumberland, Harnett and Sampson counties. While opening ceremonies are just around the corner, registration for the games is open. Click this [link](#) to sign up and register for the numerous sports events or Silver Arts categories open. Make sure to register before March 10 for the early bird deadline! The final deadline to register for the Mid-Carolina Senior Games is March 31. The Mid-Carolina Senior Games is for participants aged 50 and over. If you have any additional questions regarding the Senior Games or would be interested in volunteering for any of the events, please email Lashonda Gough at lgough@mccog.org.



Mid-Carolina Workforce Development Board Awarded Certifications

The Mid-Carolina Workforce Development Board was awarded NCWorks Career Center certifications by the NCWorks Commission earlier this week. The Board received certification for the NCWorks Career Centers in Cumberland, Harnett and Sampson counties, all of which are the counties that the Board currently serves. The certifications maintain that all three of the NCWorks Career Centers in the Mid-Carolina region satisfy the requirements and standards for customer service as established by the NCWorks Commission.



NC Senior Tar Heel Legislature Members Needed for Sampson and Harnett Counties

The Mid-Carolina region is in need of delegates and alternates for the North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature (NCSTHL). Sampson and Harnett counties require more alternate members to the legislature, and Sampson County specifically needs additional delegates as well. The NCSTHL is for all state residents aged 60 and up. Members of the NCSTHL are volunteers from all walks of life. Some are retired, some still work. They commit to educate themselves about how the state's aging services and funding streams work, evaluate the effectiveness of the distribution network, measure the impact of current policies and processes, and act to propose legislation that addresses the problems. To inquire about appointment as a NCSTHL delegate or alternate, contact Tracy Honeycutt thoneycutt@mccog.org or 910-323-4191 x27.

Upcoming COG Events

Monday, February 13: Caregiver Art Day, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM, Mid-Carolina Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304. For more information, please contact Barbara White at bwhite@mccog.org or 910-323-4191. To view event flyer, please [click here](#).

Wednesday, February 15: Mid-Carolina Local Government Managers and Clerks Lunch, 11:30 AM-1:00 PM, Mid-Carolina Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

Thursday, February 16: Fayetteville Dementia Caregiver Workshop, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, Kiwanis Recreation Center, 352 Devers St., Fayetteville, NC 28303. Whether you are new to caregiving for someone with dementia or have been doing it for years,

this event is for you! Join us in person for education sessions, resource exhibitors, and time for networking with other caregivers.

Registration is required at www.dementianc.org/Fay2023. Please contact Barbara White at bwhite@mccog.org or 910-323-4191 for any questions. To view the event flyer, please [click here](#).

Thursday, February 16: Sampson County Caregivers Academy: "Helping Those Who Help Others", Grandparents support group 11:00 AM, Information Sharing and Activities 1:00 PM, Basic Computer Class 2:30 PM. 307 E Main St., Clinton, NC 28328. Registration is required. Please contact Barbara White at bwhite@mccog.org or 910-323-4191 for any questions.

Thursday, February 16: Cumberland County Family Caregiver Support Group, Every Wednesday from 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 & Dementia or related cognitive impairments. For more information, or to RSVP for the event, please contact Barbara White at bwhite@mccog.org or 910-323-4191.

Thursday, February 23: Cumberland County Grandparent Support Group, Every 4th Thursday from 12:00 PM-1:00 PM, 4221 Black Bridge Rd., Hope Mills, NC 28348. Are you a grandparent raising grandchildren? We have a support group just for you! Who Qualifies?

- Seniors 55 and older who are the sole caregiver of a child 18 years of age or younger and is an older relative (not a parent)
- Seniors 55 and older who are the sole caregiver of an adult with a disability and is an older relative (not a parent)

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SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT

UNC School of Government Worthwhile Reads

A Refresher on North Carolina's Needle Exchange Law and Other Harm Reduction Immunities

(Published 1/30/23) Read [here](#).

Comprehensive Plans and Land Use Plans Required for Zoning

(Published 8/19/21) Read [here](#).

The Ordinance Voting Statutes and the Meaning of the "Date of Introduction"

(Published 5/25/22) 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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