



MCRC Weekly Newsletter September 9, 2022

Notable Notes From the Region

-Cumberland County Fair Takes Place at the Crown Coliseum: The Cumberland County fair kicked off last weekend, and continues on through the weekend, ending on Sunday 9/11. Food vendors and musical entertainment will be present. Tickets are \$5 for children ages 2-12, and \$8 for those 13 and up. For more information on the County fair, click [here](#).

-City of Clinton Hires new Fire Chief: The City of Clinton has named Jordan Hill as its new Fire Chief. Chief Hill will take office on September 26th, and brings more than 17 years of experience to the Clinton Fire Department. Hill has also earned degrees in fire protection technology and emergency management from FTCC. Congratulations to Chief Hill, and we wish him the best of luck in his new position.



Chief Hill will be taking over duties from former chief, Steven Lovette.

-GREAT News for the Region: Last week, Governor Cooper [announced](#) that 69 counties in the state would receive over \$200 million in grant funds. The Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) grant is designed to provide high-speed internet access to households and businesses throughout the state.

Included in the [list](#) of counties receiving funds are Cumberland, Harnett and Sampson counties, giving them all opportunities to expand their broadband infrastructure.



First Responders Day:

Sunday (9/11) marks First Responders Day in North Carolina. As we commemorate the anniversary of the September 11th Attacks, we must honor and remember the monumental sacrifices made by first responders, and the consistent action that these heroic men and women make on a day-to-day basis to keep our communities safe.



Hurricane Safety Notice:

While the summer may be coming to an end, hurricane season is not. Historically, some of the strongest hurricanes have occurred throughout the latter months of the year, producing devastating hurricanes throughout October and November. So far, this year's hurricane season has fortunately been relatively light, however, this does not mean that the second half of hurricane season will be as quiet. It is not too late to consider or reupdate a hurricane preparedness plan, as recommended by the [National Hurricane Center](#). Make sure to constantly monitor weather updates,

and most importantly stay safe.



Reminder: The deadline to apply for water, wastewater, and stormwater funding through NCDEQ ends on **September 30th at 5:00 PM**. Over \$80 million in funding are still available for local governments to apply for. For more information on the NCDEQ grant opportunity, click [here](#).

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 13: Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention Class for Seniors, held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM, Bill Crisp Senior Center 7560 Raeford Rd, Fayetteville, North Carolina. For more information on the class, click [here](#).

Wednesday, September 14: Care Access of Cumberland County Healthcare Resource Fair, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Kiwanis Recreation Center, 352 Devers St., Fayetteville, NC 28303.

Wednesday, September 14: Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention Class for Seniors, held every Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 AM-10:00 AM, Tokay Senior Fitness Center located at 328 W Hamilton St, Fayetteville, North Carolina. For more information on the class, click [here](#).

Thursday, September 15: Family Caregiver Support Group (Cumberland), 12:00 PM, Mid-Carolina Regional Council Conference Room, 6205 Raeford Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28304.

Thursday, September 15: NCWorks NextGen Hiring Event, 4:00 PM-6:30 PM, North Regional Library, 855 McArthur Rd, Fayetteville, NC 28311. For more information on the event, click [here](#).

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Thursday, September 15: Sampson County Caregiver's Academy 2022, 10:00 AM, 307 E Main Street, Clinton, NC 28328. For more information on this event, click [here](#).

Monday, September 19: North Carolina Senior Games State Finals, held from Monday, September 19-Sunday, September 25, The events will be held in Raleigh and the surrounding area. More details will be posted as they become available. For more information on the senior games, click [here](#). For those interested in volunteering for the events, click [here](#).

Tuesday, September 20: Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention Class for Seniors, held every Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 AM-11:00 AM, Bill Crisp Senior Center 7560 Raeford Rd, Fayetteville, NC. For more information on the class, click [here](#).

Wednesday, September 21: NCWorks Community Resource & Job Fair, 10:00 AM-2:00 PM, Bellamy Recreation Center Royal Lane Park 500 Pierce Street Clinton, NC 28328.



UNC School of Government Worthwhile Reads

On-Premises and Off-Premises Signs: An Update from the U.S. Supreme Court
(Published 9/1/22) Read [here](#).

American Rescue Plan Act of 2021: New (Fewer) Compliance Requirements for Revenue Replacement Expenditures
(Published 9/1/22) Read [here](#).

Can Offensive Content on Signs Be Prohibited?
(Published 9/6/22) Read [here](#).



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