



Members of the Harnett County Parks and Recreation Master Plan Steering Committee take to the Cape Fear River to publicize the plan. The trip was facilitated by Cape Fear River Adventures of Lillington.

Parks & Rec Master Plan Under Way

Officials in Harnett County are planning the future of recreation in the county and need your input.

Harnett County Parks & Recreation is in the process of completing a new Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan for the county. The last master plan was completed in 2006, and is in need of an update.

"Harnett County has changed significantly in the last 10 years," said Harnett County Parks & Recreation Director Carl Davis. "Our citizens want more parks and recreational opportunities, and we need to know what they

want and where they want it. That's what this plan is about."

Harnett County selected McAdams as its consultant to facilitate the planning process. The firm has conducted interviews with county staff, the plan's steering committee, and various stakeholders in the county, and has conducted an analysis of existing facilities and programs in the county. The steering committee also took to the Cape Fear River in Lillington in canoes and kayaks as a kickoff session and to help publicize the plan.

The next step involves soliciting

public input from the county's residents about what they want to see developed in the county. Three public input meetings will be held at locations across the county to give every resident a chance to come out and provide input. Meetings will be held:

- Tuesday, Aug. 16 at Al Woodall Municipal Park at 810 S. 16th St., Erwin
- Tuesday, Aug. 23 at Barbecue Creek Park at 10891 N.C. 27, Lillington
- Tuesday, Aug. 30 at the Lillington

Keep up with Harnett County on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and go to www.harnett.org/publicinfo for news releases, important updates, a community calendar and other information.



What's Happening in Harnett?

Are you looking for something to do over the weekend? Have you ever wanted to run your own business, but need some help getting started? Keep up with what's going on in Harnett County with the Community Calendar at www.harnett.org/publicinfo.

The calendar compiles community events taking place throughout Harnett County — from all the town festivals and parades going on in the fall to community meetings and seminars at Triangle South Enterprise Center — and puts them in a single location. It also includes events held by partner organizations including area chambers of commerce, the Dunn Area Tourism Authority, Campbell University, Central Carolina Community College and Raven Rock State Park. See something that's missing from the calendar? Let us know and we'll add it! To submit an event for inclusion in the Harnett County Community Calendar, email bhaney@harnett.org.



Harnett County Parks & Recreation Director Carl Davis shared a canoe with Dunn Area Tourism Director Sharon Stevens during a kayaking trip down the Cape Fear River in Lillington to publicize the Harnett County Parks & Recreation Master Plan, which is currently underway. A series of community meetings are being held to solicit public input for the plan.

Community Center at 607 S. 13th St., Lillington

All meetings will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. and will include refreshments for those in attendance.

Along with the public meetings, citizens will be asked to complete two types of surveys in late August and early September. Statistically valid surveys will be mailed to a random sample of Harnett County residents. Selected citizens will be asked to complete the survey either by mail or online. Citizens who are not selected as part of the sample will be able to submit an online survey, which will be publicized when it becomes available.

After the public meetings and surveys are completed, McAdams will develop recommendations and an Action Plan for consideration by the Harnett County Board of Commissioners.

Once approved, the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan will serve as a framework for how the county will pursue adding new recreational facilities and programs over the next 10 to 15 years.

Davis said he has several goals in completing the plan. The first is to take advantage of one of Harnett County's

greatest assets — the Cape Fear River — and develop it as a blueway with more access points for residents to enjoy kayaking, canoeing, tubing and other activities. He also wants to see a river walk and believes such additions will spur more economic development involving the river.

Davis also wants to use future parks and trails to connect communities within the counties. The ultimate goal, he said, is for every resident to have recreational opportunities nearby.

“We’re working to bring recreational opportunities to areas that are currently underserved,” he said. “We want to offer more types of recreational opportunities in the county and increase the frequency of the programs we offer.”

Right now, he said, the important thing is to make sure that everyone who wants to have input in the master plan has a chance to do so.

“That’s really why we’re doing this plan,” he said, “to improve the lives of the citizens of Harnett County.”

For more information about the Harnett County Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Master Plan, contact Parks & Recreation at (910) 893-7518 or go to www.harnett.org/parkrec/.

McCauley Hired as Harnett County Public Library Director

Angela McCauley has been hired as director of the Harnett County Public Library. She officially assumed the role on July 1. McCauley has served as the library's interim director since March 24 when past director Patrick Fitzgerald left to take a position elsewhere.

McCauley said she is honored and humbled to lead Harnett County's library system.

"I care very much about this community and look forward to serving its citizens," she said.

She said she plans to build on the library's existing programming for children and adults, while also focusing on outreach, and access to and assistance with technology.

"Maintaining a collection of physical and electronic resources that engage, entertain and educate people of all ages has been and will continue to be a priority," she said. "I hope to build and maintain existing community partnerships as we move forward with the vision of unifying our existing libraries and expanding services to underserved communities in Harnett County."

McCauley believes as society has become more technology-driven, the public library is more relevant than ever.

"People have an immense, unending need for information and libraries have



and will continue to adapt to the way people access information," she said. "The library is not just a building that houses books – it is a community hub; a warm, welcoming, friendly place for people to gather, learn and share with others."

McCauley is a lifelong resident of Harnett County. She came to work with

Harnett County in 2004 and has previously worked as children's librarian and more recently as assistant library director and IT librarian. Prior to that, she worked for Harnett County Schools.

She is a graduate of Fayetteville State University and earned a Master's of Library Science from East Carolina University in 2011. McCauley is a member of the American Library Association and the North Carolina Library Association. She also serves on the state library's N.C. Cardinal Resource Sharing Task Force Committee.

McCauley has been married to Michael McCauley for 29 years and has two children – Taylor McCauley-Michalak (husband John Michalak) and Aaron McCauley – and one grandchild.

For more information on the Harnett County Public Library, go to www.harnett.org/library/ and follow the library on Facebook at www.facebook.com/hcplibrary.

Upcoming Events

- The Lillington and Angier chambers of commerce will co-host a State of the County event Wednesday, Aug. 24 at noon at the CCCC Health Sciences Building at 51 Red Mulberry Way, Lillington. The event will include a lunch. The cost to attend is \$15. For more information, contact the Lillington Chamber at (910) 893-3751.
- Harnett County will partner with Campbell University's School of Osteopathic Medicine to provide a free Stress Management series for county employees Wednesdays between Aug. 24 and Oct. 5 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Commons Area. Registration is required. For more information, contact the Health Department at (910) 814-6298.
- The annual Harnett County Health Fair will be held October 6, 2016, in the Government Complex Commons Area. The Health Fair, which is hosted by Harnett County Human Resources, is free for all employees and offers an opportunity to meet local health care providers and learn about some of the many services available in Harnett County.

If you know of any important events for future months that should be included in this newsletter, email information to bhaney@harnett.org.

Mobile Mammography Schedule

The Harnett County Department of Public Health will host Rex Mobile Mammography in the parking lot in front of the Health Department on Aug. 24, Sept. 7, Sept. 21 and Oct. 5. Pre-registration is required. Funding is available for the uninsured who meet specific criteria. Most insurance policies are accepted including Medicare and Medicaid. For more information, contact the Health Education

Division at (910) 814-6197. Patients should be 35 for a baseline and 40 for an annual screening.

Human Resources Corner

Time for Your 401(k) Check-Up

Just like you need an annual check-up, your 401(k) should have one, too. Here are some things you can do to make sure your retirement plan is healthy.

Review your retirement goals

Your 401(k) contributions today help you build a retirement nest egg to cover your living expenses once you no longer work. Your retirement lifestyle will likely include a number of goals you'll want to plan for. Reviewing your progress annually will help keep you on track.

Maximize your contributions

Contribute as much as you can to your plan. This reduces your taxable income and your money will grow tax-free until you make withdrawals. If you get a raise, increase the amount you contribute instead of spending it. Take

advantage of employer matches for retirement plan contributions — and make sure you're contributing enough to get the match. It's like getting free money!

Review your investments

Check your mix of investments to see if it matches your goals. Early in your career, you may see more long-term growth by investing most of your money in stocks. As you approach retirement, your priorities may be very different. Conservative investments like bond funds and money market mutual funds make more sense to provide safety and income as you get closer to retirement.

Mutual funds are the main investments used in 401(k) plans. The annual expenses of running the funds you own reduces your returns. Your plan will have a number of funds available in

each securities category. Compare the fees in the funds available to make sure you are not paying more than you need. Talk to your plan administrator or your financial advisor to learn more.

Update your beneficiaries

Review your named beneficiaries and make changes, if needed. If changes in your life occur such as becoming widowed, divorced or remarried, contact your plan administrator to review your beneficiaries. By keeping these designations up-to-date, you'll be sure that your assets will be distributed the way you want upon your death.

Look after your 401(k) like you do your health. Give it a check-up annually and make changes as needed for a more robust retirement.

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Consider Parental Controls on Kids' Devices

Today's kids have been surrounded by technology since birth. It makes sense that before they even reach high school, young kids may be ready for their own smart device. But before you hand your child his or her own device, consider these important control tips.

Add apps for blocking

Many apps are available to enable parental controls on your young child's device. These apps can block inappropriate or adult sites or scams. Seek recommendations from family and friends or look for apps from your desktop security provider.

Turn off in-app purchases

For many parents storing a credit card in the app store is a matter of pur-

chasing convenience. However, you could find your child purchasing apps without your approval with your card. Instead, turn off in-app purchases in the device settings. This way your youth will have to ask you for permission and help downloading new apps.

Require a PIN

So-called "free-mium" games allow kids to start playing for free. Then payment is required to advance to the next level or buy more virtual candy, cars, etc. If you do save your card in the app, add a secret, secure PIN. This way you control when and if the app is upgraded.

Look for kid-safe browsers

Some browsers are made specifically for kids. In such an expansive online

world, it can be difficult for kids to know what sites should be off-limits. Kid-safe browsers can filter out inappropriate sites, malware and more. It could also give you a greater level of comfort that your child isn't seeing adult content.

Keep tabs on kids and devices

Set limits on the amount of time your child spends on the device alone. Have him show you how the games he's playing work and what any paid upgrades will mean to the game as a whole. Also, use offline time to talk more about the games your child is playing and why.

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Harnett County Holding Event for Retirees

The Harnett County Board of Commissioners has granted approval to allow retired employees who are Medicare eligible to purchase vision and dental insurance on the County's insurance plan. Coverage will begin Oct. 1. With this in mind, Harnett County will host a kickoff event for a special open enrollment period for these employees Thursday, Sept. 1 at 10:30 a.m. in the Harnett County Government Complex Commons Area.

Lunch will be provided and those who attend will be eligible to win door prizes. The event will include brief presentations on topics including:

- Comparing the costs of vision and dental insurance between Harnett County and the NC Retired Governmental Employees' Association (NCRGEA)

- Moving to Medicare from the Harnett County Health Insurance Plan
- Medicare Parts A and B

Information will also be available from the following county departments and partner agencies on programs and services that will allow retirees to get involved and stay connected to Harnett County.

- Division on Aging and Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
- Harnett County Parks & Recreation
- Mid-Carolina Senior Games
- Harnett County Cooperative Extension
- Harnett County Public Library
- Harnett County Department of Social Services
- Harnett County Tax Office
- Harnett County Clerk of Court

- Harnett County Sheriff's Office

Retirees will be able to sign up for vision and dental insurance at this event or during the open enrollment period that will run until Sept. 15.

Harnett County offers the option of having your payments automatically deducted from your bank account. To take advantage of this option, you will need to complete an ACH form and provide your banking information along with a canceled check or a letter from your bank. This information is kept confidential.

To attend this event, retirees must RSVP by Friday, Aug. 19 by contacting Margie House at (910) 814-6403 or emailing mhouse@harnett.org. For more information, contact Harnett County Human Resources at (910) 893-7567.



Catch 'em All at the Harnett County Library

The Harnett County Public Library is taking advantage of the Pokémon GO craze and its status as a gym in the game by encouraging Pokémon GO players to play at the library. The library is also inviting younger children who don't have access to smart phones to play alongside their older siblings by placing paper Pokémon throughout the library. Kids who catch all eight get to select a prize.

Employment Anniversaries

The following Harnett County employees celebrate employment anniversaries in August 2016:

5 years	Amy Hennings (EMS)		Vida Ross (Public Utilities)
	Ruth Thomas (Library)		Linda Scott (Public Utilities)
	Kathleen Collins (Parks & Recreation)	15 years	Mark Locklear (Development Services)
	James Reagan (Sheriff's Office)	20 years	Charles Smith (Health)
	Amber Coats (Social Services)		David West (Sheriff's Office)
	April Fowler (Social Services)		Edward Adams (Solid Waste)
	Anitra Hart (JobLink)	25 years	Tina Sills (Social Services)
10 years	Chelsea Pruitt (EMS)		

August Employee Birthdays

The following Harnett County employees and board members celebrate birthdays in August. Please join us in wishing these employees a happy birthday.

Aug. 1	Herman Thomas (Public Utilities)		David West (Sheriff's Office)
	Angel Finley (Social Services)		Carolyn Blue (Social Services)
	Franklin Williams (Solid Waste)		Hazeline Walker (Transportation)
2	Tyrone Fisher (Cooperative Extension)	16	Amber Stump (EMS)
	Brittney Gaines (EMS)		Zachery Latimer (Public Utilities)
	Nicholas Pennings (Health)		Tracie Leecesne (Social Services)
3	Lynn Jackson (Animal Services)	17	Neill Thomas (Public Utilities)
	Jonathan Edwards (Sheriff's Office)		Melissa McLamb (Health)
	Debbie Haynes (Social Services)	18	Donna Wood (Development Services)
	Wanda Spivey (Tax)		Victor Putnam (Public Utilities)
4	Sheena Locklear (EMS)		Rebecca Wise (Social Services)
	Loretta Galletti (EMS)		Sherry Lockamy (Tax)
	Tenecia Williams (Social Services)	19	Robert Payne (Sheriff's Office)
5	Christine Wallace (GIS)		Michael Kemp (Sheriff's Office)
	Linda Scott (Public Utilities)		Alicia Coats (Social Services)
	Jacob Gardner (Sheriff's Office)	20	Bryan Wilkins (EMS)
	Maria Almeida (Social Services)		Terry Holt (IT)
	Keith Faulkner (Tax)		Courtney Temple (Social Services)
6	Charles Smith (Health)	21	Margaret House (Library)
	Radames Colon (Sheriff's Office)		Allen Blanchette (Sheriff's Office)
	Richie Lewis (Social Services)	22	Kendra Smith (Sheriff's Office)
	Cynthia Collier (Social Services)	23	Eugene Matthews (Transportation)
7	Donna Ray (Sheriff's Office)	24	Ruth Thomas (Library)
	Zachary Tart (Parks & Recreation)		Brandi Hall (Social Services)
	Joseph Swagger (Sheriff's Office)	25	Travis Essic (Sheriff's Office)
	Donna Matthews (Sheriff's Office)		Lisa Guy (Social Services)
8	Olaf El (Public Utilities)		Edward Adams (Solid Waste)
	Michael Klingman (Sheriff's Office)	26	Niihau Ramsey (Development Services)
9	Mark Glaser (EMS)		Jacob Eller (EMS)
	Vida Ross (Public Utilities)		Joe Miller (Board of Commissioners)
	Lakisha McDougald (Social Services)		Charles Galloway (Sheriff's Office)
10	Catherine Dawson (Sheriff's Office)	27	Susan Dupree (Social Services)
	James Hall (Development Services)		Margaret Wright (Tax)
	Lauren Hamilton (Sheriff's Office)	28	Alia Langdon-Williford (Cooperative Ext.)
12	Natasha Johnson (Health)	29	William Herring (EMS)
	Bradley Byrd (Sheriff's Office)		Erin McCauley (EMS)
	Brian Byrd (Sheriff's Office)		Danita McLean (Social Services)
	Bruce Obranovich (Sheriff's Office)		Sheena Watson (Social Services)
13	Teresa Byrd (Development Services)		Alton Truelove (Solid Waste)
	Benjamin Winstead (Sheriff's Office)	30	Jonathan Gurney (EMS)
	Nathan Ingram (Sheriff's Office)		Joseph Hemphill (Sheriff's Office)
14	Autumn Edwards (Sheriff's Office)	31	Joseph Jeffries (Administration)
	Deloris Suggs (Public Utilities)		Rachel Wagstaff (Animal Services)
	Shakeisha Campbell (Health)		Sylvia Cameron (Board of Elections)
	Kenneth Snipes (Public Buildings)		Bradley Smith (Public Utilities)
15	Cheryl Griffin (Sheriff's Office)		Dallas Autry (Sheriff's Office)
	James Gunter (Sheriff's Office)		



4-H Program Recieves Grant from South River EMC

The Harnett County Cooperative Extension 4-H Program received a grant from South River Electric Membership Corporation to assist with the 4-H Summer Fun Program. Cathy O’Dell, South River EMC’s vice president of member services and public relations, presented a check for \$2,680 to Harnett County Cooperative Extension Director Tyrone Fisher and 4-H Agent Jackie Helton. O’Dell said South River is committed to supporting the 4-H program. ‘I’ve never seen anybody stretch a dollar like 4-H,’ she said. ‘They really know how to maximize every dollar they receive.’

Fallen Soldier Honored by County Commissioners

The Harnett County Board of Commissioners honored the family of a fallen soldier during its June 20 meeting. Chairman Jim Burgin presented a proclamation to the family of Pvt. Eddy Rae’laurin Gates, a 2013 graduate of Triton High School who was killed on June 2, 2016, in Texas, along with eight other soldiers when their truck overturned in a flooded creek during a training exercise. Gates enlisted in the U.S. Army in December 2015. She received the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Medal and Army Service Ribbon.



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Glaser Retires After 34 Years As Medical Director



Dr. Mark Glaser retired as Harnett County's medical director at the end of July after nearly 35 years on the job. Glaser was treated to a retirement party in the Harnett County Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Surrounded by family, friends and coworkers, Dr. Glaser received awards from Harnett County, numerous emergency services organizations and other agencies. County Commissioners Chairman Jim Burgin presented Dr. Glaser with a resolution in his honor and the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the highest civilian honor bestowed by the State of North Carolina. At top, from left, are Emergency Services Director Jimmy Riddle, Commissioner Gordon Springle, Dr. Glaser, Chairman Burgin, Commissioner Barbara McKoy and EMS Division Chief Ricky Denning. Above left, from left, are EMS shift supervisors Lee Fowler, Chris Hendges, Dr. Glaser and Alex Belanovich. Above right, Dr. Glaser shakes hands with Harnett County's previous medical director, Dr. J. Stanley McQuade. Dr. Glaser is believed to be the longest serving medical director in the State of North Carolina.