

Citizen Information Session

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Session Agenda

- Introductions/Housekeeping Items
- Welcome from Staff
- General Election Updates & Reminders
- Broadband & Connectivity Updates
- GIS Applications
- Community Engagement Opportunities
- Questions



Election Updates

Voter Updates

- You **must** be registered at the address you physically reside; that is what determines your eligible ballot style.
 - It is illegal to vote based on any other address (recent moves, military, and overseas citizen exceptions).
- **Recent Moves:** NC law states that a voter must reside at their registered address for at least 30 days prior to Election day.
 - If you have moved into a new residence after the 30 days, you have to vote based on your last address and submit a registration form to have your address updated after the election is finalized.
- If you have resided at your current address for at least 30 days, you must vote based on current address. Addresses and names can be updated during One-Stop/Early voting or on Election Day.

Voter Rights

- **Assistance**

- Any voter may receive such assistance from near-relatives
- Voters who are disabled, blind, or unable to read, speak or write English may receive assistance from a person of the voter's choice, provided that the person is not an employer or agent of the voter's union

- **Clothing**

- Can wear shirts, hats, etc. that endorse a candidate/referendum
- Signs not allowed

- **Comments**

- Comments that disrupt voting process, intimidate, or a threat are not allowed

- **Phones**

- Cell phones allowed, except for taking pictures or communicating
- It is illegal to take a picture of your ballot

- **Sample Ballots/Solicitor Handouts**

- Voters can use pre-marked sample ballots or handouts to reference

Security Measures

- Laptops not connected to internet. Bluetooth and Wi-Fi disabled
- Encrypted hard drives and password protected laptops
- Reporting computer and ballot machines never plugged into a network
- Restricted access to laptops, reporting computer, ballots, machines, etc.
- Bipartisan testing for accuracy in machine coding and vote tabulation
- Tamper evident seals on all ballot bags and ballot machines
- Audits

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GENERAL ELECTION REMINDERS

Early Voting Information

ONE-STOP EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

- **Harnett County Commons Area**
309 W. Cornelius Harnett Blvd., Lillington
(in lieu of the Board of Elections Office)
- **Western Harnett High School Gym**
10637 NC 27 W., Lillington
- **Erwin Parks and Recreation Gym**
810 S. 16th St., Erwin
- **Angier Elementary School**
130 E. McIver St., Angier

HOURS FOR ALL ONE-STOP VOTING LOCATIONS

- Weekdays, **October 20 – November 4** | 8:00 am - 7:30 pm
- Saturdays, **October 22 and 29** | 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- Sundays, **October 23 and 30** | 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
- **LAST DAY Saturday, November 5** | 8:00 am-3:00 pm

Mark your Calendars!

- **September 9**
Absentee by Mail Voting Begins
- **October 14 | 5:00 pm**
Voter Registration/Update Deadline
- **October 20 – November 5**
One Stop Voting period
- **November 1 | 5:00 PM**
Deadline to request a civilian absentee ballot by mail
- **November 8 | 6:30 am - 7:30 pm**
Election Day (Voting held at designated precincts)
- **November 18 | 11:00 am**
County Canvass

SCAN TO
LEARN MORE!



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harnett.org/elections/

YOUR VOICE MATTERS



VOTING IS A RIGHT



MAKE A DIFFERENCE



IMPACT COMMUNITY





Broadband & Connectivity

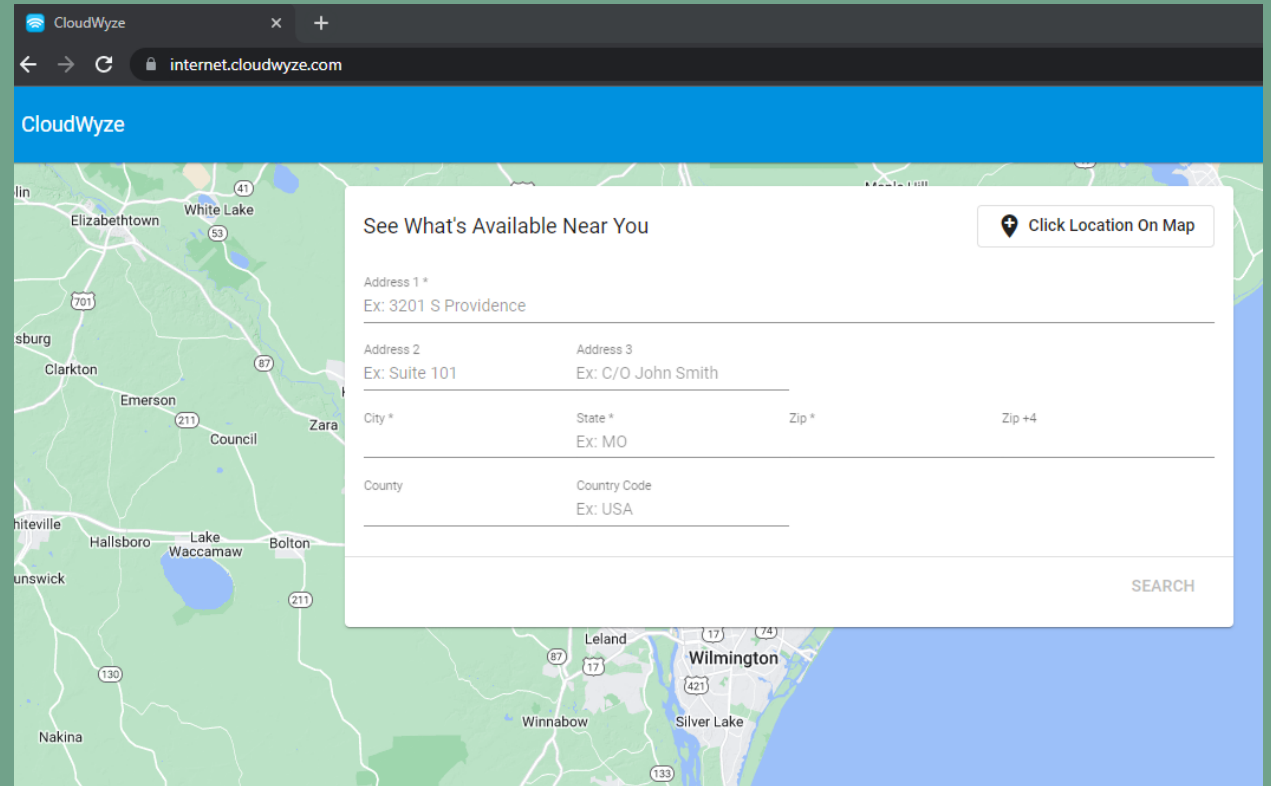
Broadband- Cloudwyze Partnership

- CloudWyze was selected by the County to expand broadband through an RFP released in 2020.
- Entered into an agreement with CloudWyze in December 2020 to start a fixed wireless broadband project in half the county.
- CloudWyze has been working through the process to gain access to towers (third party owned and county owned), fiber, wireless equipment, and other necessities for the first phase.
- Installation of the Phase One wireless equipment started in June 2022 and several towers have been completed as of September 2022.
- The first residential customers may come online in October 2022.

Broadband- Cloudwyze Partnership

- Interested individuals can register with CloudWyze at the following link, so you will be added to the list of potential customers.

internet.cloudwyze.com



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL internet.cloudwyze.com. The page features a blue header with the "CloudWyze" logo. Below the header is a map of North Carolina. Overlaid on the map is a white registration form titled "See What's Available Near You". The form includes a "Click Location On Map" button, an "Address 1" field with the example "3201 S Providence", an "Address 2" field with the example "Suite 101", and an "Address 3" field with the example "C/O John Smith". It also has fields for "City", "State" (example "MO"), "Zip", and "Zip +4". At the bottom of the form is a "Country Code" field with the example "USA" and a "SEARCH" button.

Broadband- County Support

- Commissioners allocated \$4.75M in American Rescue Plan Act funds to match grants and to fund potential direct broadband providers
- Portion of the funds will be used for phase 2 of the CloudWyze fixed wireless project



State Broadband Grant

- Harnett County partnered with the NC Broadband Infrastructure Office on the 2022 GREAT grant for broadband expansion
- 7 internet service providers contacted us for support to expand services in the County
- CloudWyze was awarded the 2022 GREAT grant
 - We are still waiting on the final details of the award from the NC Broadband Infrastructure Office
 - Total project cost is over \$8M and will serve over 3700 locations throughout the county



GIS Applications

Public Resources

Harnett County GIS has created applications that allow the public to search for land information and polling places online.



GIS Viewer

<https://gis.harnett.org/gisviewer/>



Polling Place Finder

<https://gis.harnett.org/ElectionPollingPlace/>



Community Engagement Opportunities

Board of Commissioners Meetings

- Citizens are invited to participate in the Harnett County Board of Commissioners meetings each month.
- The Board holds regular meetings the first Monday of each month at 9 a.m. and the third Monday of each month at 6 p.m.
- Citizens can sign up to speak at these meetings during the public comment period. (*The public comment period allows for up to 30 minutes for informal comments allowing 3 minutes for each presentation*)



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C O U N T Y
NORTH CAROLINA

Board of Commissioners
REGULAR MEETING



October 3 at 9:00 AM
October 17 at 6:00 PM



Resource Center & Library
Commissioners Meeting Room
455 McKinney Parkway, Lillington

View agenda package



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Request-A-Speaker Program

- The Request A Speaker program provides a community engagement opportunity where citizens and community organizations can coordinate a county official or representative to speak at a meeting or event to discuss county related topic.

HARNETT COUNTY Request A Speaker Program



County Related Topics Could Include:

- Department Services
- Capital Improvements Program & Budget
- Initiatives of the County Commissioners
- Strategic Plan
- Events & Programs
- Citizen Advisory Boards & Committees
- General Updates on County Initiatives

To submit a request, visit
www.tinyurl.com/HCspeaker
or scan the qr code below.



Interested in learning more about Harnett County government initiatives, projects, programs, services, and more?

The Request A Speaker program provides a community engagement opportunity where citizens and community organizations can coordinate a county official or representative to speak at a meeting or event to discuss county related topics. The county will try to accommodate requests and secure a speaker based on your requested topic. Please allow a 7 day notice for all speaker requests.

For more information, contact us:

Harnett County Public Information
910-814-6001
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How to Get Involved in Harnett County Government

- Appointed Boards and Committees
- Keep Harnett Beautiful
- Community Calendar
- Monthly Citizen Newsletter
- Social Media



Questions?



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