



# HARNETT CONNECT

Employee Newsletter | Keeping You Connected

ISSUE 10 | OCTOBER 2022

## HARNETT COUNTY LAUNCHES NEW PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**NEW**

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**HARNETT COUNTY ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCH OF THE HARNETT COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTNERSHIP, A PUBLIC-PRIVATE ORGANIZATION PROMOTING LIVING WAGE JOBS AND CAPITAL INVESTMENT WITHIN THE COUNTY AND ITS MUNICIPALITIES.**

This collaboration brings together elected officials, business leaders, and educational stakeholders to strengthen talent attraction, workforce development efforts, product development, and other initiatives that will lead to the expansion and attraction of companies.

The new Board of Directors consists of Phyllis Godwin (Godwin Group) as the Chair, Jeff Whittington (First Federal Bank) as Vice-Chair, Jake Mays (Boon Edam) as Treasurer, Scott Nelson (Gould and Goodrich), and Harnett County Commissioners Lewis Weatherspoon and Brooks Matthews.

Additional business leaders will be elected following a capital campaign with Convergent Nonprofit Solutions. In addition, educational leaders from Campbell University, Central Carolina Community College, and Harnett County Schools will join as ex-officio members in the coming months.

**For more information on the Harnett County Economic Development Partnership, contact Economic Development Staff at 910-893-7524.**

**LEARN MORE**



# HARNETT COUNTY ANNOUNCES MICHAEL MORROW AS ASSISTANT COUNTY MANAGER

**County Manager Brent Trout announced Michael Morrow as the newest staff member of the Harnett County's Manager Office. Morrow will begin his position as Assistant County Manager on October 10.**

Morrow brings over three decades of experience and leadership in Government Administration, having served as a Land Survey Aide with Palm Beach County, Florida and an Operations Engineer with the Florida Department of Transportation.



As the newest Assistant County Manager, Morrow will oversee the County's Board of Elections, Emergency Services, Information Technology, Public Library, Veteran's Services, Fleet, and Facilities departments. He will also be tasked with collaborating with the UNC School of Government to manage the County's Performance Management project and serve on the Space Needs Study committee to provide input on future facility needs for County operations.

Morrow holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Management from Florida Atlantic University and a Master's of Science degree in Organization Leadership and Management from Palm Beach Atlantic University.

Morrow is a member of the International City and County Managers Association (ICMA), Florida City and County Management Association (FCCMA), American Public Works Association (APWA), Florida Public Works Association (FPWA), and the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA) Treasure Coast Chapter.

**Join us in welcoming Mike to our Harnett County Government team!**

READ MORE



Welcome

# COMMISSIONER'S OCTOBER MEETING SCHEDULE

## Harnett County Board of Commissioners

### OCTOBER SCHEDULE

#### WORK SESSION

October 11th  
at 9am

#### BOARD MEETING

October 17th  
at 6pm



The Harnett County Board of Commissioners hold regular meetings on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 AM and the third Monday of each month at 6:00 PM. Meetings are held in the Commissioner Meeting Room on the second floor of the Harnett County Resource Center and Library, located at 455 McKinney Parkway in Lillington. Unable to attend the meetings in person? Watch the live stream at [www.harnett.org/boc](http://www.harnett.org/boc).

**Missed a recent Commissioners Meeting or Work Session? Watch meetings on our Youtube Channel by clicking the red button below!**



## EMPLOYEE INFORMATION SESSION



**Missed the Employee Information Session during the month of September? Click the link below to view the presentation and learn about the employee job referral program, benefits, and more!**

**LEARN MORE**

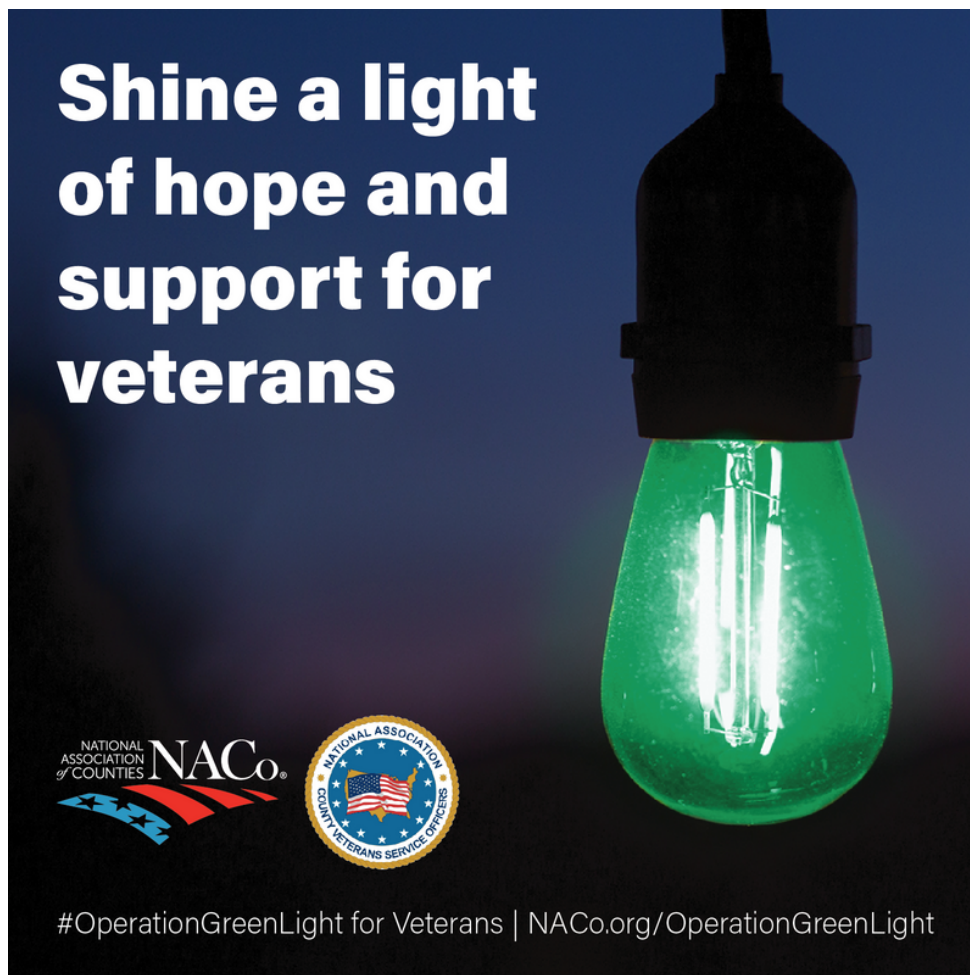
# OPERATION GREEN LIGHT

In advance of the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, Harnett County announced that the County Courthouse and Resource Center & Library would be illuminated green November 7th through the 13th as part of Operation Green Light, a new national collaborative initiative of the National Association of Counties (NACo) to support military veterans, as well as raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans and the resources that are available at the county, state, and federal level to assist veterans and their families.

The new national collaborative is spearheaded by the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers, building upon the successful efforts of the New York State Association of Counties and the NYS County Veteran Service Officers' Association in 2021.

By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. While this event is focused around the week of Veterans Day (November 7th -13th), participants are encouraged to continue shining the light year-round. Residents can share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

Visit [naco.org/operationgreenlight](https://naco.org/operationgreenlight) for more information and links to resources available to veterans.





# SCHOOL BUS SAFETY PROGRAM

## #SuccessWithHCS

Harnett County is taking action against dangerous driving around school buses with North Carolina's first stop-arm safety program.

### YOUR CHILD DESERVES TO GET TO SCHOOL SAFE.

That's why Harnett County Schools and Harnett County are partnering with BusPatrol to modernize school buses with advanced safety technology. All school buses in Harnett County are equipped with 'Danger Zone' cameras to deter motorists from illegally passing stopped school buses and putting our children at risk.

## N.C. SCHOOL BUS STOP LAW

All drivers must not only be aware around school buses, but also know the law of the road.

If you're not sure when to stop for a school bus, check out the video below **by clicking the computer screen.**

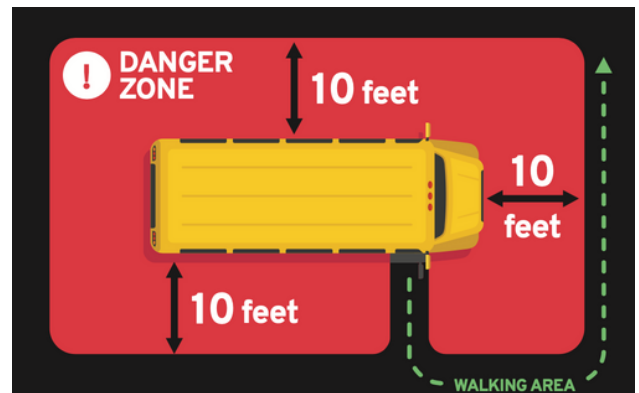


### What do yellow lights flashing on a school bus indicate?

Yellow flashing lights mean the bus is preparing to stop to load or unload children. **Slow down and prepare to stop.**



[Click for more info on School Bus Safety.](#)



# DEPARTMENT NEWS & UPDATES

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

### CHANGES TO SEVERE WEATHER ALERT NOTIFICATIONS

- 1 Scan the QR code below.



or visit [getrave.com/login/harnett](https://getrave.com/login/harnett)

- 2 Click Register and create your account.

- 3 Confirm your mobile carrier (i.e. Verizon) and your mobile number.

- 4 Receive Confirmation Email.

- 5 Subscribe to Weather Alerts.

#### HARNETT COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT **SEVERE WEATHER NOTIFICATIONS**

### REGISTER NOW!

*Harnett County Emergency Management will be changing the way we deliver severe weather alert notifications!*

To opt-in to the Harnett County Rave public notification system, follow the directions on the left of this graphic!

**SEVERE WEATHER ALERTS**  
at Your Fingertips



**HARNETT COUNTY  
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

📞 910-893-7580

✉️ [HCEM@harnett.org](mailto:HCEM@harnett.org)

Harnett County  
Emergency Services



In an effort to reduce warning fatigue and stay up-to-date on technology, our weather Watch and Warning EMAILS will no longer automatically be sent out by Emergency Management. Instead, if you would like to receive weather Watch and Warning alerts via email and/or text message, we encourage you to sign up for our RAVE Public Notification System!

In the event potential disaster weather is forecasted (such as a hurricane), we will continue to push National Weather Service emails containing area forecasts starting three days out from the anticipated event.

**REGISTER NOW**



#### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

### STAY SAFE

- ✓ Recognize Warnings and Alerts. Sign up for Harnett County RAVE Public Notification System.
- ✓ Pay attention to emergency information and alerts.
- ✓ If you live in a mandatory evacuation zone and local officials tell you to evacuate, do so immediately.



### HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION

Hurricane Season is here. You and your family need to be ready. Read our PLAN, PREPARE, and STAY INFORMED tips to so you and your family are ready if a hurricane strikes.

**LEARN MORE**



# DELL MILITARY APPRECIATION WEEK



**Happy Fall! Dell has great upcoming offers huge savings,  
as well as Military Appreciation Week!**

**First, a sneak peek that your members can access through 10/16 at  
[www.dell.com/mpp/harnett-nc](http://www.dell.com/mpp/harnett-nc) (Military coupons not applicable):**

- Inspiron 15 Laptop (Intel i3, 8GB, 256GB SSD) - Save: \$150
- Inspiron 16 Laptop (AMD Ryzen 7, 16GB, 512GB SSD) - Save: \$270
- XPS Desktop (Intel i7, 16GB, 512GB SSD) - Save: \$100
- G15 Gaming Laptop (Intel i7, 16GB, NVIDIA RTX 3060, 1TB SSD) - Save: \$200

**Military Appreciation Week is also coming soon.  
For one week, we say Thank You!**

- Military members & family save up to 15% on top tech, 10/3 - 10/9.

**We proudly salute our military and their families with savings of 15% off PCs and  
electronics during Dell's Military Appreciation Week.**

Obtain a coupon using your .Mil email address. Having issues? Please email  
[MilitaryDiscount@Dell.com](mailto:MilitaryDiscount@Dell.com) or call our North American Sales Team at 1-866-871-9875 8 AM to 7  
PM CST, (Monday through Friday). Coupon is valid with select other offers.

**THANK YOU FOR  
YOUR SERVICE!**

The County is looking to identify  
all of our employees that have  
served in our armed forces. If you  
have served or are currently  
serving, please complete our short  
survey.

**SCAN TO  
COMPLETE SURVEY**



**OR VISIT:  
[TINYURL.COM/  
2FPK2SK9](https://tinyurl.com/2FPK2SK9)**

Send "THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE" to  
[publicinfo@harnett.org](mailto:publicinfo@harnett.org) for a chance to win  
Harnett County Swag !



# DEPARTMENT NEWS & UPDATES

## BOARD OF ELECTIONS

The Harnett County Board of Elections is dedicated to conducting honest, fair and impartial elections; pledging the highest level of integrity for the voters and citizens of Harnett County.

Your voice matters! Let's make a difference and impact our community by voting.

Election season is quickly approaching! Are you prepared? Review the general election reminders so you are ready to vote this year.

[LEARN MORE](#)

### Harnett County Board of Elections GENERAL ELECTION REMINDERS

#### 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

#### 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. Malver 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

#### YOUR VOICE MATTERS



#### VOTING IS A RIGHT



#### MAKE A DIFFERENCE



#### IMPACT COMMUNITY



## SOLID WASTE



### HARNETT COUNTY SOLID WASTE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION & PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

Looking to do a little Fall cleaning? Harnett County Solid Waste Department will host a FREE Household Hazardous Waste Collection & Paper Shredding Event for Harnett County residents on Saturday, November 12th, 2022 at the Harnett County Courthouse.

#### ACCEPTED ITEMS

Paint and paint thinners, furniture strippers & finishing products, solvents & degreasers, wood preservatives, polishes, aerosols, fluorescent light tubes, compact fluorescent bulbs, NiCad batteries, alkaline batteries, lithium batteries, propane cylinders, swimming pool chemicals, used motor oil, antifreeze, gasoline, hydraulic transmission & brake fluid.

#### EVENT REMINDERS

- Limit of (8) Boxes/Bags for paper shredding, boxes/bags will need to be taken back with you
- Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides & insecticides WILL BE accepted but MUST be in its original containers for identification purposes.
- All liquids MUST be left in a container at the event



Harnett County Solid Waste | 910-814-6151 | www.harnett.org

#### EVENT DETAILS



Saturday, Nov. 12



9:00am - 12:00pm



**Harnett County  
Courthouse**

301 W. Cornelius Harnett Blvd.  
Lillington, NC

**HARNETT  
COUNTY  
RESIDENTS  
ONLY**

**NO  
COMMERCIAL  
WASTE OR  
SHREDDING  
WILL BE  
ACCEPTED**

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[MORE INFORMATION](#)

# DEPARTMENT NEWS & UPDATES


## KEEP HARNETT BEAUTIFUL

### KEEP HARNETT BEAUTIFUL COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

For more information on joining the Keep Harnett Beautiful Committee, Contact:

#### MORGAN POPE

Office Assistant  
Harnett Soil and Water  
Conservation

 (910) 893-7584

 [mpope@harnett.org](mailto:mpope@harnett.org)

## JOIN OUR TEAM!

Keep Harnett Beautiful is an initiative of the Harnett County Solid Waste Department and the Harnett County Soil and Water Conservation District that involves Harnett County employees and the community in a way where we can work together to keep our County a clean and beautiful environment. Join our planning team and help us plan and promote litter sweeps.



### COMMITTEE MEMBERS WILL:

- Assist with coordination of litter sweeps
- Educate the public about recycling and how to reduce litter
- Make an impact on our community



## 2022 TRASH BASH

### FALL LITTER SWEEP EMPLOYEE CHALLENGE STARTS OCTOBER 1



**TRASH BASH 2022**  
**OCTOBER 1ST-28TH**  
AT LEAST ONE TEAM PER DEPARTMENT  
TEAMS OF 5  
FIRST PLACE TEAM-4 HOURS OF ADMIN LEAVE  
LUNCHEON FOR ALL PARTICIPATING EMPLOYEES  
SIGN UP: [TINYURL.COM/KHBFALL2022](https://tinyurl.com/khbfall2022)  
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MORGAN POPE AT THE  
HARNETT SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT OFFICE AT  
910-893-7584 OR [MPOPE@HARNETT.ORG](mailto:MPOPE@HARNETT.ORG).

**Keep Harnett Beautiful is back with another employee challenge this Fall. Join us October 1 through October 28 for our 2022 Trash Bash Litter Sweep.**

Like this Spring, we are looking for multiple teams of up to 5 employees to help us pick up roadside litter throughout Harnett County. Teams can be made up of employees from a single department or various departments. And departments can have more than 1 team!

Teams can coordinate cleanups along any roadside of their choice, and supplies will be provided. As an incentive, the team that collects the most (full) trash bags will receive 4 hours of admin leave per team member, followed by the second and third place teams each receiving 2 hours of admin leave per team member.

This year, we will also be holding a luncheon on Friday, October 28 to thank all our employees who participated in our Trash Bash.

And don't forget, as a County employee, you receive 1.5 hours of volunteer leave per week to volunteer so teams can volunteer during work hours once per week! Any interested team should seek approval from your supervisor and/or department director to ensure that there is coverage for your department prior to scheduling cleanups.

**REGISTER YOUR TEAM NOW AT**  
**[TINYURL.COM/KHBFALL2022](https://tinyurl.com/khbfall2022)**




# DEPARTMENT NEWS & UPDATES

## PARKS AND RECREATION



## MOVIES IN THE PARK



The Town of Lillington and  
Harnett County Parks & Recreation  
Present:

**A MOVIE IN THE PARK**  
*Minions: The Rise of Gru*  
Friday, October 7th  
7:00 p.m.  
Town of Lillington River Park  
151 East Duncan Street  
Bring your blankets and lawn chairs.  
Free Admission  
Snacks & drinks will be available for purchase.

Harnett COUNTY THE SALMON LAW FIRM Lillington Community Center

**FREE MOVIE AT THE MILL**

Bring your blankets and chairs!

UNHAPPY TO SEE YOU AGAIN

Friday, October 28th  
Set-Up at 6:30 PM  
Movie Starts at 7:00 PM  
200 N 13th St, Erwin

ERWIN Chamber of Commerce Harnett COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION



GOOD IS NO FUN AT ALL

DREAMWORKS

**the BAD GUYS**

The Town of Lillington and  
Harnett County Parks & Recreation  
Present:

**A MOVIE IN THE PARK**  
*The Bad Guys*  
Friday, October 14th  
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Harnett COUNTY THE SALMON LAW FIRM Lillington Community Center

FOR UPDATES AND DETAILS ON MOVIE LOCATIONS, FOLLOW HARNETT COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION ON FACEBOOK!

Click the facebook icon to be directed to the Parks & rec facebook page!



# DEPARTMENT NEWS & UPDATES

## PARKS AND RECREATION

### 2022 HARNETT COUNTY SENIOR MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27  
CHICORA GOLF CLUB  
495 CHICORA CLUB DR.  
DUNN, NC 28334  
9:00 AM SHOTGUN START



ENTRY IS \$30 PER GOLFER AND COVERS YOUR ROUND OF PLAY, GOLF CART, AND LUNCH. PARTICIPANTS MUST LIVE, WORK, OR PLAY YOUR HOME COURSE IN HARNETT COUNTY, AND MUST BE 50 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.

TO REGISTER, VISIT [HTTPS://PORTAL.HARNETT.ORG/PARKSREC/HOME](https://portal.harnett.org/parksrec/home), OR CONTACT DREW BRYANT AT (910) 893-7518 OR [WBRYANT@HARNETT.ORG](mailto:WBRYANT@HARNETT.ORG)

### 2022 HARNETT COUNTY SENIOR MEN'S GOLF TOURNAMENT

Thursday, October 27, 2022  
Shotgun Start at 9 AM

Chicora Golf Club 495 Chicora Club Dr.  
Dunn, NC 28334

Entry Fee: \$30; Covers green fee, cart fee, range balls, lunch, and trophies

Call Harnett County Parks and Recreation to sign up or for more information at (910) 893-7518

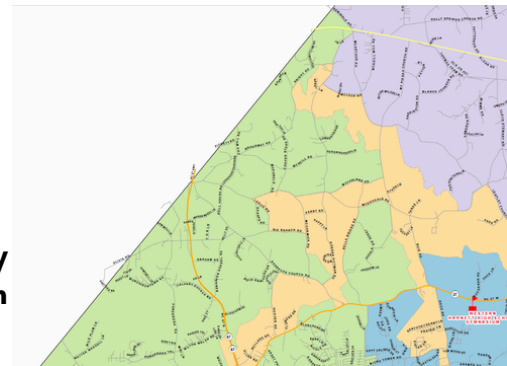
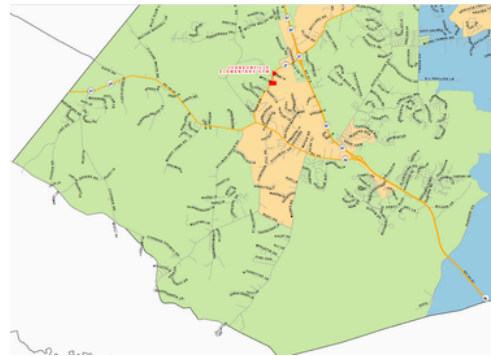
**REGISTER NOW**

### PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE SEATS OPEN SEEKING APPLICANTS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACANCY

We are currently accepting applications for our Harnett County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee to fill a vacancy with a representative from County Commissioner Voting District 5. District 5 is the territory within the green zone of the attached photos.

The Harnett County Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee consults with and serves in an advisory capacity to County staff and the Harnett County Board of Commissioners in matters affecting recreation and special events throughout the County.

All interested parties can visit <http://ow.ly/Hb9150KERAx> to print off an application for submission, or can stop by the Harnett County Parks and Recreation main office to receive an application between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday.



For more information on Parks and Recreation programs and events, visit [harnett.org/parkrec/](http://harnett.org/parkrec/) or call 910-893-7518



# DEPARTMENT NEWS & UPDATES

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

### SPOOKTACULAR EARRINGS

JOIN US TO MAKE YOUR OWN PAIR OF THESE BOOTIFUL LASER CUT EARRINGS, JUST IN TIME FOR HALLOWEEN



**OCTOBER**  
24<sup>TH</sup>, 25<sup>TH</sup>, AND 26<sup>TH</sup>

THIS IS A FREE LIBRARY PROGRAM, INTENDED FOR ADULTS  
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED \* ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED

AGES 13 & UP

### HALLOWEEN RESIN COASTERS

For Teens

OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> @ 11AM & 4PM





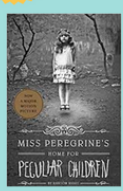
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

### YA BOOK-TO-MOVIE CLUB



TEENS lets compare and discuss Miss Peregrine's book and movie!

Book available for pickup anytime

Watch movie October 20th @ 4:00pm  
We will have pizza!




November



Register online!

### Resin Bookmarks



Whether you want a true crime themed bookmark, or beautiful fall flowers. Join us OCT 7, 10, or 11 to make your own.

THIS IS A FREE LIBRARY PROGRAM, INTENDED FOR ADULTS  
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED \* ALL SUPPLIES PROVIDED



### storytime

IN THE PARK

**ANDERSON CREEK PARK**  
1491 Nursery Road, Lillington, NC

Join us on **Fridays at 10am** at the park  
for an outdoor storytime experience!

Running: May 6th – June 10th

### Storytime

REGISTRATION REQUIRED



**TODDLERS @ 10 A.M.**  
WEDNESDAY

**PRESCHOOL @ 10 A.M.**  
THURSDAY

Harnett County Public Library

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## PUBLIC LIBRARY

### EXPLORING GENEALOGY DATABASES THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 11AM



## EXPLORING

## *Genealogy Databases*

### LET'S LEARN ABOUT:

- ✓ Databases available at the Library
- ✓ Beginner search tips
- ✓ Saving online resources
- ✓ And more!

Thursday, October 6th, at 11AM

Participants are **encouraged** to bring a laptop, though not required.



**Registration  
encouraged**

In-person at the Library:  
455 McKinney Pkwy  
Lillington, NC 27546

Join us to learn about genealogy databases available at the Library! We'll teach you about search strategies, walk you through a basic search, and answer your genealogy questions.

Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop in order to follow along, though it isn't required. Please consider registering to get a reminder email and help us anticipate how many participants we will have.



**REGISTER NOW!**





## DEPARTMENT NEWS & UPDATES



### TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

## Microsoft Word for Beginners

Tues., Oct. 11 at 10:00AM  
Wed., Oct. 12 at 5:30PM

**Chronicles  
of Yarnia**  
Hook & Needle  
Club

Beginning April  
2022  
10 am - 12 pm  
1st and 3rd  
Wednesdays  
Adult Makerspace

Join us for an  
informal hangout  
for crocheters,  
knitters, and more!  
We welcome all  
levels of  
experience.



### TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

## Intermediate Computers

Tues., Nov. 1 at 10:00AM  
Wed., Nov. 2 at 5:30PM

Registration Required



**LUNCH  
TIME  
BOOK  
CLUB**

JOIN THE  
DISCUSSION  
ON THE 4TH  
THURSDAY  
OF EVERY  
MONTH

## BOOK BABIES

MONDAYS  
@ 10 AM

IS BACK!

AGES 0-18 MONTHS

REGISTRATION  
REQUIRED



For more information on Library programs and events, visit  
[harnett.libguides.com/hcpl](https://harnett.libguides.com/hcpl) or call 910-893-3446.



# DEPARTMENT NEWS & UPDATES

## MUNICIPAL LIBRARY EVENTS

### ERWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join the fun during the month of October  
at Erwin Public Library located at  
110 W. F St. Erwin, NC 28339.

## PUMPKIN STEM CATAPULTS

ERWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS...

### PUMPKIN STEM CATAPULTS



OCTOBER 14TH

2:00 PM

\*HARNETT COUNTY SCHOOLS EARLY RELEASE DAY!

JOIN US FOR THIS FUN STEM EXPERIMENT!  
BUILD A CATAPULT AND SEE HOW FAR YOU  
CAN SEND YOUR PUMPKIN CANDY! CAN  
YOU MAKE IT IN THE BUCKET? WILL YOUR  
PUMPKIN GO THE FURTHEST!?

## CREEPY CRAFTERNOON

JOIN ERWIN PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR

### CREEPY CRAFTERNOON



COLOR YOUR OWN SPOOKY HALLOWEEN  
THEMED TOTE BAG!

TOTE BAG AND FABRIC MARKERS  
PROVIDED

OCTOBER 19 | 3:30PM

\*REGISTRATION REQUIRED



## CONTACT INFO

Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Physical Address: 110 West F Street, Erwin, NC 28339

Telephone: (910)897-5780



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## MUNICIPAL LIBRARY EVENTS

### COATS PUBLIC LIBRARY



#### October 5

Storytime: It's a great day on the farm and at the library with our "Farmer's Day" theme. 10 am start time

Lego Club launch with themed building challenges 3:30 pm start time

#### October 12

Storytime with local children's author, Jennifer Kennedy. Join us for a special reading and activities. 10 am start time

Art class with Artifactual Studios. Cost \$20. Registration and \$10 deposit must be received by 10/5. Class 2-4 pm

#### October 19

A 'Creepy Crawler' yoga time with Ms. Dollie. Pre-registration required. 10 am start time

Middle School reading of chapter book Birdie's Billions. What would you do if you found a bag of \$\$\$\$\$. 3:30 start time

#### October 26

It's A Costume Storytime. Come dressed in your best spooky, happy, creepy, or even hero costumes. Stories, Games, Candy, and Prizes will be part of the day. 10 am start time

910.230.1944

29 E. Main St, Coats

## LEARN MORE

### CONTACT

Address: 29 East Main Street

Coats, NC 27521

Phone: 910-230-1944

### ANGIER PUBLIC LIBRARY



## LEARN MORE

### CONTACT

Address: 55 N Broad Street West

Angier, NC 27501

Phone: 919-639-2071



# DEPARTMENT NEWS & UPDATES

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT



### STAY HEALTHY: GET YOUR FLU SHOT!

The best way to reduce your risk from seasonal flu and its potentially serious complications is to get vaccinated every year. Get your flu shot without leaving your car! The Health Department is providing “drive up” flu shots, Monday-Friday: 8:00-11:00am and 1:00-4:00pm at 307 W. Cornelius Harnett Blvd in Lillington. Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness. Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine every season. Make plans to get vaccinated early in fall, before flu season begins. September and October are good times to get a flu vaccine.

LEARN MORE



## FREE AT-HOME TEST KITS



The Health Department is providing free at-home COVID-19 test kits. Persons can pick up at-home COVID-19 test kits Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:00am-11:00am or 1:00pm-4:00pm at the Health Department which is located within the Governmental Complex at 307 W. Cornelius Harnett Blvd in Lillington. For more information, How to Use an At-Home COVID-19 Test-[click here.](#)

## VACCINE & BOOSTER SHOTS



CDC recommends COVID-19 vaccines for everyone **6 months and older**. The benefit of COVID-19 vaccines, like other vaccines, is that those vaccinated get protection without risking the potentially serious consequences of getting sick with COVID-19. Please call our office at 910-814-6582 to schedule your child's COVID-19 vaccine appointment or visit our web site [harnett.org/health](https://harnett.org/health).

**Needing your booster shot?** Staying up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines will provide you with the best protection against the COVID-19 virus. Anyone ages 5 and older should receive a single COVID-19 booster. Certain individuals may receive two COVID-19 boosters. NCDHHS encourages individuals to speak with a doctor, nurse or pharmacist if they have questions about what booster is right for them. Timing of your first booster is dependent on your primary series and your medical history. To make an appointment, call the Health Department at 910-814-6582 or complete the [COVID-19 Vaccine Inquiry Form.](#)



For more information on Health Department programs and events, visit [harnett.org/health](https://harnett.org/health) or call (910) 893-7550



# DEPARTMENT NEWS & UPDATES

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT



**Harnett County Workforce Development**

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act is here to help identify and support your employment and career goals through services such as

- Career Counseling
- Work Experience
- Occupational Skills Training
- Transportation Assistance
- On The Job Training
- Tuition Assistance

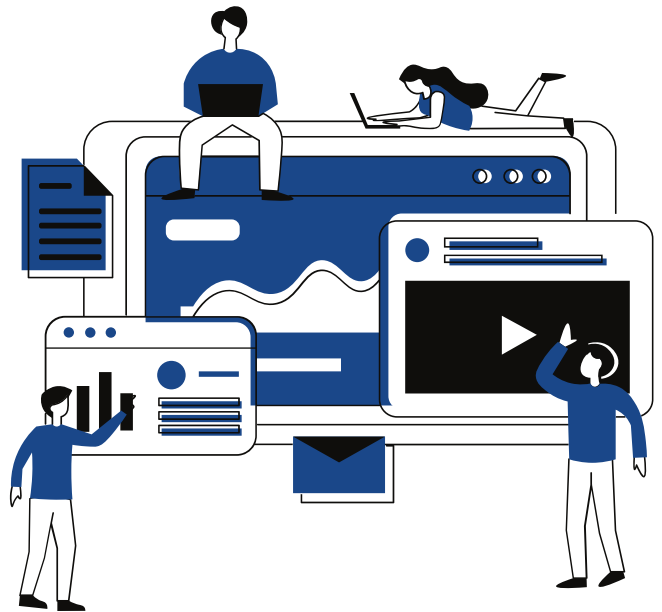
Visit our NCWORKS Career Center for more information on services related to

**EDUCATION | TRAINING | EMPLOYMENT**

900 S Ninth Street  
Lillington, NC 27546  
(910) 893-2191

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program  
Auxiliary aids and services available upon request to individuals with disabilities

### Providing Services for Employers and Job Seekers!



**For more information, contact:**

**Anitra Hart**  
Senior Workforce Development  
Specialist & NC Works  
Career Center Supervisor  
[ahart@harnett.org](mailto:ahart@harnett.org)  
(910)-893-2191



**NC WORKS NEXTGEN**

NC Works Career Center-Harnett County  
900 S. 9th Street Lillington, NC 27546 (910)893-2191

Serving NEXTGEN Between the Ages of 14-24

Need assistance with obtaining a High School Diploma/Equivalency, Two-Year Associates Degree, Short Term Continuing Education

**Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is for YOU:**

- (OST) Tuition Assistance
- Career Counseling/Assessment
- Labor Market Information
- On The Job Training (OJT)
- Work Experience
- Alternative Education
- Financial Literacy
- Tutoring
- Leadership Development
- Study Skills Training
- Resume Preparation
- Child Care Assistance
- Mileage Assistance
- Uniform Assistance
- Summer Employment

Equal Opportunity Employer/Program  
Auxiliary Aids and Services Available to Individuals with Disabilities

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

# HALLOWEEN 2022 TRICK OR TREATING SCHEDULE FOR HARNETT COUNTY



### TOWN OF ANGIER

**Trunk or Treat event:** Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 5pm to 7pm at Jack Marley Park  
Email [ctodd@angier.org](mailto:ctodd@angier.org) to sign up

**Trick or Treating:** Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6pm to 9pm

### TOWN OF COATS

**Treat Street event:** Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5pm to 8pm

**Trick or Treating:** Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5pm to 8pm

### CITY OF DUNN

**Trick or Treating:** Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5pm to 8pm

### TOWN OF ERWIN

**Trick or Treating:** Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6pm to 8pm

### TOWN OF LILLINGTON

**Trick or Treating:** Monday, October 31, 2022 from 6pm to 8:30pm

### UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY

**Trick or Treating:** Monday, October 31, 2022 from 5pm to 9pm



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### TAI JI QUAN CLASSES

New Group!

**Starting October, 3**  
**Monday & Wednesday**  
**10:30 am – 11:15 am**

Tai Ji Quan

#### "Moving for Better Balance"

An alternative exercise training program for improving balance designed for older adults at risk of falling and people with balance disorders.



#### 16 week program

Cost :

Free for YOTS Members

\$120 for nonmembers: \$60 due at registration and remaining balance due at 8 weeks.



YOTS - Saleeby Family YMCA  
107 Carletta Cagle Dr.  
Cameron, NC 28326

To sign up email: [Ashley.terrell@ymcaofthesandhills.org](mailto:Ashley.terrell@ymcaofthesandhills.org)

### COMMUNITY YARD SALE

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**October 29, 2022**

*Rain date November 5, 2022*

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

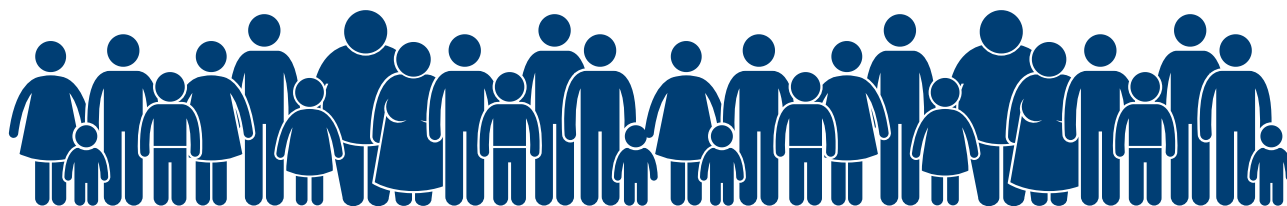
**Come shop and support the community and YMCA of the Sandhills Feeding Program!**

**Raffles: 50/50, YMCA Merch, and Free 3 Month Membership**

The feeding program was launched in August 2022 to feed all youth in our community.

Saleeby Branch  
Parking Lot  
107 Carletta Cagle Drive  
Cameron, NC 28326

Donate or more information email:  
[Ashley.terrell@ymcaofthesandhills.org](mailto:Ashley.terrell@ymcaofthesandhills.org)



### EMERGENCY SERVICES DAY

Emergency Services Day has now been postponed to April 2023. Stay tuned for more information on this event soon.

# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## ERWIN DENIM DAYS

**ERWIN Denim Days** *Rain Date!*  
**October 15th, 2022**  
**10am-4pm**  
**Downtown Erwin**

Presented By:  
**Boyer Enterprises East, LLC**

 **Hanson** **Elliott Sand and Gravel**  
HEIDELBERGCEMENT Group

Community Partners:  
  

**ERWIN Denim Days Car Show**  
*October 15th*

Presented by:  
**Harnett Cruisers Car Club**

Top 30 – 1985 and OLDER  
Top 5 – 1986 and NEWER  
Club Participation – \$100  
President's Choice — Ladies Choice  
Best Chevy — Best Ford  
Best Mopar — Best GM  
Best Motorcycle — Best Truck  
Best Rat Rod — Longest Distance — Early Bird

Open Registration 8am–12pm  
\$25 Registration Day of the Event Awards Presented at 3pm  
Location: Erwin Business Complex Parking Lot – 200 N 13th Street  
For More Information Contact:  
John Ingram (919) 255-8840 or  
Kristie Polak (910) 890-2962  
**All Proceeds Go to Our High School Scholarship Fund**

Harnett Cruisers and the Town of Erwin not responsible for any damages

*Calling all Golf Carts!*

Join us for our 1st ever  
**Golf Cart Parade at this year's Denim Days!**  
Set to begin at the Erwin Fire Station on  
Chief Joseph Lane and end at the  
Mill parking lot!  
No registration necessary, just join the  
group at 12:45pm with your Denim Days  
decorated cart!!  
**Triton Student Athletes will be walking  
as well!**

**ERWIN Denim Days** 

  
**MISS AND MR  
DENIM DAYS  
PAGEANT**  
FRIDAY OCTOBER 14TH, 6:00 PM  
ERWIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
FREE TO ATTEND!

PRESENTED BY:  
*East Coast Royalty* 

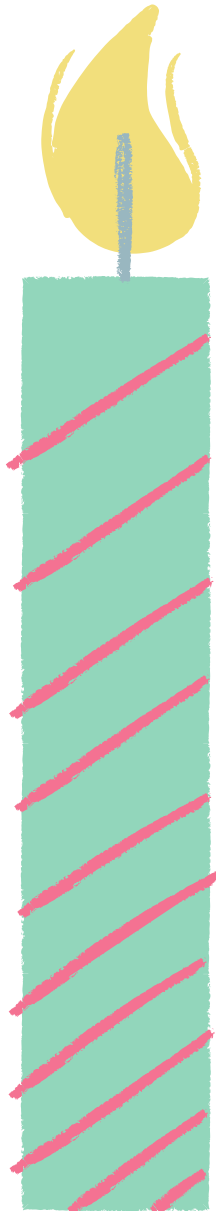


For more information on Erwin Denim Days, visit  
[erwinchamber.org/news-and-events](https://erwinchamber.org/news-and-events).





<p><b><u>OCTOBER 1</u></b>  David Miller  Elliot Brown  Elliot Taylor  Jason Remington  Jonathan Ivey  Kasey Holder  Lanite McDougald  Sandra Boykins</p>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 2</u></b>  Lynn Lambert  Sandra Ward</p>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 3</u></b>  Brittney Ellis  Elena Alexander  Kelly Smith  Stephanie Hudson  Travis Womack</p>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 4</u></b>  Madelyn Norris  Randall Byrd</p>
<p><b><u>OCTOBER 5</u></b>  Ashley Johnson  Lilia Alvarado-Lopez  Sheena Hohing  Asenet Gutierrez Prieto</p>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 6</u></b>  Dwayne McLean  Kristina Venjohn  Latorius Adams  Rodney Ellen</p>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 7</u></b>  Carnella Nuesmyer  Christopher Tyler  Daniel Jackson  John Elskamp</p>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 8</u></b>  Andrew Smith  Jason Ray  Monica Stewart  Rhoda Blake  Robert Tew</p>
<p><b><u>OCTOBER 9</u></b>  Beulah Washington  Cynthia Harris  Jessica Hester</p>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 10</u></b>  Mary Stevens  Shaun Badgett  Tabitha Butler</p>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 11</u></b>  Chelle Voyce Delarosa  David Stone  Jennifer Simpson  William Matthews</p>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 12</u></b>  Kristan Harrod  Martha Jackson  Rebecca Collado  Stewart Stangl</p>
<p><b><u>OCTOBER 13</u></b>  Brandon Little  Jonathan Cox  Tony Smith</p>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 14</u></b>  Ashley Pope  Cameron Boyd  David Jones  Kenneth Fail  Mary Smith  Thomas Swartzlander</p>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 15</u></b>  Brian Babos  Ciana Spillman  Kayla Faircloth</p>	<p><b><u>OCTOBER 16</u></b>  Barry Blevins</p>





**OCTOBER 17**

Kara Mason  
Sandra Ashworth

**OCTOBER 18**

Benjamin Dingus  
Bridgett Parker  
Heather Riggs  
Jonathan Valenzuela  
Justin Singler  
Levi Granger  
William Boyd

**OCTOBER 19**

Candace Cameron  
Landon Chandler

**OCTOBER 20**

George Frank  
Johnny Sheakley  
Laura Elmore  
Morgan Pope  
Starlette Ockletree

**OCTOBER 21**

Cameron Cooley  
Michael Williams  
Morris McNeill

**OCTOBER 22**

Joe Rice  
Mark Johnson

**OCTOBER 23**

Eric Dorman  
Jessyca Gasque

**OCTOBER 24**

Emma Harris  
Lashara Glover  
Patricia Campbell  
Ryan Jollie  
Skylar Shoell

**OCTOBER 25**

Debra Hawkins  
Donna Smith  
Henry Hairr  
Victoria Rodriguez

**OCTOBER 26**

John Hanshew  
John Nunnery  
Sayed Naqwe  
Timothy Klingbeil  
Travis Daggett

**OCTOBER 27**

Brenda Soto Montalvo  
Claudette Williams  
Nicole Fitzgerald  
Nicole Miller

**OCTOBER 28**

Kimberly Kowanick  
Walter Eason

**OCTOBER 29**

Acooyay Shaw  
Allen Scronce  
Gabrielle Thompson  
Hunter Bramley  
Leann Blackmon  
Michael Tucker

**OCTOBER 30**

Anthony Norris  
Charles Grim

**OCTOBER 31**

Aaron Brosius  
Billy Thomas  
Chekimbrell Wigington  
Pamela Bryant

# HUMAN RESOURCES CORNER

## RECRUITING: **\*\*NEW\*\* COUNTY EMPLOYEE JOB REFERRAL PROGRAM**

Are you interested in earning 4 hours of Admin leave? Participate in our new County Employee Job Referral Program to help us find our newest teammates and receive 4 hours of Admin Leave!

Harnett County Government's greatest asset is our employees. As our organization continues to become an employer of choice, we strive to grow a culture that values high performance and embraces diversity. With an outstanding benefits package that includes generous PTO, medical and dental benefits, and one of the best retirement packages in the region, Harnett County Government is a great place to start a meaningful career.

To help us continue working towards organizational excellence, the Human Resources Department has created the County Employee Job Referral Program. This new employee incentive program allows County employees to receive 4 hours of admin leave if they refer an individual to apply for a vacant position AND the individual is successfully hired.

Vacant County government positions can be found at [governmentjobs.com/careers/harnett](https://governmentjobs.com/careers/harnett). To make sure you receive credit for the referral, please instruct the applicant to list your name as the recruitment source.

**For more information on the County Employee Job Referral Program, contact Janice Lane, Human Resource Director at [jlane@harnett.org](mailto:jlane@harnett.org) or (910) 814-6401.**

[VIEW OUR JOB  
OPPORTUNITIES](#)





# HUMAN RESOURCES CORNER

## BENEFITS

Diabetic medications are still covered 100% through Blue Cross Blue Shield and Diabetic supplies are still covered 100% through Edwards Health Care Services.

If you have recently paid a co-pay on a diabetic prescription, please contact Missy in HR at extension 6403. She will help you work with BCBS to get reimbursement for any copays you may have paid out.



## DETAILS

- Challenge will run for 4 weeks
- Each week will represent a quarter as in a football game.
- Form a team of 1-4 participants.

## PRIZES

- Meet personal goals
- Score points
- Win Prizes!!!
- \$25 gift card for top individual.
- \$25 gift card for each member of the team that wins.
- Weekly drawings that participants will be eligible for a \$25 gift card



**STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS  
FROM MISSY KING  
FROM HUMAN RESOURCES**

## EMPLOYEE AWARD LUNCHEON

This year's Employee Award Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 2, 2022. Ron's Barn will be catering. This year the luncheon will be virtual with a slideshow of special anniversaries and retirements.



## INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 1/2 cups granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup pure pumpkin
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup powdered sugar

## EASY PUMPKIN COOKIE RECIPE



## INSTRUCTIONS

- Line baking sheets with parchment paper or spray with non-stick baking spray.
- Combine flour, baking soda, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg, and salt in a medium bowl.
- Beat granulated sugar and butter with mixer on medium high speed, then blend in pumpkin, egg, and vanilla until incorporated.
- Gradually mix in flour and dry ingredients. Refrigerate dough for 3-4 hours.
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
- Scoop dough into one inch balls. Roll in powder sugar, place dough balls on baking sheet (12 per sheet) and bake for 11-13 minutes.
- Remove from baking sheet to a cooling rack. When completely cool, store cookies in an airtight container.

## HUMAN RESOURCES CORNER

### EMPLOYEE SHOUTOUTS

# THANK YOU!



**Pictured left are two Department of Social Services employees that total 71 years of service combined!**

Tammy Matthews (left) , Work First/Day Care Supervisor, has 38 years of service. Gwen Speas, Food Stamp Supervisor, with 33 years (right). Thank you both for your continued dedication and love for your work and DSS!

**Ashley Bauer would like to give a big thank you to Lorie Babb (Register of Deeds) and her daughter and Jessica Higginbotham (Board of Elections) for working at our County booth at the Angier Crepe Myrtle Fest on September 10.** The weather was less than ideal and rained a little on us but they all were troopers and did a great job interacting with the public and were able to get approximately 100 individuals to sign up for our Harnett Happenings citizen newsletter!

**Ashley Bauer would also like to shout out Shannon Cole (Board of Elections), Claire Jones and her daughter (Board of Elections), and Ally Fouts (Administration) for working at our County booth at the Cape Fear Fest on September 24.** These ladies did an excellent job with providing information on County services and programs and encouraging individuals to register to vote!

**Beth Blinson would like to thank employees for maintaining a healthy fleet.** Harnett County employees recently brought their fleet vehicles in for annual inspection of vehicle fire extinguishers. We know it takes time and effort to maintain a healthy fleet and we appreciate your cooperation with the annual inspection!

# HUMAN RESOURCES CORNER

## WELCOME NEW HARNETT COUNTY EMPLOYEES!



### Upcoming Office Closures

#### **HARNETT COUNTY VETERAN SERVICES** **October 3rd- 7th**

Harnett County Veterans Services Office, located in the Harnett County Resource Center & Library, will be closed for in-person services starting at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, October 3 through Friday, October 7 while staff attend the North Carolina Association of County Veteran Service Officers Training Conference.

Staff will be available to provide in-person services on Monday, October 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Veterans and their family members who need assistance during this closure can email Harnett County Veterans Services at [webvs@harnett.org](mailto:webvs@harnett.org) or call and leave a voicemail at 910-893-7574. Staff will respond to inquiries as soon as possible.

For immediate assistance, veterans can contact the Department of Veterans Affairs toll free number at 1-800-827-1000 or contact the North Carolina Department of Military and Veteran Affairs at 919-664-1134.

In-person services will resume on Monday, October 10 at 8:00 a.m.



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For more information, contact:  
Harnett County Public Information  
455 McKinney Parkway  
Lillington, NC 27546  
910-893-7555

[www.harnett.org/publicinfo](http://www.harnett.org/publicinfo)