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## Filing for Municipal/Town Elections Begins this Friday, July 7

### Anson County will have Municipal Election in November 2017

Candidate filing for the upcoming Municipal/Town elections to be held in November will begin this Friday, July 7. This is a listing of upcoming Anson County Board of Elections meetings and other important dates.

To appear on a meeting agenda you must provide a notice in writing by 5 p.m. on the Thursday before the meeting. The Board of Elections is located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. For more information call Steve Adams, Director of Elections, at 704-994-3223.

**• Friday, July 7 at 12 noon**  
**Candidate Filing for Municipal/Town Elections begins**

• Tuesday, July 18 - Board of Elections Meeting at 12 p.m. (First meeting with new board. Oaths to be taken and officers are to be elected.)

• Tuesday, July 18 at 5 p.m. - Deadline to Withdraw notice of candidacy

**• Friday, July 21 at 12 noon**  
**Candidate Filing Ends for Municipal/Town Elections**

• Sunday, July 30 - Publish UOCAVA Notice for Nov. Election

• Friday, August 4 - Deadline to file a challenge to a candidate for November Election

• Tuesday, August 22 - Board Meeting Appoint Chief Judges/Judges of Precinct Locations for 2 year

• Monday, September 4 - County Closed for Labor Day

• Tuesday, September 12 - Board of Elections Regular Meeting at 5 p.m.

• Week of September 18th - Begin Publishing Legal Election Notice/ Buffer Zone Notice

• Monday, October 2 at 11 a.m. - Logic and Accuracy Testing for November Election

• Tuesday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. - Poll Worker Training for Municipal Election

• Thursday, October 5 - Mock Election for November

**• Sunday, October 8 - Absentee by Mail Ballots available for November 7th, Municipal Election**

• Tuesday, October 10 - Board of Elections Regular Meeting at 5 p.m.

• Tuesday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. - Poll Worker Make Up Training For Municipal Election

• Thursday, October 12 at 6:30 p.m. - Early Voting Training for Municipal Election

**• Friday, October 13 at 5 p.m. - Voter Registration Deadline for November**

• Saturday, October 14 at 10 a.m. - One Stop Observer list Due

• Tuesday, October 17 at 5 p.m. - Absentee Board Meeting 1 for November Election

**• Thursday, October 19 - Early Voting Begins for Municipal Elections (Wadesboro)**

• Tuesday, October 24 at 5 p.m. - Absentee Board Meeting 2 for November Election

• Tuesday, October 31 at 5 p.m. - Absentee Board Meeting 3 for November Election

**• Tuesday, October 31 at 5 p.m. - Last Day to request Absentee by Mail Ballot for November**

• Thursday, November 2 at 10 a.m. - Election Day Observer list Due

**• Saturday, November 4 at 1 p.m. - Early Voting Ends for November Election**

• Monday, November 6 at 5 p.m. - Pre Election Day Absentee Meeting

**• Tuesday, November 7 - MUNICIPAL ELECTION DAY: 6:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

• Tuesday, November 7 at 2 p.m. - Absentee Meeting (Cannot release results until polls close.)

• Friday, November 10 - County Closed for Veterans Day

• Monday, November 13 at 11 a.m. - Sample Audit/Provisional Count

• Friday, November 17 at 11 a.m. - County Canvass

• Thursday, November 23 & Friday, November 24 - County Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

• Monday, December 25 & Tuesday, December 26 - County Closed for Christmas

Dates may change and/or additions may be made.



## Divine Unity and Lindsey Chapel Church Vacation Bible School

Divine Unity Church and Lindsey Chapel F.C.O.G. sponsored Vacation Bible School activities. The VBS was held at Divine Unity Church with Overseer Pastor Sylvia McLendon, June 27 through 29. This year's VBS, with the theme *Conquering the Jungle*, was well attended.

Among the many activities, on Saturday, July 1 VBS attendees traveled to the Riverside Zoo in Columbia, SC.

## Dates Set for 2017 Anson Ag Expo & Fair

Mark your calendars for the weekend of September 22 - 23, the dates for this year's Anson Ag Expo & Fair. The event's planning committee has started meeting to prepare for traditional and new fall festivities.

The annual 4-H Youth Livestock Show will be held at Circle G Arena, while the Ag Fair will be held at the Extension Center in Wadesboro on Saturday, September 23. New this year will be a Family Fall Fest, held at Circle G Arena on Friday night, September 22, from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m.

The Family Fall Fest will feature fall and agriculture themed relays and competitions for kids, Finley's Food Truck, games for small children under the tent, a bounce house, and more. Come out and help us kick this first-ever event off on the right foot.

The annual 4-H Youth Livestock Show will begin at 9:45 a.m. on Saturday in Lilesville while the Ag Fair will be open to the public on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. in Wadesboro.

Be on the lookout for more information to come, including schedules, fair book release, and much more. Come out and join the fun, and help us celebrate agriculture in Anson.

## Anson County Partnership for Children Received \$25,000 Grant

The Anson County Partnership for Children received a \$25,000 grant for Motherhead to build literacy skills of mothers and children of families in Anson County. Motherhead uses classic children's books to teach literacy skills to adults, including listening, speaking, reading, and writing. The weekly lessons help parents understand the importance of regularly reading to their children. Parents not only learn the "why" of reading with their children, but also the "how."

"The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation Grant has given the Partnership a tremendous opportunity to support families on a more in-depth and individualized way with the funding for Motherhead," said Caroline Goins, Executive Director of the Anson County Partnership for Children. "We look forward to working with families to not just improve literacy skills but improve families' future."

The first of four cycles of Motherhead set to start in September in collaboration with the Head Start and Early Start programs in the Anson. Mothers will meet weekly for breakfast and the group meeting. Families will work together with a Motherhead educator to learn how their child's favorite book can be an important educational tool to prepare them for a bright future by improving literacy skills, while building positive parenting relationships through reading.

Motherhead promotes group learning for social support and self-efficacy to improve adult skills and improve vocabulary and level comprehension skills in children by demonstrating the proper use of interactive literacy materials to the mothers.

The North Carolina GlaxoSmithKline Foundation is an independent self-funding 501(c)3 nonprofit organization supporting activities that help meet the educational and health needs of today's society and future generations. Since its creation in 1986, the foundation has granted \$71.0 million to support North Carolina projects and programs that emphasize the understanding and application of science, health and education at all academic and professional levels. [NCGSKFoundation.org](http://NCGSKFoundation.org).

The Ribbon of Hope grant has contributed to programs in surrounding counties such as Scotland County Literacy Council and the Literacy Council of Union County.

The Anson County Partnership for Children is a non-profit public/private organization formed in 1996 in response to the North Carolina Smart Start initiative. The Partnership's mission is "helping make Anson County a better place to be a child and to raise a child." For more information about Motherhead in Anson County, please contact Caroline Goins at 704-694-4036 or [caroline.goins@ansonchildren.org](mailto:caroline.goins@ansonchildren.org) or visit [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org).

## Boating Safety Campaigns Bring Heightened Enforcement on North Carolina Waters this Weekend

On this weekend the NC Wildlife Resources Commission and its partners will continue the "On the Road, On the Water, Don't Drink and Drive" campaign and participate in the "Operation Dry Water" campaign. From Friday through Sunday wildlife officers will increase safety enforcement on the waterways, conduct sobriety checkpoints and help spread public awareness for "Operation Dry Water," a national campaign that promotes sobriety while boating.

This annual multi-agency initiative works to ensure safe travel on the road and enjoyment on the water during summer holidays. In North Carolina, a driver or boat operator with a blood-alcohol concentration that meets or exceeds .08 is subject to arrest.

"Just like in a vehicle, you can be charged with operating a boat under the influence," said Lt. Sam Craft with the Wildlife Resources Commission. "You could face fines and possible jail time, so be safe and designate a driver."

Drinking affects the skills necessary to operate a boat, including:

- Peripheral vision and ability to focus
- Judgment and rational decision-making
- Balance and equilibrium
- Coordination and reaction time

The "On the Road, On the Water, Don't Drink and Drive" campaign is coordinated by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, State Highway Patrol and Forensic Tests for Alcohol, and is supported by local police and sheriff's offices, along with participating non-governmental organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The Commission reminds all boaters to put on a life jacket before entering a vessel. Wearing a life jacket is a simple safety precaution that can prevent tragedy from happening in the event of an accident.

Boating at night typically increases during Independence Day weekend, which requires boaters to use caution and to be on high alert due to reduced visibility. Inland lighting rules are in effect and water skiing is prohibited between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise. Personal watercraft are prohibited on state waters between sunset and sunrise.

Learn more about enjoying North Carolina's waterways at [www.ncwildlife.org/boating](http://www.ncwildlife.org/boating).

## Wadesboro's July 4th Garbage Collection Schedule

In Wadesboro, because of the July 4th holiday, Tuesday's garbage collection route will be collected on Wednesday, July 5. Wednesday's garbage collection route will be collected on Thursday, July 6. Thursday garbage collection route will be collected on Friday, July 7.

## Peachland Musicians Present Program of Music at Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club meeting for Monday, July 10 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. The program will be presented by the Davis family, Caroline on violin, Samuel on mandolin, Carson on guitar and vocals, Maddy on bass and vocals, and Curt Love on banjo. This is a group of talented young musicians from the Peachland area. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the music of these young people.

Any questions please call 704-694-5177.

## Blood Drive on July 11

The community is asked to donate blood in memory of Shaundasia Smith during a blood drive that will be held on Tuesday, July 11. The blood drive will be held at the Fireman's Training Center, located at 309 North Washington Street in Wadesboro, from 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Donors can schedule an appointment online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) and using the sponsor code "Shaundasia Smith" or you can text Christine at 704-690-2596.

Blood donors can streamline their donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass](http://RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass) to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

## Lions Club Welcomes New Members

The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at Papa Joe's Restaurant the second and fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

For more information about these meetings or becoming a member, please call Lion Jim Chandler at 910-571-1448.

## Anson County Parks & Recreation Swim Lessons Offered in July

Anson County Parks & Recreation will be offering swim lessons. There will be different classes for various age groups and skill levels, from beginners to advanced. The cost is \$18. There must be a minimum of 10 in each class in order to have the class. Classes are open for registration until the first day of class.

Classes will be held July 10-20. The daily schedule is:

- 8-9 a.m. Adult swim lessons
- 9:30-10 a.m. Youth beginners
- 10:15-11 a.m. Youth advanced
- 11:15-11:45 a.m. Parent & Child, Preschool

For more information call Jeff Waisner at 704-695-2550, Wendell Small at 704-695-2782 or Morris Gatewood at 704-694-5751.

## Lilesville Woman Charged in Fatal Hit and Run Near Pageland, SC

Diane Elizabeth Kelley, 46, of Lilesville was charged with striking a bicyclist with her vehicle and leaving the scene of an accident that took place in Buford, SC on Friday, June 23. The bicyclist, Robert B. Sims, 42, of Buford, died from injuries in the hit and run. Sims was riding his bicycle near his home about 10:15 p.m. on Friday night when he was hit. He was transported to Springs Memorial Hospital in Lancaster, SC where he later died.

The South Carolina Highway Patrol reported that Sims was hit from behind, and a white 2014 Nissan fled the scene. Law enforcement stated that Kelley drives a 2014 Nissan Altima.

Kelley turned herself in at the Lancaster County Detention Center on Tuesday, June 27.

The victim's brother, Mike Sims, sent a reporter a text message stating, "Since Mrs. Kelley has no criminal record her bond was set at \$50,000 surety, that's nothing really. Me and my family got closure fast thanks to Channel 9 and the SC state troopers. She will have her day in court, me and my family will try to put this tragedy behind us. What happened is something me and my family will never get over."