

## Voters Can Now Get Free Photo ID Cards from the Anson County Board of Elections

### ID is required to vote in the upcoming November 7 Municipal Election

Identification is required to vote in the Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 7. Registered voters who do not have an acceptable identification card for voting in North Carolina can now go to their county board of elections office to get a free ID.

The Anson County Board of Elections is located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro. The telephone number is 704-994-3223.

Most voters have a North Carolina driver's license, which is an acceptable form of photo ID for voting. Those voters do not need to obtain a separate ID from their county board. Other common forms of acceptable ID include military or veterans ID cards issued by the federal government, and college student and public employer ID cards that the State Board approved for use in voting. For a full list of acceptable forms of photo ID for voting, see the State Board's website at Voter ID.

Registered voters who do not have an acceptable form of identification for voting purposes can now get a free photo ID from their county board of elections office. No special documents are needed. Voters will simply provide their name, date of birth, and the last four digits of their Social Security number, and have their photo taken.

In most counties, voters will be able to get an ID printed and given to them on the spot. A few counties may need to get the required information from the voter, take their photo, then mail the ID card to the voter or inform the voter that the ID card is ready to be picked up, whichever the voter prefers. Voters with questions about the ID process should contact their county board of elections.

A free voter photo ID will include the voter's photo, name, and registration number. They will expire 10 years from the date of issuance. The county boards of elections can issue cards at any time during regular business hours, except for the period following the last day of early voting through Election Day.

"Any voter who does not have an acceptable ID card for voting can now get a free ID from their county board of elections," said Karen Brinson Bell, executive director of the State Board of Elections. "State Board staff has worked diligently with the county boards of elections over the past couple of months to get the necessary software and hardware in place for ID printing."

Voters also can get a free ID from the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV). Find more information under "No-Fee ID Cards" at State IDs | NCDMV: ([ncdot.gov/dmv/license-id/identification/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.ncdot.gov/dmv/license-id/identification/Pages/default.aspx)).

**Background on the Voter Photo ID Requirement** Voters will be asked to show photo ID when voting in North Carolina, starting with the municipal elections this fall.

All voters will be able to vote with or without an ID. If a voter casting a ballot at the voting site does not provide an acceptable ID, the voter may fill out a Photo ID Exception Form and vote a provisional ballot, or vote a provisional ballot and bring an acceptable ID to the county board of elections office by the day before the county canvass (which is typically 10 days after elections in even-numbered years and seven days after elections in odd-numbered years).

Voters who vote by mail will be asked to include a photocopy of an ID with their ballot, or complete a Photo ID Exception Form for Absentee Voting. The photocopy will be mailed in a special envelope to protect the voter's personal information on their ID.

For more information on the photo ID requirement, see Voter ID at [ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id](https://ncsbe.gov/voting/voter-id).

## State of Education Panel Discussion

All are invited to join the Anson County Chamber of Commerce for a panel discussion with educational leaders from Anson County. The discussion will take place on Thursday, October 12, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Anson County Board of Education Conference Room which is located at 320 Camden Road in Wadesboro.

Participants in the discussion include:

- Dr. Maria Pharr, President of South Piedmont Community College
  - Howard McLean, Superintendent of Anson County Schools
  - Caroline Goins, Executive Director of Anson County Partnership for Children
- Lunch will be provided.  
Please RSVP to [info@ansonchildren.org](mailto:info@ansonchildren.org) by October 6.

## It's Community Night at the AHS Football Game October 13

Mark your calendars for Community Night (formerly Elementary School Night) at the Anson High School varsity football game on Friday, October 13. The band programs, elementary school students and staff, football and cheer programs, JROTC, and many others will perform and participate during pregame and halftime. Everyone is invited to come out for a night of fun and fellowship while rooting on the Bearcat football team as they take on the Monroe Redhawks.

Game time is 7:00 p.m., but be sure to arrive early to see all the pregame activities.

The students want to see the bleachers full of community members, parents, friends and families on Friday, October 13, and at any other school event, program, or competition throughout the year! Thank you for supporting our students and schools!

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## COMMUNITY NIGHT

### Mass Band Night

Featuring an amazing halftime performance by the Anson High School and Anson Middle School Band Programs!

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

Anson High School Stadium

Game Time is 7:00 p.m.

Anson Bearcats vs. Monroe Redhawks

The following groups will be recognized at the Varsity Football Game during Pregame: Elementary School Students/Staff, Anson High School Football Feeder Programs (to include Anson Middle School (AMS) Football Team, AMS Cheerleaders and Anson County Parks & Recreation Football).

Students report to the track by 6:20 p.m.

Students will walk the track at 6:40 p.m.

#### PARENTS:

All Anson County Elementary School Students (K-6) will be provided one ticket for free admission to the Anson Bearcats vs. Monroe Redhawks Varsity Football Game. This ticket may only be used by the student. School staff from each elementary school will be attending the game showing support. AMS Football Players and AMS Cheerleaders will be admitted free if they are wearing their jersey/cheer uniform. Parks/Recreation Football Players will receive a ticket through their elementary school but can also enter with their jersey. **Students must have an adult with them to enter and the adult must supervise them throughout their time at the game.**

Announcements will be made before the game inviting students to join their peers from their school on the track to lineup by 6:20 p.m. and then participate in a walk around the track showing support and cheering for our Bearcats (don't forget to wear school spirit colors). One adult may accompany each elementary student when they meet on the track. The adult may also walk the track with their child. Elementary students will return to the stadium to sit with their family when the walk is complete.

AMS Football, AMS Cheerleaders and Parks & Recreation Football Teams will also walk the track to be recognized. After the walk, AMS Football Team and Parks & Recreation Football Teams will report to the goal post near the field house by 6:50 p.m. to run on the field with the varsity team at 7:00 p.m. AMS Cheerleaders will also report to the goal post at 6:50 p.m. to cheer as the team runs out.

Adults who accompany students must pay regular admission price. Tickets will be sold in advance online at the following link: <https://www.ansoncountyschools.org/AHS/7679-Athletic-Tickets.html>

Adults are encouraged to purchase tickets early to eliminate waiting in line. Unless you arrive early, waiting to purchase tickets at the gate could result in the student not making it in time for the walk.

## Cheraw Has Jazz! SC Jazz Festival In Dizzy's Hometown.

Dizzy Gillespie's hometown of Cheraw, SC ushers in its 18th year of the South Carolina Jazz Festival October 19-22 with four days of great jazz and exciting activities. The weekend, which coincides with the 106th anniversary of Gillespie's birth, will showcase the unique bond Gillespie shared with his South Carolina roots and jazz.

A wide variety of free events and two ticketed concerts are scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 19-21. This year's festival will culminate on Sunday, October 22, with a Free Jazz concert at St. David's Episcopal Church of Cheraw.

Over 25 Jazz performances are scheduled during the festival that includes in-school performances. The concerts will feature regional musicians from both North and South Carolina and beyond. The festival kicks off with a free concert on Thursday, October 19th at the Dizzy Gillespie Home-site Park featuring the Soda City Jazz Band.

Featured artist for the ticketed Friday, October 20 evening performance at the Theatre on the Green will be Charleston SC Trumpet Musician and 2-time Grammy Winner Charlton Singleton and the Bee Hive Jazz Orchestra. Grammy winner and NOLA trumpeter Ashlin Parker and the SC Jazz Festival Trumpet Mafia will perform at the Theatre on the Green on Saturday evening, October 21. Tickets for both evening concerts are available at [www.scjazzfestival.com](http://www.scjazzfestival.com).

Weekend activities include free performances at Cheraw's Centennial Park featuring the 208th Army Jazz Band, a Be-bop parade, afternoon jazz and evening jazz crawls. Music will be presented at the Gillespie family's home church, Wesley United Methodist on Saturday, the 21st. Art abounds during the weekend with Art on Town Green, photo exhibit, Sweetgrass Basket talk, and the festival's 14th Italian Madonnari Chalk Competition. Attendees can enjoy a self-guided Historic Cheraw Cell Phone Tour to over 25 points of interest, including Dizzy Gillespie related sites.

The Weekend ticket Package for both Theatre on the Green concerts is \$50 per person. A Ticket for a single concert is \$30. For more information call 843.537.8420 x12 or visit [www.scjazzfestival.com](http://www.scjazzfestival.com).



## Enter the Cheraw Jazz Sidewalk Chalk Competition!

The South Carolina Jazz Festival annual Sidewalk Chalk Competition is seeking individuals and teams

The Cheraw Arts Commission is looking for teams and individuals to participate in the Sidewalk Chalk Competition on Saturday, October 21 at this year's South Carolina Jazz Festival. We will be remembering jazz legend and Cheraw native Dizzy Gillespie during his 106th birthday.



The annual festival will once again present "Madonnari-Southern Style." This sidewalk chalk competition is based on the 16th century Italian art form called "Madonnari" or Italian Street Painting. Italian street painters or chalk artists were named I Madonnari as their creations were of the Madonna.

The artists were employed to create art for city cathedrals. Upon completion of their work, the street painters replicated the church paintings onto the pavement during holy days and festivals. Visitors would toss coins upon approval of the street paintings.

Sidewalk masterpieces have been featured for several years during the South Carolina Jazz Festival. Individuals and Teams will display their Street Painting skills on the sidewalk near at the Theatre on the Green. Monetary prizes will be awarded to the winning teams and individuals. Teams can consist of families, friends, organizations, schools, churches, or businesses. All ages can participate. Supplies are provided.

Contact the Cheraw Arts Commission 843.537.8420 x 12 for registration forms and information. Deadline to register is October 17. For additional information about the 2023 South Carolina Jazz Festival (October 19-22) visit [www.scjazzfestival.com](http://www.scjazzfestival.com).

## Grace Senior Center Trip to Fuller's Bar-B-Q Rescheduled to Thursday, October 26

Grace Senior Center invites all seniors to join them for a fun trip to Fuller's Bar-B-Q in Fayetteville on Thursday, October 26. Fullers is famous for their delicious pit cooked BBQ. They have won multiple awards, including the People's Choice Award "Best of the Best" and Southern Living Food Awards.

The trip was originally scheduled for September 28, but is now set for October 26.

Here's how Fullers describes it: "Since 1986 we've been mastering the art of pit cooking to bring you the best BBQ in town. Our slow-smoked meats are cooked low and slow, resulting in mouthwatering flavors and tender, juicy cuts. Come taste the difference that over three decades of experience makes."

The restaurant features a lunch buffet. Their menu includes BBQ (of course!), steak, chicken, seafood, vegetables, sandwiches and homemade desserts.

For the trip, the Grace Senior Center charter bus will load at the Food Lion parking lot, with a departure time of 9 a.m. The total cost of the trip is \$47, which includes transportation and lunch.

For more information and to register, please call 704-694-6616.

## Wadesboro Lions Club Welcomes New Members

The Wadesboro Lions Club meets at the 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.

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