

Encouraged to Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety

In recognition of Fire Prevention Week 2021, which runs from Oct. 3-9, Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey is urging everyone to uphold this year's campaign theme, "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety."

"It's important to learn the different sounds of smoke and carbon monoxide alarms. When an alarm makes noise — a beeping sound or a chirping sound - you must take action!" said Commissioner Causey. "Make sure everyone in the home understands the sounds of the alarms and knows how to respond."

So far in 2021, there have been 100 fire deaths in North Carolina. The majority of those fires happened in homes without the presence of a working smoke alarm.

The goal of Fire Prevention Week is to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

The Office of State Fire Marshal has created a broadcast quality video to showcase and explain the different sounds that smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make and how you should respond. It is available at www.ncdoi.gov.

Commissioner Causey is also sharing the following safety tips to help North Carolinians "Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety":

- A continuous set of three loud beeps - beep, beep, beep - means smoke or fire. Get out, call 911, and stay out.
- A single chirp every 30 or 60 seconds means the battery is low and must be changed.
- All smoke alarms must be replaced after 10 years.
- Chirping that continues after the battery has been replaced means the alarm is at the end of its life and the unit must be replaced.
- Make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms meet the needs of all your family members, including those with sensory or physical disabilities.

"Knowing the difference between your smoke or carbon monoxide alarm and what it means when they sound can save your life," said Commissioner Causey. "I'm asking all families to participate in Fire Prevention Week by taking time to learn the sounds of fire safety, so you'll be prepared in case of a fire."

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in North Carolina, please contact your local fire department.

For more information about fire safety and fire prevention, visit the injury prevention section of this website: www.ncosfm.gov/injury-prevention/fire-prevention-education.

For more general information about Fire Prevention Week, visit www.fpw.org.

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OCTOBER 16

Rainbow Tea
At Pleasant Hill AME Zion Church, 109 South in Wadesboro, 3:30pm. Please join us. CDC Guidelines are in effect.

OCTOBER 17

Homecoming
At Bethany Freewill Baptist Church on Old Lilesville Rd in Wadesboro with Rev. David Parrish. Catered meal follows service.

OCTOBER 24 - 28

Fall Revival
At Mineral Springs Baptist Church in Polkton with Percy Cunningham at 6:30pm nightly. Everyone is welcome.

ONGOING

Schedule
At New Hope Methodist Church, Hwy 742 South. Preaching 1st & 3rd Sun, 9:45am. Sun School 1st & 3rd Sun, 10:45am - 2nd & 4th Sun, 9:45am

Worship With Us
At New Life Church, 600 Camden Road in Wadesboro w/Pastor Chris Jackson. Sun-10:30am & Wed-6:30pm

Bible Study
At Voice of Evangelism Church every Wednesday & Friday at 7:30pm

Events

OCTOBER 9

Free Groceries for Families in Need
Drive-thru at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center. 11am-1pm. Call 704-826-8737 for eligibility info & details. Located at 13349 Hwy 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. www.burnsvillelc.org

Girl Scouts Food Drive, 9am-1pm at Parsons Drug Company on the Square in Wadesboro. All food will be distributed to those in need in Anson County. Please bring non-perishable and canned items. Info 704-731-6500.

OCTOBER 16

Writing Workshop "Writing a Novel" with award-winning poet & novelist Joseph Bathanti, 10am-4pm in the fellowship hall of First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro. \$45 fee includes lunch. Limited to 12 participants so register early at www.ansoncountywritersclub.org. 1 workshop scholarship available. Info at 704-694-5431 or info@ansoncountywritersclub.org

Community Outreach Event. Drive-in event with free household items & paper products delivered to your car. First come, first served basis. By Lamb of God Church, 10am at 118 West Wade St in Wadesboro. Park & turn radio to 96.7 FM. Info 843-623-3777

OCTOBER 30

Morven Festival
Postponed until spring due to Covid. Call 704-851-9321 for vendor info.

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Anson County – County-wide Zoning Ordinance Development

Open House meetings October 7, 12, 14, 19, and 21 6:30 pm – 8 pm

Over the next year, Anson County will work to develop a draft county-wide zoning ordinance for the unincorporated areas of the County based on the recently approved comprehensive land use plan. The County will hold a series of open houses in October 2021(second round) for residents to receive a presentation on the draft ordinance and provide feedback. Each open house will be open to the public from 6:30pm – 8pm. Please consider attending one of the dates below at the specified locations. Each open house will include a PowerPoint presentation overview of the draft zoning ordinance and facilitated residents' feedback and input. Residents can attend one or all of the available meetings below:

- Thursday, October 7; Morven (South Anson) HOLLA, 229 Main Street Morven, NC 28119 6:30pm - 8pm
- Tuesday, October 12; Lilesville (East Anson), Lilesville Fire Department, 202 West Wall Street Lilesville, NC 28091 6:30pm - 8pm
- Thursday, October 14; Polkton (West Anson), South Piedmont Community College L.L. Polk Campus 680 US 74 Polkton, NC 28135 6:30pm - 8pm
- Tuesday, October 19; Burnsville (Northwest), Burnsville Fire Department, 13380 NC Hwy 742 North, Polkton, NC 28135 6:30pm - 8pm
- Thursday, October 21; Ansonville (North Anson) Pee Dee Wildlife Refuge, 5770 US Highway 52 North Wadesboro, NC 28170 6:30pm - 8pm

For more information, contact Larry Newton, Tax Director/Interim Planning Director at: lnewton@ansoncountync.gov or 704 994-3211

ONGOING EVENTS

Free Food Distributed by Anson Crisis Ministries
Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 8am-1pm. It is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. Telephone is 704-694-2445
Free Food Distribution at Feed My Lambs every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 1-4pm. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820

Free Groceries Available to Eligible Families this Saturday, October 9

A new shipment of USDA foods will be distributed via drive-thru on Saturday, August 7, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m., or as long as supplies last, at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Center (BRLC). Please note that neighbors will only be served once monthly with these items as long as they last.

The items are distributed on a first come, first served basis for eligible Anson County citizens and those living near the Union and Stanly County lines.

All Ansonians will need to apply if you have not used the BRLC Emergency Pantry recently. Families or family members who receive federal food assistance automatically qualify.

Neighbors who arrive early will have the opportunity to take advantage of various Care Corner items.

The serving process is drive-thru only. All neighbors are asked to wear your masks. Please do not arrive before 10 a.m. on Saturday morning.

You can contact BRLC at 704-826-8737 for information, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

BRLC is located at 13349 Highway 742 North in Burnsville, across from the Fire Department. For more information check their Facebook page or burnsvillelc.org.

October Information

- Notable Dates in October**
- October 11 Columbus Day
 - October 20 Full Hunters Moon
 - October 31 Halloween (Be Safe!)
- October's birth flowers are the cosmos and the calendula or marigold. Cosmos is a symbol of joy in life and love and of peace. The calendula (aka garden, English, or pot marigold) represents winning grace, grief, or chagrin in the language of flowers.
- October's birthstone is the opal, which symbolizes faithfulness and confidence.