

“The Alcohol Referendum Is About Prosperity And The Future Of Anson County”

Anson County’s Economic Development Director speaks out about upcoming vote on alcohol sales in the county

This is a release from Anson County Economic Development Director John Marek: There really is no other way to say it; on November 6th, Anson voters will have the opportunity to choose which path the county will travel over the next decade and beyond. In that sense, this election may be the most important one facing our citizens in many years. A vote YES on the alcohol referendum gives my organization, AnsonEDP, the tools it needs to compete against surrounding counties for homes, stores, jobs and investment, while a NO vote condemns the residents of the county to another decade of declining population and limited financial opportunity.

So, why has this become such an important issue now? Put simply, a series of events has converged to place Anson County in an unprecedented position for growth and economic development. The opening of the Monroe Expressway, the expansion at the Port of Wilmington and the natural progression of residential and commercial growth outward from Charlotte, combined with an unusually robust national economy have created an abundance of opportunity. A vote YES signals to the development community that we are open for business; a vote NO signals that we are happy to continue down the path of stagnation and decay.

Developers have identified the area between Peachland and Marshville as prime for commercial and residential development. Over the past six months I have spoken to home builders, hoteliers, restaurant owners and retail stores about that corridor and the one thing they keep coming back to is Marshville is “wet,” Peachland is “dry.” On one particular site we visited, a matter of feet would make the difference between whether a restaurant can serve beer and wine or not, and which county the tens of thousands of dollars in annual taxes will go to.

These are important considerations for a county that has, to date, lagged badly behind its neighbors in terms of job creation, wage growth and standard of living. When I took on the job of building the county’s economy, I famously said, “There’s no reason that isn’t quite true. On November 6th, Anson voters will choose between two very different futures; a bright tomorrow of opportunity, or a dark road to futility. Vote YES for a prosperous future.

For more information contact John B. Marek, Executive Director, AnsonEDP at 704-690-4936 or john@AnsonEDP.com.

Artists and Crafters Sought for Christmas in November Sale

Calling all area artists and crafters! The Anson County Arts Council’s Christmas in November Art and Crafts Sale will return for its eighth year on Saturday, November 10, from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at South Piedmont Community College’s Lockhart-Taylor Center, located at 514 North Washington Street in Wadesboro.

The Arts Council offers this event as the residents and creative community of Anson and surrounding counties, so admission for shoppers is free, and vendors keep 100% of their sales.

If you would like to be a part of this exciting event, contact the Anson County Arts Council at ansonart@windstream.net or at 704-694-4950. The fee for an 8-foot table is just \$45, or \$80 for two. Reserve your space today!

Brown Bag Book Club Meeting is October 15

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the Brown Bag Book Club meeting on Monday, October 15 at 12:00 (noon) in the Pritchett Room. The guest author will be Ruth Moose. Ruth is the author of the award-winning “Doing It at the Dixie Dew.” She has published three collections of short stories, six collections of poetry, taught creative writing at UNC-Chapel Hill for fifteen years, and received the Chapman Award for teaching. Ruth is the recipient of numerous awards both in the United States and abroad. Everyone is invited to come, bring a covered dish and meet the author.

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