

LAWN & GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICE CONTRACT



Anson County School District will be taking bids for Lawn & Grounds Maintenance Service Contract for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. If you are interested in placing a bid for this service please attend the Pre-Bid Conference on April 8, 2025, starting promptly at 9:00 a.m. Location is Anson County Schools, Maintenance Department, 881 NC Highway 742 South, Wadesboro, NC 28170.

For general questions about the conference please contact Mike Napier at 704-694-2725.

Black Women Alliance of Union County Seeks Collaboration with Anson Organizations

This is a release from Black Women Alliance of Union County: Black Women Alliance is committed to Engaging, Educating, and Empowering our community. By engaging with our community and educating them on their rights and civic responsibilities, we empower individuals to make informed decisions that will impact their future. Our organization was officially established on December 17, 2023, by 14 distinguished leaders in Union County. Our Founders were collectively motivated to create a movement of women dedicated to mobilizing marginalized and underrepresented communities. Black Women Alliance serves as a powerful platform focused on voter registration, education, and advocacy. Our mission is to support and uplift marginalized and underrepresented communities. We provide voter registration services to ensure every voice is heard. Through education, we aim to inform and inspire. Our advocacy efforts are devoted to promoting the rights and well-being of black women. We invite you to join us in making a difference and amplifying the voices of our community.

We seek collaboration with like-minded organizations. Collaboration entails adding your organization to our list of community partners, your participation in BWA-sponsored events, and working together to engage, empower, and educate your organization's supporters by providing necessary support. There is significant work to be done, but few laborers.

We aspire to include your organization among our supporters so that, together, we can make a substantial impact. If you are interested in partnering with us, please respond to this message with your organization's name, contact person, and email address.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tanyon Martin, Vice President, Black Women Alliance, www.blackwomenalliance.com, Facebook [ncblackwomenalliance](https://www.facebook.com/blackwomenalliance).

N.C. Forest Service Celebrates Arbor Day and the Many Benefits Trees Provide

North Carolina will observe Arbor Day Friday, March 21, to commemorate the annual tree-planting holiday.

"Planting trees is important because they clean the air we breathe and the water we drink. Trees increase our property values, lower our energy consumption and costs, help control stormwater, and substantially benefit wildlife and human health," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "Trees are a good investment of public dollars, and planting trees is a simple, responsible and natural solution to many challenges that we face each day in North Carolina. Communities across the state are holding Arbor Day celebrations, and I encourage everyone to contact your local municipality to be part of their event."

Once deemed "the treeless plain," Nebraska was home to the inaugural Arbor Day celebration in 1872 with the planting of more than a million trees. North Carolina observes Arbor Day the first Friday following March 15, while National Arbor Day is held the last Friday in April each year.

The N.C. Forest Service offers a variety of state forestry programs that grow and strengthen our forest resources by supporting landowners and communities with tree planting, site preparation and forest improvement practices. Planting trees and responsible urban forest management at the local level such as community involvement and participation in urban forestry recognition programs are critical to sustaining healthy forest resources throughout North Carolina.

N.C. Forest Service staff are available to help landowners manage their woods and communities manage their urban forest. NCFS staff are also available to assist with developing Arbor Day celebrations and presenting Tree City USA, Tree Campus Higher Education and Tree Line USA awards during community celebrations.

Find your county ranger's contact information at www.ncforestservice.gov/contacts. Learn more about the N.C. Forest Service Urban and Community Forestry Program at ncforestservice.gov/Urban/Urban_Forestry.htm.

NC Forest Service Contact Information

The North Carolina Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services, along with the NC Forest Service, offers a wealth of services. Here are websites that provide lots of information and help.

- The Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services website is: www.ncagr.gov
- Protect, manage and grow your forest: www.ncforestservice.gov
- N.C. Forest Service - Water Quality: www.ncagr.gov/divisions/nc-forest-service/water-quality
- Healthy trees, healthy lives: www.healthytreeshealthylives.org
- Purchase NCFS tree seedlings: www.buynctrees.com
- NCDA&CS Agricultural Services: www.ncagr.gov
- Keep your home safe from wildfire: www.resistwildfirenc.org
- Go out and learn in the forest: www.ncsf.org
- Locate North Carolina farm products: www.ncfarmfresh.com & www.gottobenc.com
- Water Quality Forester for Anson County is Matthew Haunsperger 919-356-0230

State Attorney, Turnpike Officials Warn of Toll Text Scams

Attorney General Jeff Jackson and the North Carolina Turnpike Authority are warning North Carolinians about a surge in text message scams falsely claiming to be from NC Quick Pass and other tolling agencies. These scams demand payment for supposed unpaid tolls, and the North Carolina Department of Justice is actively investigating.

"These scam texts are targeting a massive number of people—including me," said Attorney General Jeff Jackson. "Don't fall for them, and please warn your family. We're investigating, but in the meantime, be wary of any unsolicited texts - especially those that claim to be from the government or threaten legal action."

The scam texts are sent at random, not specifically targeting actual toll users. In early 2024, the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center received over 2,000 complaints about fraudulent toll collection texts in just three states over a single month. The scam has since spread nationwide. NC Quick Pass is receiving thousands of phone calls each day from citizens asking about the legitimacy of the texts. Clicking the link in these texts can expose victims to financial fraud, allowing scammers access to bank accounts and personal data.

International law enforcement traced the origin of these scams to Canada in early 2024. Since then, we believe the perpetrators have moved operations to the U.S., dramatically scaling up their efforts - a sign of the scheme's profitability. The Department of Justice is working with federal and international partners to track the source of these scams and investigate how fraudsters are using URLs that closely mimic legitimate NC Quick Pass websites. Here's how to verify a valid text from NC Quick Pass:

- NC Quick Pass will never request payment by text.
- NC Quick Pass will only send texts from the secure short code 696277. (This is the "sender" of your text message.)
- All links associated with NC Quick Pass will include ncquickpass.com or secure.ncquickpass.com.
- Remember that NC Quick Pass will never threaten you with legal action for an unpaid toll. You also won't lose your license for not paying an unpaid toll.

Cheraw Children's Playhouse Show March 29

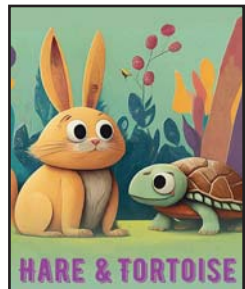
The Cheraw Arts Commission presents the Children's Theatre of Charlotte in Hare & Tortoise on Saturday, March 29 at the Theatre on the Green.

The 11:00 a.m. show is adapted from the classic Aesop's Fable by Brendan Murray.

Hare and Tortoise is a story about two competing friends. From sun-shining spring to snow-falling winter, this much-loved story is brimming with ideas, characters, live music and wonderful physicality. Join Hare and Tortoise in the greatest race on earth with a nail biting, seconds ticking, medal winning end. The show is appropriate for age 3 and older.

Children's Theatre of Charlotte is home to a fully professional touring company which has traveled across North Carolina and into South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia and West Virginia. One of the most respected and sought-after touring arts groups in the country, the Resident Touring Company has performed for more than 1.2 million people.

Admission is \$5 per person at the door. Doors open at 10:30 a.m. followed by the 11:00 performance. For information contact the Cheraw Arts Commission at 843.537.8420 x12.



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