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## Anson County Board of Commissioners Meet June 4

The next regular meeting of the Anson County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4 at 6 p.m. There will be a Public Hearing regarding the proposed FY 2019-2020 Budget at this meeting. The meetings take place in the Board Room, Suite 209, of the Anson County Government Center which is located at 101 South Greene Street in uptown Wadesboro. To schedule an appearance at a board meeting, please sign up prior to the meeting. Information is available at 704-994-3201.

## Board of Elections Meets June 4

The Anson County Board of Elections will hold a regular board meeting on Tuesday, June 4 at 5 p.m. The agenda for the meeting is:

- Call to Order/Invocation
- Approval of Minutes (if available)
- September 10, 2019 Special General Election Early Voting dates, options, board approval. Also, board to approve Early Voting hours
- Questions, comments and other matters
- There will be an Executive Session if needed for personnel.

The meeting will take place in the Boardroom at the Board of Elections office, located at 402 Morven Road in Wadesboro.

To appear on a meeting agenda you must provide notice in writing by 5 p.m. on the Thursday before the next meeting. During all board meetings, those in attendance are asked to refrain from comments and questions to the board unless they are called upon by the board. At the end of each meeting the board will open the floor for comments and questions.

Steve Adams, Elections Director for Anson County will attend the Directors Association Conference March 31 to April 2 in Hickory, NC. The office will be staffed by part-time staff during that time.

For more information call 704-994-3223.

- Upcoming dates:**
- June 9 - 13** Director in Denver for Elections Classes
  - Wednesday, July 4** County offices closed for Independence Day
  - Thursday, July 5** Candidate Filing Begins for Municipal Election, 12 p.m.
  - Monday, July 8** Regular Board of Elections meeting, 5 p.m.
  - Thursday, July 11** One Stop plans due to state board for special September election
  - Tuesday, July 16** Deadline to withdraw candidacy, 5 p.m.
  - Friday, July 19** Candidate Filing Ends for Municipal Election, 12 p.m.
  - Friday, July 26** Absentee ballots must be made available for special September election
  - Thursday, August 1** Logic and accuracy testing for special September election
  - Friday, August 2** Deadline to file challenge to a candidate filing
  - Wednesday, August 7** Mock Election with state board for special September election
  - Friday, August 9** Start publishing election notice for special September election
  - Tuesday, August 13** Regular Board of Elections meeting, 5 p.m.
  - Friday, August 16** Voter registration deadline for September 10 General Election
  - Tuesday, August 20** Meeting to appoint chief judges and judges of precincts (2 year term). Absentee Board meeting, 5 p.m.
  - Wednesday, August 21** One Stop Early Voting begins
  - Tuesday, August 27** Absentee Board meeting #2 for special September election
  - Monday, September 2** County offices closed for Labor Day
  - Tuesday, September 3** Last day to request Absentee ballot by mail for September 10 General Election.
  - Tuesday, September 3** Absentee Board meeting #3 for special September election
  - Friday, September 6** One Stop Early Voting ends
  - Monday, September 9** Pre-election day Absentee Board meeting
  - Tuesday, September 10** Special September General Election

## 'On the Road, On the Water, Don't Drink and Drive' Campaign has Begun

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, State Highway Patrol and Mothers Against Drunk Driving began the ninth annual "On the Road, On the Water, Don't Drink and Drive" campaign last Wednesday with news conferences at Upper Barton's Creek on Falls Lake and Blythe Landing on Lake Norman.

The multi-agency safety initiative works to reduce alcohol-related accidents on the state's roadways and waterways, both of which see increased traffic during summer months. Out of 192 boating accidents investigated in 2018 in North Carolina, there were 35 fatalities, three of which were affected by alcohol use. Not wearing a life vest was a contributing factor in many of those fatal accidents.

Starting Memorial Day weekend, enforcement officers will be conducting sobriety checkpoints and promoting public awareness to deter impaired operation of vehicles and vessels. Awareness and enforcement efforts are centered on four of the busiest summer weekends, including: May 25-27; June 28-30, 2019; July 5-7, 2019 (Operation Dry Water); and August 31-September 2.

In North Carolina, a driver or vessel operator with a blood-alcohol concentration that meets or exceeds .08, or is substantially impaired by alcohol and/or drugs, is subject to arrest.

"When you choose to ignore the law, you're not only risking your own life but also the lives of others around you," said Sgt. David Ritzheimer of the Commission.

"If alcohol is part of your plans, whether on the road or on the water, be sure to have a designated driver."

The campaign is coordinated by the Wildlife Resources Commission and the State Highway Patrol, and supported by local police and sheriff's offices, along with participating non-governmental organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

For more information on boating safety and regulations, visit [ncwildlife.org/boating](http://ncwildlife.org/boating).



Included in the photo above are Wadesboro Housing Authority Executive Director Betty Huntley, Wadesboro Town Manager Dave Edwards, Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer, Scott Martin and David Hanna of the Wadesboro Fire Department, Wadesboro Police Officers Steven Kelly, Paul Marcum and Dale Caple, and Town of Wadesboro employees Calvin Dean, Debbie Coxe and Wyatt Peters.

## Wadesboro Housing and Town of Wadesboro Host Community Partnership Event

On Thursday, April 25 the Wadesboro Housing Authority and the Town of Wadesboro hosted a community partnership event at Myrtlewood Homes Apartments. The event included community partners such as the Anson County Partnership for Children, Atrium Mobile Health Unit, NC Works, South Piedmont Community College, featuring the SPCC Cruiser Mobile Classroom, the Wadesboro Police Department, and the Wadesboro Fire Department. Fire officials provided a fire truck tour for the young children.

The purpose of the event was to provide information related to health, education, employment and safety resources in the community. The event also provided opportunities for local residents to ask questions, locate services that are of interest to the community as a whole, and to increase awareness of the vast opportunities throughout the town and county.

This event was the result of a month of collaborative planning and implementation by Wadesboro Police Chief Thedis Spencer, Wadesboro City Manager Dave Edwards, and Wadesboro Housing Authority Executive Director Betty Huntley.

This was an excellent opportunity for residents' inquiry and interest in obtaining higher education and training at South Piedmont Community College. Residents learned about the Anson Advantage Program, where Anson County residents can obtain a free education at SPCC.

Two more events are planned in the near future for residents at other sites. If your organization would like to become a part of the next informational event, please contact Dave Edwards at 704-694-5171 or Betty Huntley at 704-694-4852.



## Toys for Tots Senior Prom Set Fundraiser for June 22

Toys for Tots will hold a Senior Prom Fundraiser on Saturday, June 22 at the Lockhart-Taylor Center, beginning at 7 p.m. The theme of the event is "Hollywood, Walk of Fame." Guests will walk the famous "Red Carpet" and everyone will be allowed to purchase a Star on Hollywood Boulevard.

Toys for Tots Coordinator Vancine Sturdivant stated, "I will come as the great Patti Labelle. Patti is known for her great performances and rolling on the floor. If I roll on the floor, someone will have to get me up! But, I truly do a great karaoke of Patti Labelle."

Guests from all over North and South Carolina are invited. Sturdivant said that she is truly excited and looking forward to the outpouring of participation and support from citizens.

Coordinator Sturdivant stated, "The reason I began this Senior Prom was because the prom was an event my spouse and I never shared together. Even though we chaperoned the high school senior proms, we never went to one together as youth. I began to ask different couples did they attend their senior prom with the person they are currently with or married to and the answer would always be no. I felt this would be a great way to bring all these fantastic couples together. To get dressed in their gowns and tuxedos, look their soulmates in the eyes and just enjoy each other. Each couple or single person, whether married or not, will give me a song they want dedicated to them during the prom, and they will get on the floor and dance."

DJ Stephen Greene will play each request while Vancine recognizes the couples and calls them on the floor to dance. Last year everyone joined in. Sheriff Landric Reid stated how much he enjoyed the prom, and that he had not danced that much all his life. One of the highlights of the night was the dancing of Mr. and Mrs. Carl and Carol Gibson.

Door prizes and gifts will be awarded.

Participants at the prom range in age from late 20s to their late 80s, a group called the "Golden Girls." A special table is reserved for them. Mrs. Garletha Pratt makes arrangements for them to attend the prom.

A "special Thank You goes out to South Piedmont Community College and Ms. Ann Teal who always works and supports every Toys for Tots event. It is because of great supporters that the Toys for Tots Executive Board is able to do the things they do for the less fortunate families of Anson County.

Tickets can be purchased from the Toys for Tots Executive Board, Vancine Sturdivant, Elissa Michelle Sturdivant, Rosa Little, Dr. Bernice Bennett, Sheriff Landric Reid, Attorney Fred Poisson, Debra Rosebud, Playaz Elite Motorcycle Club, Barbara Thomas, Erica Greene, Milea Gulleddge, Tammy Moore, Annie Chris Parson, Diane Carelock, Showtime Tattoo Parlor, William "Bugga" Sturdivant, Harvest Ministries Outreach Center, Apostle Tim Adams and Pastor Steve Adams. For more information call Vancine Sturdivant at 704-848-4412.

## Zimmer Friends Get Together is Friday, June 7

The Zimmer Friends group will hold a get together on Friday, June 7 at Bojangles in Wadesboro, starting at 1 p.m. They invite all who are interested in attending. This will be an opportunity to meet in the comfortable new restaurant.

For more information call Betty Huneycutt at 704-694-4213.

## Anson County Parks and Recreation Swim Lessons

Summer is coming, and Anson County Parks & Recreation will be teaching swim lessons. The lessons cost \$18.

Here are the class dates:

- Class #1: June 17-27
- Class #2: July 8-18
- Class #3: July 22 - August 1

Here are the class times:

- 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. Youth Beginners
- 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. Youth Advanced
- 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. Parent and Child (Preschool)

There must be a minimum of 10 in each class time in order to have the class.

Classes are open for registration until the first day of class.

There will be no swim lessons the week of July 4th.

You can register at Little Park, 845 Airport Road in Wadesboro. For more information call Wendell Small at 704-695-2782.

## Free Groceries for Families in Need June 5

For families in need, free groceries will be available. The Mobile Food Pantry and CHS Mobile Health Unit will be at Forestville United Methodist Church, located at 5238 Vintage Road in Lilesville, on Wednesday, June 5. Please arrive and register between 8 and 10 a.m. The food distribution begins upon the truck arrival, usually between 9 to 9:30 a.m.

- Be sure to bring your own bags, boxes or carts to carry your food.
- Arrive between 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. to be sure you can receive food.
- If it is raining the day of or before the delivery, contact Anson Crisis Ministry for a recorded message to know if it is cancelled: 704-694-2445.
- You can only pick up food for yourself and one other registered household.

Interested in volunteering for the Mobile Food Pantry? Email [tshumpert@wnccumc.net](mailto:tshumpert@wnccumc.net). The goal of the Mobile Food Pantry is to feed the hungry and serve those in need.

If you are in need before or after the distribution of food date, please contact Anson Crisis Ministry at (704) 694-2445 or Union County Crisis Assistance at (704) 225-0440.

## Chair Yoga Offered at the Library

The Hampton B. Allen Library offers free chair yoga every Wednesday, from 10 to 11 a.m. You don't have to preregister, just come and have fun! For more information call 704-694-5177.

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