

TOWN OF MORVEN

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The proposed 2026-2027 Budget for the Town of Morven has been presented to the Board and is available for public inspection in the Town Hall from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

There will be a public hearing on Tuesday, June 16, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at the Morven Town Hall, located at 301 East Main Street, Morven, NC 28119, for the purpose of discussing the proposed budget.

Citizens are invited to make written or oral comments.

Anson Mobile Food Market is June 18

The next Anson Mobile Food Market will be held on Thursday, June 18, starting at 10:00 a.m. It will be held at Harvest Ministries Outreach Center, located at 1134 East Caswell Street (Hwy. 74) in Wadesboro, behind Pizza Hut. Attendees are asked to please allow time for set up.

Food will be given away as long as supply lasts, including fresh vegetables, fruit and bread (if available). There will be blood pressure and blood sugar checks, along with other healthy living topics and booths.

Help with produce bags will be provided for elderly or disabled attendees.

This free event offers citizens of Anson County six to eight different types of fresh produce monthly. This is a free initiative, so please come and get some produce.

Nothing is required for you to receive produce, just come.

The event is sponsored by the Anson County Extension and its partners.

This event is to assist in the scarcity of fresh, healthy food in the county. It will also serve as an educational event to offer education on the two targeted areas of the county health assessment which are tobacco use and hypertension. Agencies will be set up offering services and information in those two targeted areas.

BRLC Offering Summer Reading Enrichment Camp

Children ages 5 to 10 are invited to take part in the Burnsville R&L Center's Summer Reading Enrichment program, a seven-week summer camp designed to combine learning, creativity and fun. The program's theme is "Get Ready, Get Set, Have Fun," and will feature academic enrichment, creative arts and crafts, outdoor activities and inspirational time on Fridays.

Camp sessions will be held Fridays only, beginning June 19 and continuing for seven weeks, excluding July 3. Activities will take place from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Organizers say the program is intended to provide children with an enjoyable summer experience while encouraging reading, learning and positive social interaction.

Taylor Rorie will serve as coordinator, assisted by volunteer helpers.

Space is limited to 15 students, and organizers encourage parents to enroll early. All participants must be pre-enrolled by June 19.

The cost is \$20 per child if sufficient sponsorships are available.

For more information or to enroll, contact Carol Smith at 704-826-8182 or Vinnie Daniels at 704-826-8737.

Summer Program Aims to Help Youth Build Life Skills

Harvest Ministries is offering a free summer program designed to help young people develop practical life skills while building confidence, leadership abilities and positive relationships. The "Seeds of Success" Youth Basic Life Skills Program is open to youth ages 11 to 17 and will meet from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on June 27, July 11, July 18, July 25, August 1 and August 8.

Participants will receive free snacks, free meals and free transportation if needed.

The program will focus on a variety of important life skills, including basic cooking, vehicle maintenance, mental health and coping skills, personal hygiene, conflict resolution, basic parenting, self-esteem building, leadership and teamwork.

Organizers say the goal is to equip young people with practical knowledge and tools that can help them succeed at home, in school and throughout life.

The program will be held through Harvest Ministries, located at 1134 East Caswell Street in Wadesboro.

The Seeds of Success program is sponsored in partnership with the NC Rural Center. Registration closes June 19, and enrollment is limited to 30 participants.

For more information, call Harvest Ministries at 704-695-2879.

Wadesboro Youth Work Program Accepting Applications

The Town of Wadesboro is accepting applications for its 2026 Youth Work Program, offering local teenagers an opportunity to gain valuable work experience, develop job skills and earn money during the summer. The program will run from July 7 through August 14 and is open to Wadesboro residents ages 15 through 18.

Town officials say the program is designed to help young people build their resumes while learning important workplace skills that can benefit them in future employment opportunities.

Applications are available at Wadesboro Town Hall and may also be returned there upon completion. Organizers note that participation is limited and applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Only 10 positions are available for this year's program.

The application period began June 2 and will continue through June 22.

Officials encourage interested teens to apply as soon as possible to secure a spot in the program.

Wadesboro Town Hall is located at 124 East Wade Street in Wadesboro.

For more information, call 704-694-5171 or visit www.wadesboronc.gov.

Honoring the U.S. Flag and the Traditions It Represents

Flag Code offers guidance for showing respect to the Stars and Stripes

As Americans celebrate their nation's history and freedoms throughout the year, and especially on Flag Day on June 14, many take time to reflect on the meaning of the United States flag and the traditions associated with displaying it.

The U.S. Flag Code, which serves as a guide for the proper display and respectful treatment of the American flag, was established by Congress on June 22, 1942. Later amended that same year, the code brought together recommendations that continue to shape how Americans honor the Stars and Stripes today.

While the Flag Code is federal law, it is largely voluntary and intended as guidance rather than a set of enforceable rules for most citizens. Its purpose is to encourage respect for the flag, which has served as a symbol of the nation's unity, independence and ideals for more than two centuries.

Among the best-known guidelines are those concerning conduct during flag ceremonies. When the flag is raised, lowered or passes by in a parade, members of the military and veterans are encouraged to stand at attention and render a salute. Civilians are asked to stand respectfully and place their right hand over their heart.

The Flag Code also includes recommendations for displaying the flag, including keeping it from touching the ground, illuminating it if flown at night and ensuring it remains in a position of honor when displayed with other flags.

Although many Americans are familiar with some of these customs, others may be surprised to learn there is an entire code devoted to flag etiquette. Over the years, additional guidance has been added to answer common questions about proper display and care of the nation's most recognizable symbol.

For those who enjoy learning about flags, there is even a specialized field of study devoted to them. A person who studies flags is known as a vexillologist - a title that may not come up often in everyday conversation, but one that reflects a fascinating area of history and design.

Whether flying from a front porch, carried in a parade or displayed at a public ceremony, the American flag remains a powerful reminder of the nation's history, sacrifices and shared values. Understanding the traditions behind it helps ensure that symbol continues to be honored for generations to come.

Morven Gearing Up for Big October Festival Celebration

Vendors, parade participants, car/bike show entries, talent contestants invited

The Town of Morven is already turning its sights toward cooler weather, colorful leaves and one of the community's biggest celebrations of the year as sign-ups officially open for the Morven October Festival 2026.

The festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and promises a full day of community spirit, entertainment, food and family fun in Morven.

Organizers are currently seeking vendors, parade participants, car and bike show entries and talent show contestants to help make this year's festival bigger and better than ever.

The event will feature live entertainment, food trucks, local vendors, family-friendly activities, a parade celebration, talent competition and a showcase of classic and custom cars and motorcycles.

Vendor spaces measuring 10-by-12 feet are available for \$75, while nonprofit information booths are free. Electricity is available for an additional fee, and food vendors requiring health department approval are also welcome. Organizers note that applications must be submitted at least two weeks before the event - and they strongly encourage early registration because spaces are expected to fill quickly.

Festival organizers say the event is designed to celebrate community, culture and hometown pride while bringing together residents, businesses and visitors from across the region.

Whether you want to showcase a business, ride in the parade, perform on stage or simply spend a day eating festival food while pretending calories don't count in October weather, organizers say there will be something for everyone.

Applications and additional information are available by calling 704-851-9321, visiting the Town of Morven Facebook page or going online to townofmorven.org.

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