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## NCDMV Makes Changes to Keep Customers Cool During Summer

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles (NCDMV) is rolling out operational changes at its driver license offices to help customers stay out of long lines and avoid prolonged exposure to the sun during the hot summer months. These changes aim to get the lines moving, streamline the check-in process, and enhance customer comfort while maintaining efficient service. Under the new system and effective immediately, all driver license offices in the state now serve walk-in customers all day. Customers without an appointment no longer have to wait to be seen until noon.

Additionally, examiners will prioritize checking in customers quickly and directing them to wait in their vehicles or at a nearby business until space is available in the office lobby. DMV staff will review customers' documents to ensure they have everything needed for their desired service before checking in. Customers will receive a text notification when there is room in the lobby and another when it is their turn to be served. "We're committed to making the DMV experience as comfortable and efficient as possible, especially during these scorching summer months," said NCDMV Commissioner Paul Tine. "By focusing on quick check-ins and allowing customers to wait in cooler, shaded areas, we're reducing time spent standing in the sun while keeping our offices running smoothly."

People may notice there are no lines outside some locations, and that's intentional. Customers will be checked in and waiting elsewhere, ensuring a more comfortable experience. However, the NCDMV encourages customers to come prepared for the possibility of brief waits during check-in. Bringing water, snacks, necessary medications, and items like an umbrella or chair can help ensure comfort while waiting to be processed. "We want our customers to be safe and prepared," Commissioner Tine added. "Due to the severe temperatures, we decided to implement these changes more quickly than planned. If you do not have to come into DMV in the next week as we make these changes, please don't come in. We should have a more comfortable and predictable experience that allows us to serve our customers better once the new system is fully in place."

NCDMV also reminds customers to check the requirements for their specific service on the NCDMV website, [NCDMV.gov](http://NCDMV.gov), before visiting an office to avoid delays.

The changes to the check-in process are being implemented at 82 of the 115 driver license offices around the state and reflect NCDMV's ongoing efforts to improve customer service and adapt to seasonal challenges. The remaining 33 offices will be receiving updates that better fit their size and restrictions in the near future.

**Upcoming Office Closures, Online Services Outage** NCDMV also wants to remind people that the 20 offices offering walk-in service on Saturday mornings will be closed for the next two weeks (June 28 and July 5). Saturday service hours will resume at all 20 locations on July 12 and go through Aug. 23. Info at [ncdot.gov](http://ncdot.gov) walk-in.

All NCDMV offices will be also closed on July 4 for Independence Day.

## Know the Warning Signs and Symptoms of Stroke

**Make sure you can spot the symptoms in yourself and a loved one**

**Remember F.A.S.T. for signs of a stroke**

Strokes are one of the top three causes of death in the United States and the leading cause of long-term disability. What's more, North Carolina is located in what researchers call the stroke belt, meaning the death rates for stroke are highest in this area compared to the rest of the United States.

While most stroke cases are unpredictable, identifying warning signs as soon as possible can make a big difference in how someone is treated for and recovers from a stroke.

"Symptoms can include weakness on one side of the body, numbness, confusion, fatigue, dizziness, blurred vision, a severe headache and potentially paralysis," says Joe Bernard, MD, an interventional radiologist at Carolinas HealthCare System. "However, each stroke case has its own unique combination of signs and symptoms, so not everyone will experience all of them simultaneously nor at the same level of intensity."

**F.A.S.T is an easy way to remember the signs of stroke.** If you spot these signs in yourself or a loved one, you should call 911 immediately.

- **Face Drooping:** Does one side of the face droop, or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?
- **Arm Weakness:** Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?
- **Speech Difficulty:** Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue." Is the sentence repeated correctly?
- **Time to call 911:** If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get the person to the hospital immediately. Check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared.

Some lifestyle choices and medical conditions can put you at a higher risk of stroke. Some examples include:

- Poor nutrition • Lack of physical activity • Smoking • High stress • High blood pressure
- By making an effort every day to move more, eat more fruits and vegetables, get more sleep, quit smoking and regularly checking your blood pressure, you can cut down on your risk of having a stroke.

To learn more about stroke care visit [stroke.org](http://stroke.org).

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## Free Grocery Store for Those in Need

*This is a release from the Blessing Store in Peachland: The Blessing Store Opens Its Doors to Serve With Heart and Hope Local Ministry Expands to Peachland on July 12*

The Blessing Cart Ministry is proud to announce the grand opening of The Blessing Store, a new extension of its Christ-centered outreach to serve individuals and families in need throughout the region.

Rooted in compassion, dignity, and community, The Blessing Store is more than just a place to receive essentials—it's a welcoming space where every guest is reminded of their worth, their story is honored, and their needs are met with grace. Offering clothing, household goods, and other practical necessities, the store invites people to shop with dignity, free of cost.

The grand opening celebration will take place on July 12, 10 a.m. to 12 noon at 35 Clinton Avenue in Peachland, featuring refreshments, fellowship, and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Local partners, volunteers, and members of the community are warmly invited to join in the launch of this sacred space of renewal and hope.

"Our mission has always been about more than giving - it's about restoring," said Tina McLemore, founder of The Blessing Cart. "With The Blessing Store, we're creating a place where everyone feels seen, valued, and loved - just as Christ sees us."

For media inquiries, to donate, or learn more about volunteer opportunities, please contact: Tina McLemore, 704-723-2206, [info@blessingcart.org](mailto:info@blessingcart.org), [blessingcart.org](http://blessingcart.org), follow on fb at Blessing Cart.



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## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### PART-TIME OFFICE ASSISTANT

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For complete job description visit: [www.ansonchildren.org](http://www.ansonchildren.org)

**To apply, send your resume and a cover letter to  
[elizabeth.rizzo@ansonchildren.org](mailto:elizabeth.rizzo@ansonchildren.org) by July 15, 2025.**

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will be answered concerning job inquiries.*

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## First United Methodist Church Wadesboro

### Part-Time Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Assistant leads the administrative function for the church community and ensures the smooth operation of the church office. This position supports the mission and values of the church through a high level of service and strong organizational skills. This part-time position (20-30 hours per week) is hired by and accountable to the Staff-Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) and is directly supervised by the Senior Pastor.

**To apply, please submit cover letter & resume to Misty Hathcock  
(Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair)  
at: [office@firstumcwadesboro.org](mailto:office@firstumcwadesboro.org)**

#### Primary Duties and Responsibilities

- Greet all guests and church members who visit and assist them as appropriate
- Develop a great working relationship with all staff and serve as a support to the Leadership Team
- Assist in preparation for worship, including preparation of bulletins for Sunday mornings, funerals, and special occasions
- Support the mission of the church through administrative tasks such as project management, data entry, and document preparation
- Help coordinate and design church communications, including social media, church website, and newsletters
- Coordinate church calendar for internal and external meetings/events
- Assist in the preparation of supplies required for church events
- Support Trustees by serving as liaison with vendors and cleaning staff
- Procure and maintain inventory of general office, kitchen, & cleaning supplies
- Answer and direct calls, distribute mail, and perform local errands
- Assist Pastor in completion of annual Charge Conference and year-end reports
- Maintain church membership roll
- Coordinating with Accountant office and Church Check-signers for bill payment and payroll
- Oversee Breeze Management software for contact information, membership, and finances
- Be open to receiving feedback from the Senior Pastor & SPRC
- Participate in annual job performance review coordinated through the SPRC, including the establishment and evaluation of annual goals
- Perform other duties as needed

#### Desired Qualifications

- 1+ years of experience in an office or customer service environment
- Skilled with Microsoft Office Suite
- Ability to learn new technology and software programs
- Excellent communication skills, both written and verbal
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