

Hurricane Florence: Donate and Volunteer Wisely

The overwhelming generosity of the public in the wake of Hurricane Florence is helping affected communities to start healing from the consequences of this disaster. However, a deluge of donated items can quickly exceed the needs of the affected communities, requiring supporting agencies to redirect manpower away from providing direct services needed by survivors to managing donated goods that may not meet survivors' needs. Therefore, the State of North Carolina is asking you not to donate unsolicited goods at this time. This will support improved coordination with experienced disaster relief organizations and state/local emergency management offices so those in need quickly receive the right help.

Easiest way to help: Donate cash If you are not affected by Hurricane Florence, the most effective way to support disaster survivors' recovery is to make tax-deductible financial donations to trusted voluntary-, faith- and community-based charitable organizations. This gives them the ability to purchase, or provide vouchers for, what survivors actually need. In addition, when these organizations or survivors purchase goods or services locally, they pump money back into the local economy, helping businesses recover faster.

Donate through a trusted organization To ensure your financial contribution is used responsibly, only donate to reputable organizations. Both the North Carolina Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (www.ncvoad.org) and the National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (www.nvoad.org) and list trusted organizations receiving donations. The North Carolina VOAAD website has a list of vetted disaster relief organizations providing services to survivors of Hurricane Florence.

The list can be found at www.ncvoad.org/cms/NCVOADmembership. The National VOAAD website has information on nonprofit organizations accepting or registering individual in-kind donations.

Register before volunteering The situation is still not good for unaffiliated volunteers to self-deploy to affected areas since they may create additional burdens on communities where resources for food and shelter are scarce. The State of North Carolina is asking potential volunteers to register with www.volunteernc.org or with a voluntary or charitable organization of their choice. eady done so and should not wait to begin their cleanup and repairs. Take photos of damage and save all receipts for cleanup and repairs.

AMI Machining, Inc. Expands Anson County Operations with New Peachland Facility

Anson Economic Development Partnership has announced that AMI Machining, Inc. has opened a new facility in Peachland which expands its manufacturing presence in Anson County. AMI, an advanced metal machining and fabrication company that supplies major regional and national customers with precision machined and fabricated metal components, is investing \$750,000 in a new 18,000 square foot facility on U.S. Highway 74, just west of Peachland. The company formerly operated from a smaller leased space in Polkton. Company president Todd Treadway indicated that AMI was out of space at the Polkton plant and the move to the Peachland site was prompted by easier access to key customers in the Charlotte region, especially with the opening of the Monroe Expressway later this year.

"It was definitely a consideration," said Treadway from the construction site. "That's one of my trucks passing by right now. From here, when the Expressway opens, it will cut the travel time to our largest customer by half."

The move within the county also allowed the company to retain its highly skilled local workforce. "We currently have 17 employees, all of whom made the move with us, and we will be adding at least two new hires as the result of the expansion."

"It's a familiar story," said AnsonEDP executive director John B. Marek. "Workforce, location and transportation infrastructure are the primary competitive advantages Anson County offers. And with the opening of the Monroe Expressway this fall, those advantages only become more pronounced. We're seeing a lot of interest in this part of the county; industrial, commercial, retail, residential. The section of U.S. 74 between the Marshville and Peachland is poised to be the Charlotte region's next development hot spot."

Historic Bowman Senior High School

Class of 1968 to Hold 50th Reunion on December 29

The inaugural Bowman Senior High School class of 1968 will celebrate their 50th reunion on Saturday, December 29 at Anson Middle School, formerly Bowman Senior High School. The event will begin at Anson Middle School with a tour of the school and t-shirts distributed to classmates, from 12 to 1 p.m. The reunion will continue at Anson Middle with a "meet and greet" from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by the prom-like celebrations from 7 until 11p.m. There will be music from the 60's, souvenirs, photos, heavy hors' d'oeuvres and dancing with a DJ. The attire is semi-formal.

The cost is \$50 for class members and \$25 for guests. Checks and money orders should be made payable to Bowman Senior High School Class of 1968. For additional information please contact Dr. Josephine Leak Harris at 600 Hillsborough Road, Carboro, NC 27510-1230, via email at jhharr122@ncsu.edu or call 919-619-9032 or 919-967-2650.

The Anson County Writers' Club meets on the fourth Sunday of each month, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Presbyterian hall of First Wesleyan Church in Wadesboro, except in July and December. All meetings are open to the public. New members of all ages are welcome.

Anson County Writers' Club Welcomes New Members

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Business meeting starts at 7 p.m..

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You will be electing officers, directors
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We look forward to seeing you there. Ronnie Mills, President

Unauthorized Hydrant Use

The use of Anson County Water Department fire hydrants for obtaining water for agricultural or any other purpose without written consent of the Water Department is a violation of state and federal law. Hydrants are for use by written-permitted users, water company or fire department personnel only.

The Anson County Water Department will take legal action against any individual or business that unlawfully obtains water from the Anson County water system. Please report suspicious activity to the Anson County Sheriff's Office or the Water Department.

Hydrant use permit information is available from the Anson County Water Department.
Information is available at 704-694-5208.

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