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Insurance Companies Request Rate Increase for Homeowners

Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey announced today the North Carolina Rate Bureau has requested a 24.5% statewide average increase in homeowners' insurance rates to take effect August 2021. The NCRB is not part of the N.C. Department of Insurance but represents companies that write insurance policies in the state. The Department can either agree with the rates as filed or negotiate a settlement with the NCRB on a lower rate. If a settlement cannot be reached within 50 days, the Commissioner will call for a hearing.

Two years ago, in December 2018, the NCRB requested a statewide average increase of 17.4%. However, Commissioner Causey negotiated a rate 13.4 percentage points lower and settled with a statewide average rate increase of 4.0%.

One of the drivers behind this requested increase is that North Carolina has experienced increased wind and hail losses stemming from damaging storms.

A public comment period is required by law to give the public time to address the Rate Bureau's proposed rate increase. There are four ways to provide comments:

- A public comment forum will be held to listen to public input on the Rate Bureau's rate increase request at the N.C. Department of Insurance's Second Floor Hearing room on Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Department of Insurance is located in the Albemarle Building, 325 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, N.C. 27603. Proper COVID-19 safety protocols will be enforced.

- A virtual public comment forum will be held simultaneously with the in-person forum on Dec. 10 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The link to this virtual forum can be found at www.ncdoi.gov.
- Emailed public comments should be sent by Dec. 10 to: 2020Homeowners@ncdoi.gov.
- Written public comments should be mailed to Abby Spann, Paralegal III, to be received by Dec. 10 and addressed to 1201 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-1201.

All public comments will be shared with the N.C. Rate Bureau.

To see a specific table of proposed homeowners' rate increases across the state, please visit www.ncdoi.gov/documents/2020-territories-ncrb-proposed-rates.

* All events are subject to change because of the COVID-19 situation. You may want to seek confirmation of events.

Church News

DECEMBER 13

Christmas Program Memory Tree Service at Bethany Freewill Baptist Church, 6pm. Finger foods afterwards. All are welcome!

ONGOING HOPE Grief Support Group at Harmony Community Church, meets Tuesdays at 6:30pm offering help for those feeling grief or loss. Free & confidential. Info & register 704-272-7127 or 704-242-2499. Located at 1984 Pulpwood Yard Rd in Peachland

Service Times Wadesboro Church of God. Sunday School 10am, morning worship 11am, Intercessory prayer 5:45pm, evening service 6pm

Bible Study And Intercossory Prayer at Wadesboro Church of God, 6:15pm. Currently studying the life of Christ

Virtual Services At Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Sundays 11-11:30am with Zoom: www.zoom.com or use Zoom app, click "join a meeting" and enter Meeting ID: 385 789 5966 Password: 699988. Or join via Zoom audio: 646-876-9923, same Meeting ID & Password. Questions & info 704-690-7577

Noon Day Prayer Every Wednesday at New Life Ministries Pentecostal. Or call in request 704-270-4021 or 704-690-4900

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Events

NOVEMBER 21

Event Cancelled

Senior Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner at Harmony Community Church has been cancelled due to COVID-19

NOVEMBER 23

Board of Education

Regular Meeting to be livestreamed on YouTube at 4:00pm. Go to Anson County School's YouTube page, (Search YouTube for Anson County Schools). To make comments, find link to the online form at www.ansonschools.org. Sign up runs from 4:45 to 5:15pm on Oct. 26, and Open Session for the public begins at 5:30pm

DECEMBER 2

Free Groceries

For families in need Mobile Food Pantry at Pleasant Hill UMC, located at 126 Church Street in McFarlan. Register 8-10am. Call for details 704-694-2445

ONGOING EVENTS

Al-Anon Family Groups

Support for Family & Friends, Al-Anon Family Groups meets Thursdays, 8pm at AA Building, 2177 Country Club Rd in Wadesboro, between Wadesboro Health and Rehabilitation & Twin Valley Golf Club

Free Food Distributed by Anson Crisis Ministries

Every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 8am-1pm. It is located at 117 North Rutherford Street in uptown Wadesboro. Telephone is 704-694-2445

Food Commodities

Food Distributed Free every Wednesday at 9am & 2nd Saturday of each month at 9am at Burnsville Recreation & Learning Ctr, Hwy 742N across from Burnsville Fire Dept. Info 704-826-8182

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Anson County Board of Commissioners

Monthly Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm in Board Rm (Suite 209) of Government Bldg, 101 S. Greene St in Wadesboro. Info 704-994-3201

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Anson County Arts Council Spotlight is on Becky Wallace

This is a release from the Anson County Arts Council: Becky Wallace is a bright ray of sunshine! She's the kind of person everyone loves and loves to be around. A true treasure to the Arts Council and Ansonia, she always helps however she can. She is an excellent organizer, and bakes some of the best brownies you've ever had! Becky is a docent for the gallery, helps with the box office, and is an active member of the Anson County Arts Council Board.

A familiar, smiling face at our Bach's Lunches, she usually works alongside Sarah Harrington and sets up a beautiful dessert table. It seems there isn't anything she can't do. Becky always has a positive, loving word when she sees you and seems to make time for us, no matter how busy her life gets. We are blessed beyond measure to have her. She will leave you with a smile.

We love you, Becky!! The spotlight is on YOU!!!

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes Collection Week

National collection week for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes takes place November 16-23. Mt. Beulah Baptist Church is a drop off site, and they will have shoeboxes available to anyone who needs them.

Please contact Pastor Randy at 704-694-3063 or Hubert Wright at 704-695-4372 for information.

Mt. Beulah Baptist Church is located at 3373 Country Club Road in Wadesboro.

Drop Off Hours: Nov. 21 9am-12pm; Nov 22 2pm-5pm; Nov. 23 9am-12pm

Ansonia Spotlight

