

### Energy Efficiency Tip of the Month



Blocked air vents force your heating system to work harder than necessary and increase pressure in the ductwork, which can cause cracks and leaks to form. Make sure all air vents are unobstructed from furniture, drapes or other items to ensure sufficient circulation throughout your home. If necessary, purchase a vent extender, which can be placed over a vent to redirect air flow from underneath furniture.

Source: energy.gov

# Church News Events

**DECEMBER 25**  
**Christmas Music**  
**Worship** at Mt. Beulah Baptist Church, 3373 Country Club Rd, Wadesboro, with message by Pastor Randy Storz.

**DECEMBER 31**  
**Watchnight Service**  
At Morning Star Redeemed Church of God, 10pm with Elder Roman Henry.

**New Year's Eve Service** at Divine Unity House of Restoration Ministries, 6090 NC 109 S, Wadesboro. 10pm with Pastor Gregory Tillman & his Poplar Hill Baptist Church family.

**ONGOING**  
**Rides to Service**  
At East Rock Ford MBC. Call 704-695-2997

**Fun for Seniors**  
Every 3rd Tuesday at Rock Hill MBC, 11am-1pm for 55 & older (exceptional adults too) are welcome

**Bible Study**  
Wednesdays, 6:30pm at Forestville AME Zion

**ONGOING EVENTS**  
**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

**Free Food Distribution** at Feed My Lambs every Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 1-4pm. Located at 2290 Hwy 74 West, Wadesboro. 704-695-1820

**Writers' Club Meets**  
Fourth Sunday each month at First Presbyterian Church in Wadesboro, 3pm (except July & Dec). Open to public, new members of all ages invited. Info 704-694-5211 or sandy-bruney@gmail.com

**Direct and Counter Cyclical Program Sign-ups**

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**Calvary Episcopal Church**



**CHRISTMAS SERVICES**  
"A Christmas Chorale"  
Saturday, December 24 10:30 p.m.  
to be followed by  
"The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ"  
Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Morning Prayer with Communion  
Sunday, December 25 11 a.m.

**The community is invited.**

308 East Wade Street in Wadesboro  
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## NC's Slopes Open for Winter Sports Action

Winter sports season has arrived on schedule in the North Carolina mountains, thanks to a cold blast that trailed Hurricane Nicole and the ready-to-go snowmaking machines at the state's ski areas. With a promise of action until spring, travelers can take to the slopes and terrain parks while finding time for tubing, skating and other winter fun.

Sugar Mountain Resort and Cataloochee Ski Area, historically the early birds among the state's six ski areas, are open for business with Appalachian Ski Mtn. and Beech Mountain Resort poised to open this weekend. Here's a quick look at the North Carolina slopes for travelers planning wintertime getaways.

- **APPALACHIAN SKI MTN.** Blowing Rock ([appskimtn.com](http://appskimtn.com)). The North Carolina High Country's first ski area, Appalachian Ski Mtn is known for teaching beginners, families and groups. It's the home of the French Swiss Ski College, the South's largest independent ski school; Burton Learn to Ride; and SKIwee. This season brings a new RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) ticketing system to streamline the experience. The resort also boasts the App Terrain Park with three separate terrain parks with up to 60 rails, boxes, tabletops and other features. Slopes: 12. Peak elevation: 4,000 feet. Vertical drop: 365 feet. Lifts: 2 quads, 1 double, 1 surface, 2 conveyors. Other activities: Ice skating. Off the slopes: Lodge with restaurant, ski shop, gift shop and locker room. Other: Jack-ets, bib pants gloves and goggles are available for rent.
- **BEECH MOUNTAIN RESORT** Beech Mountain ([beechmountainresort.com](http://beechmountainresort.com)). At 5,506 feet, Beech Mountain is the highest ski area in the East. A central alpine village, the 5506' Skybar and a resident brewery further distinguish the resort. For 2022-23, the terrain park has been converted into a beginner trail while terrain park enthusiasts will find two new areas to enjoy. Other upgrades include a new Doppelmayr quad chairlift (replacing a double) and a new all-weather snowmaking system for the tubing park. Beech offers the Ski and Ride School; Burton Learn to Ride, Traxx and Snow Kamp for children. Slopes: 17. Peak elevation: 5,506 feet. Vertical drop: 830 feet. Lifts: 4 quads, 2 doubles, 2 carpet conveyors. Other activities: Tubing. Off the slopes: The resort's alpine village offers food and beverage including Beech Mountain Brewing Co., First Chair Coffee Shop, multiple fire pits, retail and equipment rental. Other: Bibs and coats are available for rent.
- **CATALOOCHEE SKI AREA** Maggie Valley ([cataloochee.com](http://cataloochee.com)). At the edge of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Cataloochee opened in 1961 to become North Carolina's first ski area. It features one of the region's longest seasons with help from its advanced snowmaking system. Cataloochee offers lessons at the Ski & Ride Center and CAT Trackers for kids. Slopes: 18. Peak elevation: 5,400 feet. Vertical drop: 740 feet. Lifts: 1 double, 1 triple, 1 quad, 3 conveyors. Other activities: Tube World in Maggie Valley. Off the slopes: Lodge with fireplace, restaurant, lounge and on-mountain shop. Other: Bibs and jackets are available for rent.
- **SAPPHIRE VALLEY SKI AREA** Sapphire ([skisapphirevalley.com](http://skisapphirevalley.com)). Sapphire Valley Ski Area is part of a 5,700-acre, four-season resort. It's especially attractive to families and beginning skiers who can take lessons and master the runs. Target opening is Dec. 17. Mark your calendar for Feb. 18 and the Great Outhouse Races. Slopes: 2. Peak elevation: 3,400 feet. Vertical drop: 200 feet. Lifts: 1 quad, 2 carpet conveyors. Other activities: Frozen Falls Tube Park and the Vordach Zip Line. Off the slopes: Base lodge park and fire pit plus the Slopeside Tavern, Mica's Restaurant and Pub, and The Fix Restaurant and Bar.
- **SUGAR MOUNTAIN RESORT** Sugar Mountain ([skisugar.com](http://skisugar.com)). With 125 skiable acres, Sugar Mountain is North Carolina's largest winter resort, distinguished by the state's only double black diamond slope and a high-speed, detachable, six-passenger chairlift. Joining the lineup of lifts for 2022-23: Oma's Meadow chairlift, a high-speed, detachable, four-passenger Doppelmayr lift that cuts travel time from nine minutes to just over two minutes. Lessons are available at the adult and children's Snowsports Schools. Slopes: 20. Peak elevation: 5,300 feet. Vertical drop: 1,200 feet. Lifts: 1 fixed-grip quad, 2 doubles, 1 high-speed six-pack, 2 high-speed quads, 1 surface, 1 carpet conveyor. Other activities: Skating, tubing and snowshoeing. Off the slopes: Base lodge with two cafeterias, the Last Run Lounge with full-service bar, locker room and shop. Other: Clothing rentals are available.
- **WOLF RIDGE SKI RESORT** Mars Hill ([skiwolfriidgenc.com](http://skiwolfriidgenc.com)). Thirty miles north of Asheville off scenic Interstate 26, Wolf Ridge sits just inside Pisgah National Forest. The Snow Sports School offers group and private lessons for beginning to intermediate skiers and snowboarders. Travelers will find updated lighting for night skiing, and on busy days, a shuttle van will run from parking areas to the lodge. Opening date to be announced. Slopes: 15. Peak elevation: 4,700 feet. Vertical drop: 700 feet. Lifts: 1 quad, 1 double and 2 surface lifts. Off the slopes: Base lodge with three large fireplaces, gift shop and food service. Other activities: Tubing.

# Holiday Cash

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## Better Business Bureau's Guide to Gift Cards

**Before purchasing a gift card online, BBB recommends the following tips:**

- Know who you are buying from. Little-known websites advertise gift cards for popular retailers at steep discounts. These websites might be using these offers to steal payment card numbers or other personal information. Instead, go directly to the merchant and purchase a card from them.
- Buying a physical gift card? Take a closer look. No matter where gift cards are displayed in the store, thieves are known to remove gift cards from the display rack and record the numbers associated with that card, including the activation PIN. Before purchasing a gift card, look carefully at the packaging for any tears, wrinkles, or other indications of tampering, and see if the PIN is exposed. If anything looks suspicious, it's probably best to take a different card and turn in the compromised card to the store's Customer Service Desk.
- Research how to use the card. Not all retailers have the same policies when issuing a gift card. Double check the terms and conditions on the type of gift card purchased. The Federal Trade Commission has information about retail gift cards and bank gift cards. In Canada, find more information on the Financial Consumer Agency of Canada website.
- Be wary of websites that offer to check your gift card's balance. According to [BBB.org/ScamTracker](http://BBB.org/ScamTracker) reports, some websites that claim to check your gift card balance are really a way to steal money off your card. These sites ask for your card's ID number and PIN or security code. Then, scammers use the information to drain the money off your card.
- Register your gift card. If the retailer allows the option to register the gift card, take full advantage. This makes it easier to protect the balance, that way you can report it sooner and potentially end up saving the money that is stored on the card. Change the PIN on the card, and don't delay in using the money. The longer a card sits around, the more likely a cybercriminal is to steal the balance.
- Treat it like cash. If the card is lost or stolen, report it to the issuer immediately. Most issuers have toll-free telephone numbers to report a lost or stolen card - find it on the card or online.

**Anson County Tax Collector**

# PROPERTY TAX REMINDER



**ANSON COUNTY TAXES ARE DUE NOW!**

Please see that all of your Anson County Property Taxes are paid in full prior to January 6, 2023.

**FEES AND INTEREST BEGIN JANUARY 6, 2023.**

Also, if you wish to use property taxes as an income tax deduction, payments should be made by December 31, 2022.

*Please pay your taxes immediately. Mail your payment to:*

**Anson County Tax Collector**  
101 South Greene Street  
Wadesboro, NC 28170  
Telephone 704-994-3220

Or visit the office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
We accept cash, check or credit / debit card.

An after hours drop box is available too. Thank you.

**You may call 704-994-3220 for total taxes owed.**