

# MCRC Weekly Newsletter January 27, 2023

### Notable Notes From the Region

-Roseboro Awarded Local Arts Council Grant: The Town of Roseboro was recently announced as the recipient of a Sampson Arts Council grassroots grant. The grant funds, which were announced at the Small-Town Main Street meeting on January 12, will go towards funding Roseboro's annual Bloomfest which is set to take place from April 28-29. With the grant awards, Roseboro will be able to expand the entertainment options available at the upcoming festival.

-New Deputy Chief for Dunn Emergency Services: Rodney Eason has been named the new Deputy Chief for Dunn Emergency Services. Gary Whitman, the Director of Dunn Emergency Services made the announcement last Tuesday. Mr. Eason, who has worked in fire and rescue for almost 35 years, will be returning to the fire department with which he began his career. The spot Mr. Eason will be taking has been vacant since March 2022 when Scott Phillips vacated the position to become the Director of Hoke County Emergency Medical Services. Currently, Eason works with the Cary Fire Department, but will be officially retiring from his position next Wednesday, February 1, and will start as the new Deputy Chief for Dunn Emergency Services on Monday, February 6. Congratulations Rodney and best of luck on your new position!



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# Lead For NC Announcement

The Lead for North Carolina program is currently taking applications from host governments to sponsor a Lead for NC Fellow next year. The program works to place "Fellows" in local governments throughout the state in order to increase their capacity. The goal is to strengthen local governments, support local communities, and cultivate a new generation of public service leaders. If you have any interest in hosting a Lead for NC Fellow starting on August 1 this year, complete <u>this</u> application by February 8. For any questions about the Lead for NC program, or what the fellowship entails, please contact aresnick@mccog.org.



# Save the Date for Mid-Carolina Senior Games

It's almost that time of the year, the Mid-Carolina Senior Games are only a little ways away! This year will be the 37th Annual Mid-Carolina Senior Games taking place in Cumberland, Harnett and Sampson counties. While opening ceremonies are just around the corner, registration for the games opens **Tuesday, January 31**. Click this <u>link</u> to sign up and register for the numerous sports events or Silver Arts categories open. Make sure to register before March 10 for the early bird deadline! The final deadline to register for the Mid-Carolina Senior Games is March 31. The Mid-Carolina Senior Games is for participants aged 50 and over. If you have any additional questions regarding the Senior Games or would be interested in volunteering for any of the events, please email Lashonda Gough at <u>Igough@mccog.org</u>.



# Updated Services for Local Governments

Starting on Wednesday, February 1, the Local Government Commission of the North Carolina Department of the Treasurer will be adding the information of firms wishing to provide audit and non-audit accounting services to local governments throughout the state. If you are interested in the potential services offered, the web page can be accessed <u>here</u>, or by clicking on the state and local government finance division

#### Upcoming COG Events

**Monday, January 30:** The Art of Caregiving-How to Piece it all Together, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, Mid-Carolina Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304. Registration is required. Please contact Barbara White at **bwhite@mccog.org** or 910-323-4191 to make a reservation. For more information, please <u>click here</u>.

**Monday, January 30:** Matter of Balance Class for Seniors, 1:30 PM-3:30 PM, Bill Crisp Senior Center 7560 Raeford Rd. Fayetteville, NC. Register by calling (910) 433-1248. Class size is limited. Please <u>click here</u> for more information on this class.

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**Wednesday, February 1:** NC City/County Management Association Winter Seminar, the seminar begins midday on Wednesday, February 1, and goes until Friday, February 3. Benton Convention Center, Winston-Salem. Registration is required. For more information and to register for the conference, please <u>click here</u>.

**Wednesday, February 1:** Gentle Yoga, Every Wednesday from 3:00 PM-4:00 PM, Mid-Carolina Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304. Event is free but registration is required. For more information, or to register for the event, please contact Barbara White at **bwhite@mccog.org** or 910-323-4191.

**Thursday, February 2:** Loyal Seniors Featuring "The Role of a Male Caregiver" with Anthony Faison and JW Melvin, 10:00 AM, Smith Recreation Center 1520 Slater Avenue, Fayetteville, NC 28301. To view the event flyer, please <u>click here</u>. **Thursday, February 9:** NC Association of Regional Councils of Government Directors Meeting, the event will take place on Thursday, February 9 and Friday, February 10 in the Triangle J COG Region, more details to come.

Thursday, February 9: Transform the Way You Care: Free Caregiver Virtual Reality Experiences, Held every second Thursday of the month by appointment only, Mid-Carolina Regional Council 6205 Raeford Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304. For more information, or to register for the event, please contact Barbara White at **bwhite@mccog.org** or 910-323-4191. This event is free, for more information on the event, please <u>click here</u>.

**Friday, February 10:** The Power of Goal Setting, 3:30 PM-5:00 PM, Mid-Carolina Regional Council, 6205 Raeford Rd. Fayetteville NC, 28304. To RSVP or obtain more information, please contact Barbara White, **bwhite@mccog.org**, or 910-323-4191, ext. 28. RSVP mst be received by 2/9/2023. To view event flyer, please <u>click here</u>.



Human Trafficking: New SOG Resource Explaining Your Obligation to Make a Report and How the Agency Responds (Published 1/18/23) Read <u>here</u>.

#### About Us

Mid-Carolina Council of Governments is a multi-county, planning, development, and human services organization. We reach across county and municipal borders to provide technical assistance to our local governments and to administer programs that benefit our region's citizens. Our mission is to provide creative regional solutions to relevant and emerging issues in Cumberland, Harnett, and Sampson Counites while providing a standard of excellence in the delivery of federal, state, and regional services for our local governments and the people they serve.

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