



ECC MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



REGIONAL UPDATES



REGISTER FOR ECC'S DISASTER RECOVERY / FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TRAINING WORKSHOPS ON MAY 14th (IN GOLDSBORO) OR MAY 21st (IN MOREHEAD CITY): ECC hosted a 1-day Disaster Recovery - FEMA Public Assistance Program training for 30 participants on April 16th, and we are providing the same 1-day sessions 2 more times – on May 14th in Goldsboro and on May 21st in Morehead City.

The North Carolina General Assembly provided funding in Session Law 2021-180c to support local governments effectively manage disaster recovery funding and build capacity to recover from disasters. Funding was provided through the NC Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM) with support from NC Emergency Management. This program is being administered through each of the 16 councils of government (COGs).

The goal is to have at least 1 person from every jurisdiction in our region participate in this training. Suggested attendees include Managers, Finance Officers, Clerks, Emergency Mgrs., Public Works Dir., Fire Chiefs, especially those new to their roles. Other organizations, such as community colleges and boards of education, are also invited and encouraged to attend.

We ask Emergency Managers to attend this training with municipal officials from their counties. This will be a great opportunity for Emergency Managers to connect and help support communities prepare for the next disaster.

Register for the May 14th training in Goldsboro at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/hke6f5m> OR use the following QR Code.



Register for the May 21st training in Morehead City at <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/9dj8yad> OR use the following QR Code.



Thank you to Wayne County and Carteret County for allowing us to utilize their facilities for this training!



Pictured above are (left to right) David Bone (ECC Executive Director), Bill Green (Executive Director of the Eastern Carolina Workforce Development Board), Dave Diaz (IEDC economic development volunteer), and Fred Welch (IEDC economic development volunteer).

SUCCESSFUL SITE VISIT / FOCUS GROUPS TO SUPPORT / DEVELOP REGIONAL MILITARY RETENTION STRATEGIES / ACTION PLAN: Since our region has 4 military bases and a growing number of military members who are retiring here annually, ECC partnered with the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and hosted focus groups and interviews with regional stakeholders on **April 10th and 11th** - to identify opportunities to retain talented military members and potential future entrepreneurs.

A team of 2 IEDC volunteers, which included Dave Diaz (from Loudon County, VA) and Fred Welch (from Copperas Cove, TX), conducted these important dialogues. We appreciate their time, efforts, and energy, and that of the 40+ local, regional, and state community and business leaders who also provided their insights.

ECC's goal is to recognize all the great military retention strategies / efforts that are taking place across our region and develop an action plan to support these efforts, as well as identify potential new efforts that can complement existing programs. Within a few weeks, IEDC will send ECC a report that will suggest recommendations for objectives and next steps.

ECC INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN WORKSHOPS ABOUT WORKFORCE HOUSING - MAY 7th, 8th, or 9th: An experienced economic developer will deliver a workshop about workforce housing strategies, and following the workshop, the volunteer will meet with various county and municipal representatives in multiple, targeted discussions. Participants will discuss opportunities and obstacles in workforce housing in their communities and strategies to consider.

The Eastern Carolina Council invites you to join Kenwin Hayes, Sr., AICP, CEcD, EDFP, CCIM, Managing Principal of ReUrbanis Advisors (www.reurbanis.com) for interactive yet intimate workshops and discussion on workforce housing strategies for your community. Mr. Hayes will be in the New Bern region May 7-9 to advise economic development, workforce development, planners, and city, town, and county government leaders from Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, Onslow, Pamlico, and Wayne counties. Participants will be able to ask specific questions including asking for advice as it relates to their community.

While some of the workshops are labeled with a broad focus, you are welcome to attend even if the focus is not specific to your community. Most of the workshops will take place at the ECC Office at 233 Middle St., Suite 300, New Bern, one workshop will be held at the La Grange Community Center at 410 E. Washington St. in La Grange, and one workshop will be available via Zoom.

These workshops and discussions were developed in partnership with the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) and funded through a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration, Atlanta Region, to IEDC.

Please let me know if you have any questions, contact David Bone, at dbone@eccog.org.

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10CoB4AAEA623AoFCC52-49269724-workforce> or use the following QR Code.



A 3rd IEDC project with ECC involves **“Talent Attraction and Retention Strategies”** and is tentatively planned for **the week of June 24th-28th.**

ECC 1st of 3 FEMA DISASTER RECOVERY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) TRAINING SESSIONS



Thirty members from the region participated in ECC's 1st FEMA Disaster Recovery Public Assistance (PA) training.



ECC Community Planner, Holly Lippitt, reviewed Pre-Disaster planning.



ECC's Planning Director, Larry Faison, provided a scenario for planning debris removal - before and after the declaration of a disaster.



ECC's Senior Community Planner, Carlton Gideon, described the 7 phases of post disaster planning.



ECC HOSTED A FEMA DISASTER RECOVERY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE TRAINING ON APRIL 16th AT ECC'S OFFICES. ECC hosted 30 local government professionals from across our region on April 16th for a 1-day Disaster Recovery - FEMA Public Assistance Program training. Those who participated received a thorough introduction to the processes, practices associated with disaster recovery, and technical assistance. Many shared their best practices and stories of readiness preparation for past storms, especially Hurricane Florence.

NCARCOG'S LEGISLATIVE DAY – MAY 8th: The NC Association of Regional Councils of Governments' (NCARCOG) Legislative Day will be on Wednesday, May 8th. Council of Governments staff and officials from the 16 NC COGs will travel to Raleigh to meet with Legislators and advocate for our legislative agenda, which will be followed by a NCARCOG Legislative Day reception at 6:00 PM.

SUSTAINABLE FLEET TECHNOLOGY & EXPO CONFERENCE: Discover the latest and greatest in sustainable fleet technology, operations, and implementation on **August 13-15, 2024**, at the Durham Convention Center.

Exhibitors and sponsors are essential partners in the success of the Sustainable Fleet Technology Conference. The in-person, full-day event includes keynote presentations, 50+ panelists, 16 breakout sessions, an expo hall with ample space for indoor vehicle/equipment display, and an opportunity to network with 300+ attendees. Contact Heather Brutz, NC Clean Energy Technology Center, hmbritz@ncsu.edu, for additional event information.

ECC HUMAN SERVICES / AGING

CONGRATULATIONS TO LENOIR COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING, WHICH RECEIVED THE “SENIOR CENTER OF EXCELLENCE” DESIGNATION: ECC Human Services-AAA, a peer review team from senior centers outside the region, RAAC Chairman Walter LaRoque, and a staff

member from NCDAAS attended and participated in the Lenoir County Council on Aging Senior Center's Operations Program Evaluation (SCOPE) Certification - for the on-site team review on April 4, 2024. Lenoir County Council on Aging was awarded Senior Center of Excellence by the on-site team - for the 3rd time!

REGIONAL SENIOR GAMES: For more information about the Senior Games across our state, visit <https://www.ncseniorgames.org/find-your-local-games>. For information about the senior games in our region, visit:

Neuse River Senior Games (Craven, Duplin, Greene, Jones, Lenoir, and Pamlico County) will run from April 8 to May 24, 2024. For further information and to register visit <https://www.ncseniorgames.org/neuse>.

Onslow Senior Games will be held from April 13, 2024, to May 6, 2024. For further information and to register visit <https://www.onslowcountync.gov/1683/Senior-Games>.

Carteret Senior Games and Wayne County Senior Games ended on April 30, 2024.



ECC HSAAA HOSTED a 2-DAY "POWERFUL TOOLS for CAREGIVERS" (PTC) FACILITATOR TRAINING ON APRIL 15th and 16th: Participants included staff from ECC HSAAA, Leon Mann Jr., Enrichment Center from Carteret County, George Street, Senior Center from Craven County, and representatives from Jones County Senior Center, Lenoir County Council on Aging, Onslow County Senior Services, Pamlico County Senior Services, Prime Time of Oriental, and Wayne County Services on Aging.

"Powerful Tools for Caregivers" is a 6-week evidence-based class to help caregivers take better care of themselves while caring for a loved one. Participants gained knowledge of the "Powerful Tools for Caregivers" program, tools to assist caregivers in their roles, and how to facilitate the program in their communities. For further information visit, <https://www.powerfultoolsforcaregivers.org/>.



A'SHAUNTE NICHOLSON (FRONT RIGHT) COMPLETED AN INTERNSHIP WITH ECC ON APRIL 17th: She will graduate from ECU in May with a degree in Social Work. Congratulations, A'Shaunte! She plans to continue her education in the Master of Social Work program at ECU.



OLDER AMERICANS MONTH 2024 REGIONAL CELEBRATION EVENTS: Every May, the Administration for Community Living leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month (OAM). The 2024 theme is *Powered by Connection*, which recognizes the profound impact that meaningful relationships and social connections have on our health and well-being. We will explore the vital role that connectedness plays in supporting independence and aging in place by combatting isolation, loneliness, and other issues. Senior Centers and local agencies across our region partner to host community events to celebrate older adults. These events included informational health fairs, luncheons, and community activities. For event information in your community, contact your local senior center. For further information visit, [https://acl.gov/oam/2024/older-americans-month-2024#:~:text=Every%20May%2C%20the%20Administration%20of%20for,Older%20Americans%20Month%20\(OAM\).](https://acl.gov/oam/2024/older-americans-month-2024#:~:text=Every%20May%2C%20the%20Administration%20of%20for,Older%20Americans%20Month%20(OAM).)



ELDER ABUSE MONTH: "BUILDING STRONG SUPPORT FOR SENIORS": Annually from Mother's Day through Father's Day the state of North Carolina brings awareness to elder abuse. Providers throughout our region host awareness events to include scam jams, community presentations, informational health fairs, intergenerational education, and awareness walks. For further information on events in your community, contact your local senior center.

"World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) is held annually on June 15th. The purpose of WEAAD is to provide an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse and neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic processes affecting elder abuse and neglect. For further information on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day visit, <https://eldermistreatment.usc.edu/weaad-home/>.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS / EVENTS

NC Association of Regional Councils' Legislative Day, May 8, Raleigh - followed by a 6:00 PM reception.

ECC Executive Committee Mtg., May 9, 6:00 PM Dinner, 6:30 PM Meeting, ECC Offices.

FEMA Disaster Recovery Public Assistance Training - Session 2, May 14, 9:00-4:00, Goldsboro, Wayne County EMS Training Room.

ECRPO TCC/TAC Meeting, May 16, 9:30-11:30 AM, La Grange.

FEMA Disaster Recovery Public Assistance Training - Session 3, May 21, 9:00-

4:00, Morehead City, Civic Center.

DERPO TCC Meeting, May 23, 1:00-2:30 PM, ECC Board Room.

Memorial Day Holiday (ECC Offices closed), May 27.

DERPO TAC Meeting, May 28, 10:00-11:30 AM, ECC Board Room.

General Membership Board Meeting, June 13, 6:00 PM Dinner; 6:30 PM Meeting,
ECC Offices.

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