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## ECC's June 2024 NEWSLETTER

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### REGIONAL UPDATES

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**ECC TO HOST GRANT / PROJECT RESOURCE ROUNDTABLE – JUNE 12th:** ECC is partnering with multiple organizations & agencies on a “Grant / Project Resource Roundtable” on Wed., June 12th and invites you to attend.

The best practices for the development of projects and grant applications will be discussed, along with updates on fall grant cycles. The focus will be on resiliency and infrastructure projects.

Discussion topics will include:

- Aligning community needs with grant funding priorities,
- Developing a project from vision to implementation to revision,
- Keys to successful projects, &
- Demonstration of the new Resiliency Exchange Tool.

Lunch will be served. Suggested attendees include: Managers, Clerks, Public Works Directors, Elected Officials, Grant / Project Managers, & other municipal/county officials.

To register for the event, visit: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/7pshdh>, or use the QR Code:



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**NEW ECC BOARD MEMBER ORIENTATION – THURS., JUNE 13th AT 4:00 PM at ECC's Offices.**

This will be preceding the Budget and Audit Committee Meeting and General Membership Board Meeting on that day. To register for the Orientation, please visit <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/jeex5mj>.

**ECC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BOARD MEETING – JUNE 13th:** The ECC General Membership Board will meet on Thursday, June 13th. A **Budget and Audit Committee Meeting** will be held at 5:30 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM, and the **General Membership Board Meeting** will begin at 6:30 PM. A public hearing on ECC's 2024-25 budget will be held during this meeting, which will be available via Zoom at:

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87859708680?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87859708680?pwd=INuqMFeBZoZncWpXOjIT6EMIR6lNDA.1#success)

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**QUASI-JUDICIAL PROGRAMMING AND TRAINING:** Senior Community Planner, Carlton Gideon, conducted quasi-judicial board training with Duplin County's newly created Board of Adjustment (BOA) this May. The training occurred over two sessions at the Duplin County Administrative Office in Kenansville. Topics covered included an overview of local land use regulations, board conduct, conflicts of interest issues, types of quasi-judicial decisions, evidentiary hearing procedures, and open meeting requirements. Practical exercises and examples related to the jurisdiction's ordinance were also provided.

This training was designed to help the Board carry out its quasi-judicial responsibilities and are making plans to offer this content to Member jurisdictions. ECC will design one-session refresher training for quasi-judicial boards within the next few months to Members. As with Duplin County, this training can be customized for your jurisdiction, including a review of your relevant ordinances. If your governing board or appointed board is tasked with quasi-judicial decisions, such as hearing variances, administrative appeals, or special use permits, please consider this educational opportunity. For additional information on this topic please contact Senior Community Planner Carlton Gideon.

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**ECC-IEDC REGIONAL PROJECT - TALENT ATTRACTION AND RETENTION - Week of June 24:**

ECC has planned a 3rd regional project with the International Economic Development Council (IEDC). Experienced economic developers will provide a half-day workshop on talent attraction and retention strategies. Following the workshop, the volunteers will spend 3 days meeting with stakeholders from to-be-determined individual or small groups of counties and provide recommendations on how they may consider strengthening their approach. One member of the team will be Rhett Flood, Executive Director of Forge Young Talent, an organization for young professionals in Topeka, Kansas, which provides young people with the skills and resources needed to succeed in their careers. More information about Rhett is available at <https://topekapartnership.com/introduction/about-the-greater-topeka-partnership/greater-topeka-partnership-staff-2/rhett-flood/>. ECC will share more information about this effort once additional plans are confirmed.

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## RECENT REGIONAL EVENTS

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**IEDC'S CONSULTANT, KENWIN HAYES, MANAGING MEMBER OF REUrbanis Advisors,**

**OFFERED WORKFORCE HOUSING WORKSHOPS - MAY 6TH - 10TH IN NEW BERN:** ECC hosted most of the workshops, whereas, one workshop was offered in La Grange, and another was available via Zoom.



For the week of May 6th Mr. Hayes presented his workshop to various ECC county and municipal members. In all, 25 attended the half-day workshops and each person took away concepts and successful strategies to enhance economic development - promoting more workforce housing in the region.



IEDC's Workforce Housing presenter, Kenwin Hayes, provided his professional perspective on Workforce Housing. As a consultant for IEDC, he also is Managing Principal of ReUrbanis Advisors.



Interest for Mr. Hayes' insights were abundant; the Q & A sessions generated a number of questions, indicating substantial interest, which resulted in Mr. Hayes remaining after one workshop to discuss a number of principles that could integrate workforce housing into the planning process.

## MORE FEMA DISASTER RECOVERY PUBLIC ASSISTANCE - TRAININGS MAY 14th IN GOLDSBORO AND MAY 21st IN MOREHEAD CITY



Wayne County and various municipal employees, plus Lenoir County Community College actively participated in the day long training, which included this pre-disaster recovery presentation by Holly Lippitt.



Members of Wayne County were very hospitable and provided ECC with their EMS Training Room. This explains the lifeless dummy on the floor under the screen and at the feet of ECC staff.



New staff member, Sara Deskar presented on post - disaster recovery for ECC; it was Sara's first for ECC's team.



The final venue for the 3rd Disaster Recovery PA Training was The Chrystal Coast's Civic Center. During the presentation Bogue Sound was very quiet.



ECC's FEMA Disaster Recovery PA Training Team - (L to R) David Bone, Carlton Gideon, Sara Deskar, Larry Faison, and Holly Lippitt.



David Bone introduced the training and ECC staff; the 32 participants represented Carteret, Onslow, and Greene Counties.



Holly Lippitt initiated the training - presented a program overview and pre-disaster recovery planning information.

Larry Faison added disaster recovery details of debris removal from an operations management perspective throughout the day; levity was also part of the presentation.

Sara Deskar provided the second half of the morning's coverage of pre-disaster planning and summarized all pre-disaster planning.



Carlton Gideon provided distinct clarification for the 7 phases of post-disaster recovery with office and field examples.



The 32 participants of the final in-person training for the FEMA Disaster Recovery PA Program shared experiences and best practices.

Currently, ECC is assembling online training of the FEMA Disaster Recovery PA Program and will provide detailed information for those who would like to take the training on an individual basis.

## ECC HUMAN SERVICES - AGING



**ECC OFFERED THE 2nd POWERFUL TOOLS CAREGIVING TRAINING on May 7th:** This is a powerful and empowering evidence-based train-the-facilitator model program with a detailed, scripted curriculum that offers skills, not only to take care of the caregiver, but it also prepares the person who is receiving care. Within a 6-week class, caregivers learn self-care tools to reduce stress, deal with emotion management, improve self-confidence, make tough decisions, and learn how to locate community resources. During this April and May, ECC's Human Services-Area Agency on Aging, in partnership with AARP, trained 27 individuals from this region to become certified PTC facilitators. Now, Eastern Carolina counties will have at least 1 certified PTC facilitator. To request additional information regarding classes, please contact the local senior center or visit <https://www.powerfultoolsforcaregivers.org/class-type/caregiver-classes/>.



**OLDER AMERICANS' MONTH - A REGIONAL CELEBRATION:** Every May, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) leads the nation's observance of Older Americans Month (OAM), which began in 1963

as Senior Citizens Month. The 2024 theme, *Powered by Connections*, focuses on the profound impact that meaningful connections have on the well-being and health of older adults. Senior Centers and local agencies across our region partnered to host community events to celebrate older adults. These events included informational health fairs, health screenings, community services, activities, and fellowship. For more information and resources visit, <https://acl.gov/oam/2024/older-americans-month-2024>.

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## Photos from Eastern Carolina's Senior Games



Wayne County Seniors



Greene County Seniors



Duplin County Seniors



Craven County Seniors



**WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY:** Every year on **June 15**, community organizations who serve older adults observe World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD). This event provides an opportunity for all to promote dialogue and action on the issue of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) and the World Health Organization (WHO) at the United Nations (UN). 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 more information and resources, please visit <https://eldermistreatment.usc.edu/weaad-home/>. To find out how communities are participating on June 15th, contact the local senior center.

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## NEXT SCHEDULED MEETINGS / EVENTS

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**ECC Grant / Project Resource, Roundtable event, June 12, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, ECC Offices**

**New ECC Board Member Orientation, June 13, 4:00 PM, ECC Offices**

**ECC Budget & Audit Committee Meeting, June 13, 5:30 PM, ECC Offices**

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

**World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, June 15**

**ECC-IEDC Regional Project - Talent Attraction and Retention, Week of June 24**

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