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# HARNETT

## MID-YEAR REPORT



Harnett  
COUNTY  
NORTH CAROLINA



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# BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*The Board of Commissioners guides county priorities and serves all the residents of Harnett County.*



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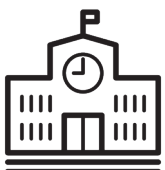
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## REACHING OUR GOALS

Harnett County's Strategic Plan is designed to provide a clear vision for the future along with direction for turning that vision into a reality. The Plan includes five Strategic Goals that reflect the County's priorities for the proceeding years.



**SUPERIOR  
EDUCATION**



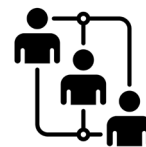
**ORGANIZATIONAL  
EXCELLENCE**



**HEALTHY & SAFE  
COMMUNITY**



**ECONOMIC  
STRENGTH**



**INFORMED  
& ENGAGED  
CITIZENS**

# BOARD OF ELECTIONS

- **Conducted 2026 Primary Election March 3, 2026**  
Voter History matched Ballot cast.
- **Implemented Ballot on Demand (BOD) to improve voting process at early voting locations.**  
Purchased additional BOD to expand this service into Election Day for the General Election.
- **Purchased Integra Software** to improve election worker management and training.
- **Conducted several voter education events** and received over 20 new election workers.

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**13.76%**  
**VOTER TURNOUT**  
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## CAPITAL PROJECTS

### CONSTRUCTION | RENOVATION

Completed several renovation projects including:

- **Harnett County Senior Center:** Renovation of the kitchen, including new paint, cabinetry, counter-tops, and flooring. These improvements provide a refreshed, more functional, and durable space for staff and visitors.
- **Harnett County Tax and Register of Deeds building:** Installed a new card reader access control system to enhance building security and controlled access.
- **Parks and Recreation Benhaven Storage Area:** Installed new flooring and carpeting, improving the overall functionality and appearance of the space.
- **Harnett County Health Department:** Completed the permanent installation of the updated front desk structure. The new reception area features two ADA-accessible service windows and integrated protective barriers to enhance staff and public safety while improving customer service.



**Working on the following projects:**

- **Harnett County IT Department:** Engaged an architectural firm to design the conversion of existing warehouse space into an office space. Construction drawings have been completed, and a Request for Proposals (RFP) for construction will be advertised in July.
- **New Harnett County Morgue Building:** Construction of the new Harnett County Morgue remains in progress. Work continues toward completion of the new facility.
- **Harnett County Fleet Maintenance Building Addition:** Construction is ongoing for the new 3,200-square-foot addition to the Harnett County Fleet Maintenance Building. The project will provide additional workspace and improved operational capabilities to support the County's growing fleet maintenance needs.



# COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Welcomed a new Administrative Assistant, *Kimberly Hemphill*, to our Extension Team. Kimberly will play an essential role in supporting the Extension Team.

## **Horticulture:**

- Produced and delivered 20 radio spots focused on horticulture best practices for homeowners, with an estimated total outreach of approximately 60,000 listener contacts.
- Delivered educational programming and training to diverse audiences including farmers, homeowners, youth, beekeepers, garden clubs, and Extension Master Gardener Volunteers throughout the first half of 2026.
- Conducted Extension Master Gardener Volunteer trainings, orientations, and educational programs reaching approximately 143 participants, including organizing a professional development field trip to the Plant Disease and Insect Clinic and North Carolina Department of Agriculture Soil Testing Laboratory in Raleigh.
- Developed and taught on-farm pest and disease scouting programs to three farms, training 10 farm employees in practical pest identification and crop monitoring practices to support improved management decisions.

- Facilitated monthly beekeeper meetings and Bee School programming, reaching approximately 210 participants combined, supporting continued education and growth within the local beekeeping community.

## **Agriculture:**

- Harnett County extension agriculture agents Brian Parrish, Justin Burkhead, and Harris Cannady provided assistance to 13 Harnett County farmers with help writing, reviewing and submitting grant applications. Five Harnett farmers were awarded grants that totaled \$36,500 as a result of these efforts. The grant funds were used to improve cattle working facility, purchase a new corn planter, install a nursery shelter, and install a cattle shelter. This funding will help increase the profitability and potential diversification of farming operations in Harnett County.
- Harnett County Extension Agriculture Agent Brian Parrish helped four farms secure \$22,000 in grant funding for Harnett County silvopasture projects. This grant program may also help additional farms before the year is out. Silvopasture combines trees, forage, and livestock into a single system. Silvopasture allows more of the land in Harnett County to be used for food production while also increasing farm profits.

#### 4-H

- Our 4-H Summer Fun program served an unprecedented number of youth, with 211 different participants registering for more than 500 available spots across 42 educational sessions. Demand remained exceptionally high, with more than 100 youth on the waiting lists. Thanks to the dedication and flexibility of our staff and volunteers, we were able to create 67 additional program spots, allowing even more Harnett County youth to participate.
  - Harnett County 4-H also had a record-breaking presence at the 2026 South Central District Activity Day. Our delegation included more than 70 youth, volunteers, judges, and Extension staff, making it the largest county delegation in attendance. We also had the largest group of presenters, with 28 youth competing. Of those, 20 qualified for the State Finals, earning an impressive 12 Gold Medals and 8 Silver Medals.
- These accomplishments reflect the hard work and dedication of our members, club leaders, parents, volunteers, and staff, who continue to make Harnett County 4-H one of the strongest programs in North Carolina.
- Another exciting milestone came during our 4-H STEM Racing Camp visit to NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Team Reaume. During the visit, 4-H Agent Jackie Helton partnered with Team Owner Josh Reaume to feature the 4-H Clover on Team Reaume's race trucks during the Charlotte race on Friday, October 9, 2026. Camp participants and their families will attend the race, and truck designs featuring the 4-H Clover are currently being finalized with the support of Interim NC State 4-H Leader Dr. Shannon McCollum. Because the race falls during National 4-H Week, this partnership will provide outstanding national exposure for 4-H while highlighting the innovative work being led by Harnett and Moore County 4-H programs.

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**\$22,000**  
**IN GRANT FUNDING**  
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# DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

## Planning Section

- Secured the services of five on-call Civil Engineering firms, to help with citizen complaints and provide more efficient and comprehensive plan review for new developments.
- Finalized our Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment to implement Conditional Zoning for the county and had our Transportation Engineer consultant review.
- Finalized complete review and UDO recommendations with our Transportation Engineer consultant to add or remove additional transportation regulations within the UDO.

**The Planning team has reviewed 316 projects including:**

- 12 final subdivision plats (consisting of 672 lots).

- 12 preliminary subdivision maps (consisting of 479 lots).
- 9 commercial site plans.

## Inspections Section

- During the first half of the year the team completed 17,050 inspections and 1,578 plan reviews.

## Central Permitting

- Successfully processes 2,799 permitting applications, 1,188 water tap/meter applications, and conducted 47 commercial pre-development meetings.
- Completed second round of cross training for new staff members.
- Initiated a permitting informational session following Board of Adjustment approvals for applicants.
- Newly promoted technicians obtained their law and admin certifications.

“**2,799**  
**SUCCESSFUL**  
**PERMITTING**  
**APPLICATIONS**”



# COUNTY MANAGER'S OFFICE

## Strategic Plan and Performance Management

- Conducted the Harnett County 2025 Community Survey with ETC Institute which was aligned with Harnett County's Strategic Goal #2 Organizational Excellence. Findings indicated that respondents give high satisfaction ratings for County Services, and Harnett County Rates 23% above the US average in providing customer service.
- **Top community priorities for the future expressed in the Survey include:** Providing Access to Quality Health Care, Improving Water Quality, and Increasing Public Safety.
- FY2026 TEAM Harnett Performance Management for the five Strategic Goals continue to demonstrate steady advancement. By the close of FY2026, Informed and Engaged Citizens reached 95% completion, Economic Strength (73%), Organizational Excellence (71%), Superior Education (69%), and Healthy and Safe Community (68%) all showed continued progress toward their long-term objectives.
- Overall implementation of the Performance Management Plan increased from 76% completion at the end of the third quarter to 82% completion, with 15 strategic initiatives completed, 23 initiatives actively in progress, and only three initiatives remaining not started.

## Opioid Task Force

- Hired new a Opioid Task Force Coordinator, *Kayla Shamaly*, and Jail Clinical Social Worker, *Natalie True*.
- **Law Enforcement Assistant Diversion program kick-off in Fayetteville:** 1st Policy Coordinating Group (PCG) meetings on May 27 and June 24. Stakeholder/working group training scheduled for July 22.
- The Health Department led a Naloxone distribution training for the Department of Social Services staff in April.
- The Opioid Task Force hosted a mini summit in April attracting over 45 participants.
- The Harnett County Community Paramedics Receive the 2025 Heart of Crisis Intervention Team Award.
- Approved \$44,110 for the Dunn Police Athletic League for early intervention programs (April).







**HARNETT 95**



**BYRD INDUSTRIAL SITE**



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Property Development

### Harnett 95:

- Samet is in the construction phase for Building 1, a 175,500 SF industrial facility.

### Robin Hood Site:

- In-process – Completing due diligence activities on the site. Funding provided by Duke Energy.

### U.S. 301 S. Industrial Site:

- In-process – Completing Due Diligence activities on the site. Funding provided by HEDC.

### Western Harnett Industrial Park:

- Awarded a Golden LEAF Foundation grant for engineering and design services and partial clearing and grading of Phase 1, approx. 40-acres.

### Edgerton Industrial Park:

- Site 1 – Cleared and graded (now shown as Site 1 and Site 2, separated by wetlands). Funding provided by Golden LEAF Foundation and Harnett Economic Development Corporation (HEDC).
- Site 3 – Initiated engineering and design consulting services for future clearing and grading. Funding provided by HEDC.

### Harnett 87 Business Park:

- Completed a Road Identification project to understand how to best get to County-owned property from Hwy 87.



MID PORT 95

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## CONTINUED

### Existing Businesses and Industry

- **ILC Dover:** An Ingersoll Rand company, opened with 25 employees in Lillington.
- **KriGen Pharmaceuticals:** Acquired by Dynamic Biologics, though keeping the same name. In pre-FDA approval stage for niche drug development and novel dosage forms. Currently 23 employees with expectations to nearly double in size by the end of 2026.

### Marketing

- Produced a video featuring Godwin Manufacturing for Research Triangle Regional Partnership's (RTRP) Spotlight of Harnett County.
- Produced a video featuring active industrial properties across Harnett County for push marketing efforts.
- Launched new online property marketing and mapping software on [harnettedc.org](http://harnettedc.org) to enhance the visibility of available industrial and commercial properties.



**RESEARCH TRIANGLE  
REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP'S  
SPOTLIGHT**





# EMERGENCY SERVICES

- EMS has reached a one-year milestone with the whole blood program, providing 26 units thus far. Harnett County is only the 17th agency in North Carolina to offer this life saving intervention.
- EMS CPR/AED community training has been highly successful. We are striving to be recognized as a Safe Community by the American Heart Association, and we have reached 18% of the required 22% for that recognition. This program has actually seen success from citizens providing CPR prior to EMS arrival resulting in saves.
- Emergency Management has planned and executed a multi discipline Tabletop Exercise testing our response to an active assailant. This was a highly successful exercise providing both responders and school staff the opportunity to work together through a complex issue. This will be followed up by a July 20th active exercise involving the same players.
- Emergency Management has been busy with emergency calls to over 47 incidents the last quarter. They have provided incident management for fire investigations, HAZMAT response, technical rescue and water rescue operations.
- Four Deputy Fire Marshals and the Daytime Deputy Fire Marshal completed Hovercraft Pilot Certification; three previously certified personnel completed refresher training.
- Two Deputy Fire Marshals completed North Carolina Fire and Life Safety Educator certification.
- Reviewed legacy fire investigation case files, obtained evidence disposal orders, and disposed of 164 evidentiary items.
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# FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

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- Installed nine HVAC units and upgraded all lights from T12 fixtures to LED in the Development Services and Information Technology building.
- Installed new HVAC Chiller and new flooring at the Agriculture Center.
- Installed Commercial Hot water heater at the DSS building.
- Installed new carpet at the Tax Department.
- Remodeled the front customer service area at the Register of Deeds office to include front counters, new carpet, and LED lights.
- Installed new HVAC units at the HARTS building.
- Added a new position to perform various cosmetic projects at the Detention Center.

## FINANCE

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- Team implemented the Employee Access Portal.
- The Finance Department is fully staffed.

## FLEET

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- 960 vehicle work orders were performed on 415 individual fleet vehicles.
- 30 callouts (roadside assistance) to jump start/replace batteries, fix flat tires, pull vehicles from ditches, and repair vehicle hoses.
- Construction of the 40' x 80' addition to the Fleet Maintenance facility underway.
- Sold seven surplus vehicles, one aviation fuel truck, five pieces of shop equipment, two pieces of heavy equipment, and three mowers on GovDeals online auction platform for \$93,690.00. The online auctions received 1,130 bids, 14,914 hits and 4,791 visitors.
- Processed NC DMV title work for 20 vehicles and two trailers.

# GENERAL SERVICES

## **Animal Services:**

*From dates January to June 2026*

- Total Animal Intake: **1,537**
- Total Adoptions: **413**
- Total Foster to Adopt: **221**
- Total Returned to Owner: **60**

## **Community Development:**

- Preparing to apply for the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Housing Preservation Grant 2026 when it becomes available. This will be in coordination with Facilities Maintenance.
- Approved three applications for utilities during this time period.

## **Harnett Area Rural Transit System (HARTS):**

- Total Trips (Rides): **17,253**
- Total Dialysis Trips (Rides): **7,269**
- Total Out of County (Medical): **1,057**

## **Youth Services:**

- Community Service Admissions: **25**
- Community Service Successful Terminations: **18**
- Total Community Service Hours: **508.5**
- Total Restitution Earned: **\$1694.98**

## **Teen Court**

- Teen Court Admissions: **12**
- Successful Terminations: **2**

# ANIMAL SERVICES





- Completed 9,320 data updates and additions.
- Successfully launched the new 911 Communication CAD system, April 1st. Collaborated with 911 and the CAD vendor to prepare all required data and rebuilt the entire workflow. Established new source data, updated editing processes, and created a revised workflow for CAD updates. Automation of recurring processes is still in progress.
- Processed and deployed the 2025 aerial imagery; it is now available online across applications.
- Streamlined the Board of Elections ballot-proofing workflow. Developed an app that allows BOE staff to verify voter registrations are assigned to the correct district/ward for all applicable offices, with built-in functionality for tracking review progress.
- Rebuilt the Tax Sales application for the Revaluation team.
- Continued expansion and support of the Opioid Task Force Naloxone Distribution application.

## HARNETT REGIONAL JETPORT

- **Hangar Renovation:** Completed phase one of hangar 599 renovation. Interior structure demolition and door replacement.
- **Hangar Acquisition:** Acquired hangar 559 to expand airport capabilities and promote economic growth.
- **Corporate Area Development:** Completed land clearing and preconstruction testing and study requirements. Obtained \$500,000.00 grant from Golden LEAF and awarded the bid for construction to Fred Smith Company.
- **Land Acquisition:** Secured 80 acres of property south of the runway for the runway lengthening project.







- **NCDHHS Oral Health partnership:** Partnered with the NCDHHS Oral Health Program to offer a free dental screening clinic June 22-26. The dental hygienists screened 51 children and placed 146 sealants. All children were referred to local dental providers for follow up evaluations and continuity of care.
- **Mobile Unit Outreach:** A mobile outreach calendar was developed and published on our website to keep the community informed of upcoming outreach events. The mobile unit currently visits three established locations each month, with services provided by various departments: Saleeby Family YMCA, Coats Senior Center, and Carlie C's in Dunn.
- **2025 Community Health Assessment:** In collaboration with Campbell University, we completed the 2025 Harnett County Community Health Assessment (CHA). It was released in March 2026. The CHA highlights the community's key health needs, strengths, and priorities identified through community surveys and listening sessions. These findings will help guide future programs, partnerships, and strategies to improve the health and well-being of residents. The three priority areas identified through the assessment are: Access to Food and Nutrition, Behavioral Health, and Recreation and Community Connection.





## GO RED LUNCH & LEARN EVENT

These priorities will serve as the foundation for the Harnett County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), which will outline strategies and partnerships to address the community's most pressing health needs over the coming years.

- **Bingocize (March-May 2026):** The Health Education Division hosted its first Bingocize® program. This 10-week, evidence-based program combines bingo, gentle exercise, and health education to improve mobility, reduce fall risk, and promote social connection among older adults and individuals with disabilities. Seventeen people participated in the program.

- **Eat Well, Live Well Mediterranean Cooking Demo (January 8th):** In partnership with the Harnett County Cooperative Extension, we offered a Eat Well, Live Well Mediterranean Cooking Demonstration. Participants learned about the health benefits of the Mediterranean eating pattern, which has been shown to help reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, and type 2 diabetes. Eleven people participated in the program and learned how to prepare a vegetarian white bean chili.

# HEALTH DEPARTMENT & DIVISION ON AGING CONTINUED

- **2026 Mobile Free Pharmacy Event:**

Our department participated in a Mobile Free Pharmacy event hosted by NC Med Assist in partnership with Alliance Health on 6/5/26. This community outreach initiative provided over-the-counter medications and valuable health resources to local residents. A total of 1,168 individuals were served during the event, receiving services on-site. Among those served, 16.78% were uninsured, highlighting the important role this program plays in supporting individuals without access to healthcare resources.

These efforts reflect the ongoing commitment to improving community health and ensuring that all residents have access to the medications and support they need.

- **2026 Harnett County Advanced Care Planning Expo:** In collaboration with Mid-Carolina AAA and the NC Serious Illness Coalition provided free training to 56 residents on Advanced Care Directives made possible through a grant from the NC Health Sciences Innovations Group.

“**1,168**  
**RESIDENTS SERVED**”



# HUMAN RESOURCES

- The Harnett Management Academy had its second cohort graduation on April 15, 2026, recognizing 18 employees for successfully completing the program.
- Conducted 12 new hire orientation sessions, leading to the successful onboarding of 139 new employees.

## **Employee Engagement:**

- Employee Recognition Program started in January as the “Strong Roots Employee of the Month.”
- Celebrated National Pi Day and HR Liaison Board Game Tournament in March 2026.
- Implemented a new quarterly HR Turnover Analysis presentation as part of our exit survey process to provide leadership with meaningful workforce data and trends.
- Implemented new hire retention checkpoints at one week, 30, 60, 90 days and one year check ins from HR to identify any concerns and to provide support to newly hired employees to strengthen overall employee retention and engagement.

## **Employee Benefits and Wellness:**

- Held a variety of wellness challenges for employees in January and February 2026.
- Held weekly Well-Being Lunch and Learns in conjunction with our Health Department in March 2026.
- Had a 5K event, Well Being Lunch and Learn, and Benefit Provider Day in April 2026.
- Had Open Enrollment in May for the new benefits plan year, had many events for Mental Health which included Chalk it Up, Encouragement Tree and Paws for a Break partnered with Animal Services.
- In June we celebrated Men’s Health with a Men’s Health Talk (partnered with the Health Department) and Putt for Prevention.

“**139**  
**NEW EMPLOYEES**”



# INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

- Successfully launched the new 911 Communication Computer Aided Dispatch system, April 1st. Collaborated with Communications and the CAD vendor to setup servers, networking and security.
- Installed/replaced 507 devices including pc, phones, and MiFi devices
- Converted all county phones to Webex cloud.
- Installed new cameras and upgraded video records at all library branches, installed cameras at Cooperative Extension building, and Park locations.
- Responded to 4,431 technical requests.
- Worked with Board of Elections to network all voting sites to maintain electronic records on site.
- Remodeled and moved computers at the Tax and Register of Deeds building.

# LEGAL

- Reviewed 681 contracts which includes change orders.
  - Responded to 241 public records requests with an average response time of five days.
  - Completed facility-wide hazard assessments and prioritized corrective actions for the Sheriff's Department and Detention Center, HRW Administration building, Water Treatment Plant, and the Solid Waste facilities and landfills at Erwin/Dunn and Anderson Creek.
- Risk Management:**
- Made improvements to installations of AEDs throughout Harnett County buildings with ongoing inspections and maintenance.
  - Hazard inspection forms were created specifically for each area due to the variety of locations.
  - The Safety Committee was convened, and revisions and updates were made to the Vehicle Use Policy.
  - Introduced monthly safety topics in the County employee newsletter.
  - During this period, we are developing an updated county wide safety manual.

# LIBRARY

- 701 patrons attended our Main Branch Summer Reading Kickoff. Our other branches saw attendance ranges of 100-300 participants.
- Awarded a National Endowment for the Arts Big Read grant in the amount of \$5,000 for a community read project.
- Awarded an ADA compliance grant for Erwin Public Library in the amount of \$10,000.
- Awarded Libraries Strengthening Connections Grant for Chromebook expansion in the amount of \$25,000.
- Completed Branch RFID Expansion project. All branches now have operational gates and all items are tagged. All branches now have Self-Checkout functionality.
- **Programs held:**  
1,023 which is an 17% increase from the same period last year.
- **Program Participants:**  
21,999 which is an 10% increase from the same period last year.
- **Physical circulations:**  
184,754 which is an 8% increase.
- **Electronic circulations:**  
47,630 which is an 15% increase.
- **Computer use in library branches:**  
8,562 which is an increase of 8%.
- **New patrons:**  
3,344 which is an increase of 3%.

## MAIN LIBRARY

JULY 2026





# PARKS & RECREATION

- Opened the new restroom building at Patriots Park.
- Completed the master planning process for a future park in Northwest Harnett along Oakridge River Road.
- Replaced the playground at Anderson Creek County Park to provide additional play elements and increase safety.
- Kicked off design and engineering for phase two of the Cape Fear Shiner Park.
- Began the development of phase one of Neills Creek Park renovation with concept and schematic design.
- Rented ballfields, picnic shelters, gymnasiums, and meeting spaces for a total of 800.3 hours.
- Hosted over 309,000 visitors to our parks.

“ OVER  
**309,000**  
VISITORS ”





# PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

Harnett County continues to experience strong growth in its **social media** platforms during the first half of 2026.

- **Facebook:** Harnett County received more than 3 million views, a 9.9% increase compared to the same period in 2025. The page received 381 new followers, generating over 64,000 page visits, and over 159,000-page engagements.
- **Instagram:** Harnett County's Instagram increased to more than 2,100 followers, an increase of more than 170 new followers during the first half of the year. Content received more than 89,000 views and reached 12,500 accounts, demonstrating a 63.5% increase in the number of individuals viewing County content compared to last year during the same period.

## Website Performance:

- Harnett County's website continues to serve as a vital resource and hub of information for residents and visitors.
- During the first half of 2026, the website received 405,253 visitors, generating 1,029,234 page views. Compared to the first half of 2025, this represents a 19.0% increase in visitor traffic and a 16.6% increase in page views. Nearly half of all website traffic (49.92%) came from users accessing the website on a smartphone.

## Website Chatbot:

- Harnett County has worked to implement a new AI-powered chatbot for the County website. The County selected Polimorphic to provide the new service. The chatbot is designed to provide immediate answers and guide visitors to the information on our website. The chatbot will be available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, providing assistance even when County offices are closed.

## Newsletter

- The citizen Harnett Happenings newsletter continues to perform strong. The first half of 2026 has received 193 new subscribers allowing us to keep residents informed and engaged.



# 405,253 WEBSITE VISITORS



# REGISTER OF DEEDS

The Register of Deeds Office has continued to provide accurate, timely, and professional recording, indexing, and vital records services to the citizens of Harnett County.

## **Staff Development | Removing Office Department:**

- Continuing education
- Cross-training

## **New Services:**

- Passport Acceptance Facility
- NC Wildlife Service Agent

## **Thank-A-Vet Program:**

- Continue to add businesses to help support the program. Currently over 60 businesses partnered and have issued 226 cards to Veterans.

“**60**  
**BUSINESSES**  
**PARTNERED**”

# SOCIAL SERVICES

## **Agency-wide Training**

- 45 staff completed CPR training
- Trained 28 new employees
- Moved Community Day to October for cooler weather

## **Income Maintenance**

- Actively engaged in community outreach, participating in 11 events.

## **Placement**

- 42 foster children have achieved permanence.
- Completed 17 adoptions.
- Conducted a Foster Parenting class licensing five new foster parent families.

## **Program Integrity**

- Collected \$195,638.00 in debtor recoupments.

## **Child Support**

- On track to collect over \$10 million in payments this fiscal year.

## **Child Protective Services**

- Partnered with the Health Department for training and distribution of Naloxone kits.
- Collaborated with Headstart, the Sheriff's Office and local municipalities to host several events during "Prevent Child Abuse Awareness Month."



# SOCIAL SERVICES

PINWHEEL  
CEREMONY  
APRIL 2026

- Received and investigated 100 reports on average per month.
- Providing services to an average of 352 children per month who remain in their parents' custody.

## Adult Services

- Participated in three outreach events.
- Organized fundraisers for our elderly assistance fund.
- Managed the lives of 46 wards and 200 elderly and disabled adults on average per month.

“  
**17**  
**ADOPTIONS**  
**ACHIEVED**

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# SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

## Technical Assistance

- **Agriculture Cost Share Program:** Through the North Carolina Agriculture Cost Share Program, Harnett County farmers received \$91,484 in financial assistance to implement conservation practices that protect natural resources, improve water quality, and support the long-term sustainability of agricultural operations throughout the county.
- **Conservation Equipment Rental Program:** The District's two No-Till Grain Drills were used to plant 678 acres using conservation tillage practices, helping producers improve soil health and reduce erosion. With an average rental cost of \$211, the program provides farmers with affordable access to specialized equipment that would otherwise require an investment of approximately \$33,000 to purchase, increasing the adoption of sustainable farming practices across Harnett County.

## Farmland Preservation

- **Conservation Easements:** Through leveraged funding from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Regional Conservation Partnership Program, \$1,416,360 was secured to establish a working lands conservation easement on 330 acres of managed timberland adjacent to the Cape Fear River in northwestern Harnett County. This investment protects valuable forest resources, preserves

working lands, and supports the long-term conservation of water quality, wildlife habitat, and the region's natural resources.

## Conservation Education

- **Women in Agriculture:** To enhance farm management knowledge and strengthen decision-making skills among female agricultural producers and landowners, the Harnett Women in Agriculture Program was launched in February 2026. The program offers quarterly educational meetings covering a variety of agricultural topics relevant to farm ownership and management. To date, more than 50 women have participated, with participants reporting increased confidence in identifying and accessing resources needed to make informed farm business decisions and plan for the future of their farming operations.
- **Keep Harnett Beautiful:** The Spring Litter Sweep engaged 760 volunteers who contributed more than 1,800 hours to beautify Harnett County and protect water quality. The estimated value of their volunteer service was \$63,872, demonstrating a strong community commitment to environmental stewardship and conservation of our natural resources.
- **NC Envirothon Program:** Provided educational resources and financial support for four middle school and two high school Envirothon teams. All six teams advanced from the Area Envirothon Competition to

the State Competition, reflecting their dedication and strong understanding of natural resource conservation and environmental science. At the state level, three middle school teams finished among the top 15 of 48 competing teams, while one high school team placed 23rd out of 47 teams, showcasing the success of Harnett County students in this statewide academic competition.



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## VOLUNTEERS

SPRING LITTER SWEEP



# SOLID WASTE

- Coordinated a public event for safe hazardous waste disposal and secure document shredding.
- Oversaw the completion of the Anderson Creek Landfill cell expansion project.
- Purchased a new roll-off truck to support landfill operations.
- Completed the relocation of the Northwest Convenience Center resulting in a more suitable facility to support current and future Solid Waste operations.

# TAX DEPARTMENT

- Hosted a series of community meetings (10 total) to discuss the 2026 Property Tax Reappraisal process in February 2026. Each meeting included a presentation on how property taxes are assessed, how to navigate the appeal process, and personal property mobile home reappraisal information.
  - Mailed 82,096 real property value change notices and 7,080 personal property mobile home value change notices to property owners for the 2026 reappraisal on March 13, 2026.
  - Hosted three Property Tax Reappraisal Assistance and Appeal Filing Events in April and May 2026. These events were intended to offer residents one-on-one assistance reviewing their property value, receive step-by-step help filing an appeal, and to answer questions that residents may have.
- The Tax Department will help guide property owners through these processes.
- Harnett County Board of Equalization and Review convened on April 13, 2026 and adjourned on May 22, 2026. This marked the deadline for real property value appeals for tax year 2026. Our office received 697 personal property mobile home appeals, and 4,694 real property appeals during this time.
  - Mailed 7,789 discovery notices for unlisted personal property for the 2026 tax year on June 18, 2026. This is an annual billing preparation process mandated by NCGS 105-312.





# NC 13 VETERANS INITIATIVE

## VETERANS SERVICES

- Hosted Coffee and Conversation at the Benhaven Library in January attracting around 10 family members.
- Hosted a Veterans Breakfast & Information Session in the RCL building for 87 Veterans and Caregivers.
- Participated in the Community Resource, Education, & Career Fair in Dunn.
- Hosted Memorial Day Ceremony in the RCL building honoring those that made the ultimate sacrifice to our nation. Over 100 Veterans and families attended.
- Received a Betsy Ross 250 US Flag from the Woodmen of World in Mamers for display in the Veterans Hallway.
- Hosted the NC 13 Veterans Initiative event along with Congressman Brad Knott at the RCL over a 2-day period. It was attended by over 300 Veterans and families from across the NC 13th Congressional District.

# WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

- NCWorks staff provided 218 services to employers. Services included recruitment assistance to help businesses connect with qualified applicants, employer registration in NCWorks, labor market information, tax credit information, on-the-job training, and work-based learning opportunities.
- A total of 384 new customers registered in NCWorks for the first time during the reporting period, including 53 veterans.
- NCWorks staff provided 7,150 services to individuals, with 992 of those services delivered to veterans. Services included job search assistance, career assessments, labor market information, job placement assistance, and educational and training referrals.
- Staff also assisted customers with developing and uploading résumés into NCWorks. A total of 627 résumés were added to the system, including 42 résumés from veterans. Through the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) program, three veterans were enrolled in training services.
- In addition, staff assisted 205 individuals through the Wagner-Peyser Employment Service program by providing employment and workforce participation services.

## **NCWorks Harnett County Annual Employer Job and Resource Fair**

- NCWorks Harnett County hosted its Annual Employer Job and Resource Fair on April 8, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The event brought together employers actively seeking to hire along with community organizations providing valuable resources and support services.
- Participating employers included Boon Edam, Caterpillar, Cumberland County School System, Duke Energy, Forever Clean, Harnett County Government, and Wellons Construction.
- Sixty-four (64) job seekers attended.

## **Community Outreach**

- Workforce development attended or engaged with the following community organizations: Harnett County Food Bank, Beacon Rescue Mission (Dunn), Angier Food Bank, Harnett County Child Support Court, Benhaven Early College, Central Carolina Community College, Harnett County Schools (CTE) Program, Town of Coats, Town of Angier, Anderson Creek Senior Center, YMCA (Cameron), Johnsonville Community Center, Boone Trail Community Center, and Libraries branches in Angier, Dunn, Erwin, Benhaven and Anderson Creek. Erwin Community Day.

**384** NEW CUSTOMERS  
REGISTERED

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RESUMES  
DEVELOPED **627**

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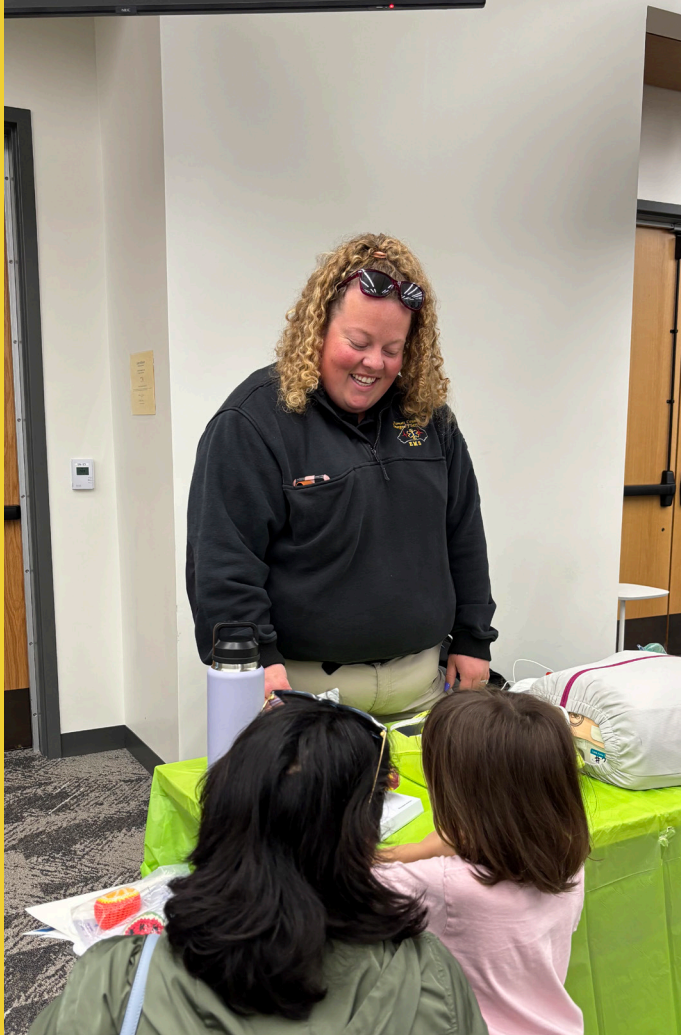
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PROVIDED

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VETERANS  
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