

# HOPE MILLS HAPPENINGS

A Proud Past....A Bright Future



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## MANAGER'S CORNER

I would like to thank the Town Staff, Commissioners and community for welcoming me and my family to Hope Mills. Three months have flown by extremely rapidly. Projects and development items continue to flood in and our work team has excellent communication and coordination with both internal and external customers. I am honored to have the opportunity to work for Hope Mills. Everyday I feel proud that we make a positive difference. There are several organizational items, hiring's, and processes that are being coordinated and the future looks bright for our citizens and businesses.

We continue to be involved in the progress of the new Public Safety Building which is on schedule for completion in December 2022, and numerous Town projects are slated for implementation. There are numerous events and celebrations coming up, come out - take precautions with COVID, but remain involved.

Financially, the Town closed out the Fiscal Year strong and revenues are above projections. It is hard to believe that it has been 20 years since the events of September 11th - please take time to recognize a service member, emergency responder, or volunteer as they all give and sacrifice of themselves to make our lives better - THANK YOU

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**MAYOR'S**  
*Corner*



I visited every school in Hope Mills on the first day back for teachers just to let the principals know that we were looking forward to a successful school year. As a former Southview Administrator I was invited to participate in their back to school event for staff. The excitement at Southview High School was enhanced by "Tiger Rag" being played by the band on either side of the walkway as teachers, staff and guests arrived. The enthusiasm for the new school year started with the welcome by the Superintendent then the theme of "Gathering the Tigers" was expressed by an array of speakers. School pride is a way of life in every school from the bright welcome back signs to the happy expressions of all who work in the school. Our community is very fortunate to have such wonderful institutes for our children to attend. Hopefully the 2021 school year will be in-person so the school spirit can be shared together.

As we plan for the remainder of our 130th Anniversary year, we continue to consider safety and concern for COVID. Our events will be posted on our digital marquee at the lake and updates will be made if it is necessary to cancel or reschedule. Just as our children are looking forward to being in class and participating in school events - we are also looking forward to the day that we can once more carry on our traditions - because we have that spirit, that pride, we are Hope Mills Strong!

Jackie Warner



## JOHN W. HODGES PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

### *Update*



Garner & Brown Architects PA provided the following update:

- Upper floor slab placed at Fire Department side to complete upper floor. Angle iron post for safety rail at balcony is set in concrete walkway. This will require removal and concrete repair prior to installation of floor finish. Safety railings are in place at perimeter of entire building and balcony.
- Structural steel erection complete with connections being finalized and inspected. Outriggers in process of being placed at west end of Fire Department side. Police Department roof decking is 90% complete with bent plate edges members in place. Fire Department decking and outriggers not started.
- Brick veneer Fire Department north wall laid up to windowsill height. West wall corner about the same height. Brick laid to lower floor level, between apparatus doors, and portion of west wall. Base flashing in place with termination bar and sealed joints at corner. Insulation 2" polyisocyanurate installed between brick tiles.
- Exterior concrete block appears to be complete and dampproofed. Interior block is 98% complete.
- Steel beams penetrate CMU (concrete block or concrete masonry units) walls in several places and extend into face of block on opposite side. Consequently, the face of CMU has been removed. Steel will require cutting off for clearance and installation of face shell for CMU.
- The Public Safety Building is 35% complete and on schedule for December 2022 completion.





## EMPLOYEE

# Spotlight

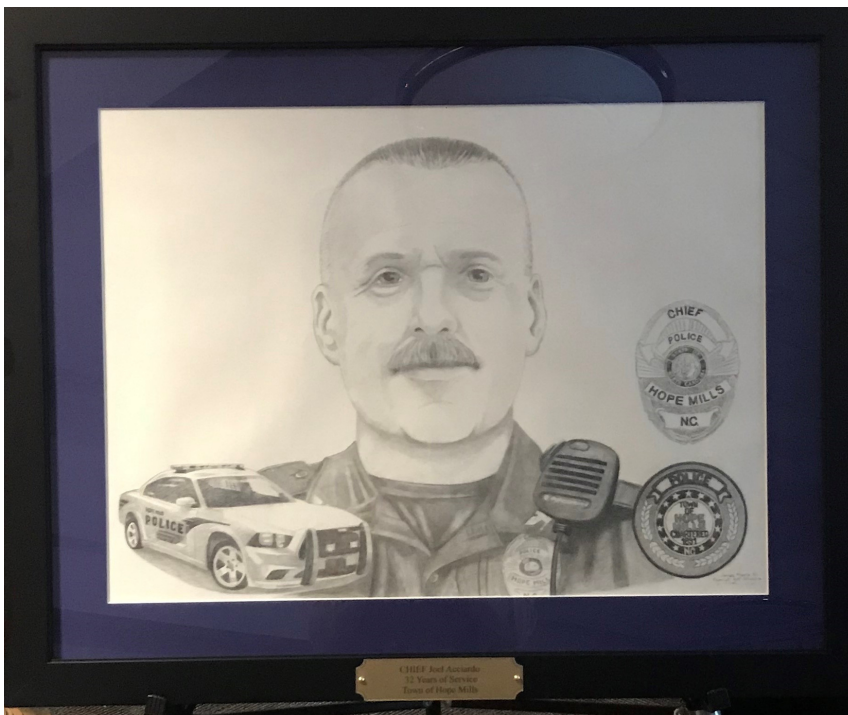
### JOEL ACCIARDO CHIEF OF POLICE

During the August 30th regular Board of Commissioners meeting, Police Chief Joel AcciarDO was awarded his badge, credentials, and service weapon. After 32 years of dedicated service for the Town of Hope Mills, Chief AcciarDO is retiring.

Hired as a dispatcher on June 9, 1989, AcciarDO worked his way up through the Police Departments ranks to become Chief of Police in 2012.

Among his many other accomplishments with the Town, Joel was named Officer of the Year in 1993, and received a Life Saving Award in 2004.

WE THANK CHIEF ACCIARDO AND HIS FAMILY FOR THEIR CONTINUED DEDICATION TO THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS AND WISH THEM THE VERY BEST FOR THE FUTURE



Chief AcciarDO was presented with the above portrait that will be displayed in the future John W. Hodges Public Safety Center



## EMPLOYEE

# Spotlight

### **JAMIE GESSLEIN VICTIM ADVOCATE**

Jamie Gesslein began serving as the Victim Advocate for the Hope Mills Police Department in March 2021. She is the first Victim Advocate to work for the Hope Mills Police Department, and is grateful for the opportunity to build the foundation of victim services for the Town. As the Victim Advocate for the Hope Mills Police Department, Jamie Gesslein is available to assist individuals with filing for 50-B Domestic Violence Protective Orders. This service became available in Hope Mills in May 2021. After a need for a remote filing site for Domestic Violence Protective Orders in Hope Mills was identified by the North Carolina Judicial Branch, the Town added the Victim Advocate position to facilitate DVPO filing in Hope Mills. Victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking in which the victim has a qualifying personal relationship to the offender are able to file for 50-B Civil Domestic Protective Orders without going to the Cumberland County Courthouse, and without leaving Hope Mills, in an effort to make this process more accessible and confidential. In addition to assisting with Domestic Violence Protective Orders, Ms. Gesslein is also able to assist victims of reported crime in various other ways. This includes emotional support, information on victim's rights, referrals to community resources, assistance with Victim's Compensation, and providing information on the criminal justice system. Additional services are offered on a case-by-case basis and determined by a victim's individual needs and goals.

Jamie graduated from Georgia Southwestern State University in 2017, and earned a BS in Psychology, as well as a minor in Sociology and a certificate in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.

Prior to moving to North Carolina and joining the Hope Mills Police Department, Ms. Gesslein worked for the Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center as a Victim Advocate for the Sexual Assault Program. During that time, part of her duties included providing emergency assistance to survivors of sexual assault through hospital accompaniment and a 24-hour crisis hotline that provided informational resources and support to survivors. Ms. Gesslein specialized in working with survivors of human trafficking, as well as incarcerated survivors of sexual assault. Ms. Gesslein frequently attended trainings focused on human trafficking, sexual assault, and trauma, and utilized this knowledge to effectively provide wrap-around services to survivors of human trafficking and other forms of sexual violence. Ms. Gesslein led a support group for incarcerated survivors of sexual violence, abuse, and trauma at the local county jail and helped implement an education program at the local Juvenile Detention Center that focused on body safety, the dangers of teen dating violence, and cyber safety. Ms. Gesslein provided trauma-informed educational trainings for community partners, including local law enforcement agencies. Ms. Gesslein also regularly conducted outreach in an effort to inform community members about local resources, with a focus on reaching individuals experiencing homelessness in order to ensure that one of the most vulnerable populations received assistance. Jamie participated in the Gulf Coast Children's Advocacy Center's inaugural Excellence Through Leadership Program, which was a year-long leadership & professional development course. The skills she learned in this program, along with her professional experiences, have been valuable for setting the framework for the role of the Victim Advocate at the Hope Mills Police Department.

# INFORMATION FOR FILING

## Protection Orders

### ↙ You Need A ↘

#### 50B Protection Order

You can file for this type of protective order if you and the person you are filing against:

- ◇ Are current or former spouses
- ◇ Are persons of the opposite sex who currently live together or have lived together in a domestic relationship
- ◇ Is your child, a parent, grandchild or grandparent
- ◇ Have a child in common
- ◇ Are current or former household members
- ◇ Are persons of the opposite sex who are currently dating or have been in a dating relationship

Available filing locations for this type of order include:

- ⇒ Rape Crisis of Cumberland County
- ⇒ Cross Creek Substation of Fayetteville Police Department
- ⇒ Army Community Center of Fort Bragg
- ⇒ Domestic Violence Safe-Link Office in Cumberland County Courthouse

#### 50C Protection Order

You can file for this type of protective order if you and the person you are filing against:

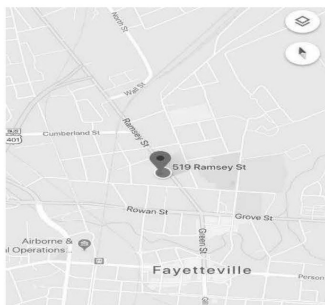
Have any other relationship not listed under the 50B criteria or the person is unknown to you

Available filing locations for this type of order include:

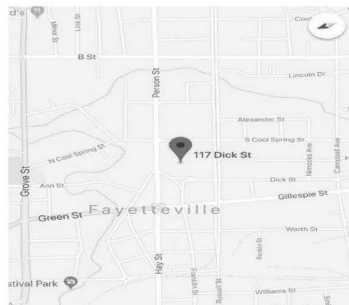
- ⇒ Domestic Violence Safe-Link Office in Cumberland County Courthouse

Walk-ins for the Safe-Link office are only accepted Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

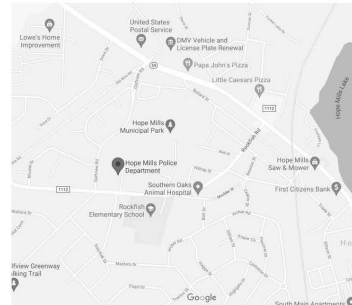
Rape Crisis of Cumberland County  
519 Ramsey St. Fayetteville, NC



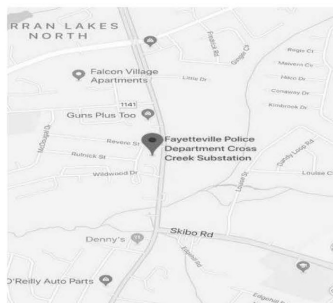
Clerk of Court  
Safe-Link Office - Room 340  
117 Dick St. Fayetteville, NC



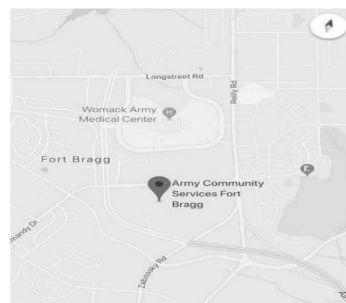
Hope Mills Police Department  
5770 Rockfish Rd. Hopemills, NC



Fayetteville Police Department  
Cross Creek Substation  
6147 Raeford Rd. Fayetteville, NC



Army Community Service  
Soldier Support Center – 3rd Floor  
2843 Normandy Dr. Fort Bragg, NC



# INFORMATION FOR FILING

## *Protection Orders*

### ELECTRONIC FILING FOR 50-B DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Did you know that you can file your 50-B Civil Domestic Violence Order lawsuit and process your emergency request without coming to the Cumberland County Courthouse?

Victims can complete and file an order of protection and have their case heard before a judge via video-conference at all four locations. Electronic filing for domestic violence protective orders offers victims a safe and confidential environment outside of the courthouse to file for a protective order with the assistance of a trained advocate. Offering this option provides victims the opportunity to have immediate access to the full continuum of additional services such as counseling, safety planning, shelter, legal referrals and case management.

### ***E-File locations are found at:***

<b>Rape Crisis of Cumberland County</b>	<b>Army Community Service</b>	<b>Fayetteville Police Department: Cross Creek Substation</b>	<b>Hope Mills Police Department: Town Hall Building</b>
Monday - Friday 8:00am-12:30pm	Monday - Friday 8:00am-12:30 pm	Tuesday & Thursday 8:00am-12:30pm	Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8:00am-12:30pm
519 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville NC (910) 485-7273	3rd Floor Soldier Support Center 2843 Normandy Drive, Fort Bragg NC (910) 396-5521	6147 Raeford Rd, Fayetteville NC (910) 433-1885	5770 Rockfish Rd, Hope Mills NC (910) 424-4555

### IMPORTANT LOCAL INFORMATION TO HELP YOU

#### ALL EMERGENCIES—CALL 911

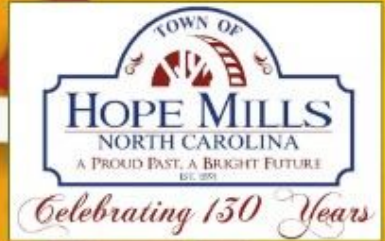
- Army Community Services** - 3rd Floor Soldier Support Center..... (910) 396-5521  
2843 Normandy Drive, Fort Bragg, NC
- Clerk of Court Domestic Violence Safe-Link Office**..... (910) 475-3000  
117 Dick Street, Room 340, Fayetteville, NC
- Cumberland County District Attorney's Office** .....(910) 475-3010  
117 Dick Street, Suite 427 Fayetteville, NC
- Cumberland County Magistrate**..... (910) 672-5633  
204 Gillespie Street, Fayetteville, NC
- Cumberland County Sheriff's Office**..... (910) 677-5454  
131 Dick Street, Fayetteville, NC
- Domestic Violence "CARE" Center (CARE CRISIS LINE)** ..... (910) 677-2532  
1225 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC
- Fayetteville Police Department** ..... (910) 433-1849  
467 Hay Street, Fayetteville, NC
- Hope Mills Police Department** .....(910) 425-4103  
5776 Rockfish Road, Hope Mills, NC
- Legal Aid— Cumberland County** ..... (910) 483-0400  
327 Dick Street, Suite 103, Fayetteville, NC
- Local Hospital—Cape Fear Valley Medical Center** ..... (910) 615-4000  
1638 Owen Drive, Fayetteville, NC
- Rape Crisis of Cumberland County** ..... (910) 485-7273  
519 Ramsey Street, Fayetteville, NC
- Womack Army Medical Center** ..... (910) 907-6000  
2817 Reilly Road, Fort Bragg, NC



**SAVE THE DATE**

*Fall Clean-Up Events & Town-Wide Yard Sale*

# FALL CLEAN-UP EVENTS



**SATURDAY  
SEPTEMBER  
18  
9AM-1PM**

**COMMUNITY  
YARD  
SALE**

**TOWN-WIDE YOUR OWN YARD! \$5**  
RAIN OR SHINE  
ADDRESS ON VIRTUAL MAP & YARD SIGN PROVIDED  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED - REGISTER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13

**SPRING  
LITTER  
SWEEP**

**TOWN-WIDE \*VOLUNTEERS NEEDED\* FREE**  
VESTS, GLOVES, PICKERS, TRASH BAGS PROVIDED  
MEET AT HM RECREATION CENTER @ 9 AM  
MUST BE 18 YRS. OLD TO REGISTER A MINOR  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED - REGISTER UNTIL SEPTEMBER 13

**HOUSEHOLD  
HAZARDOUS  
WASTE**

**MUNICIPAL PARK FREE**  
TOWN OF HOPE MILLS RESIDENTS ONLY  
NO CONTRACTORS  
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (910) 424-4555

**SHRED  
IT  
EVENT**

**MUNICIPAL PARK FREE**  
NO ONSITE SHREDDING  
UP TO 5 BOXES PER RESIDENT - PAPER PRODUCTS ONLY

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ABOVE EVENTS  
PLEASE VISIT [WWW.TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM](http://WWW.TOWNOFHOPEMILLS.COM)





## MUNICIPAL ELECTION

### *Polling Sites*

For the purpose of voting in the Town of Hope Mills Municipal Election held on November 2, 2021 the following temporary transfers have been approved:

- Voters who normally vote at the Cumberland 03 Precinct, Cumberland Mills Elementary School, 2576 Hope Mills Road, will vote at Cumberland 1A, E Melvin Honeycutt Elementary School located at 4655 Lakewood Drive.
- Voters who normally vote at the Cumberland 04 Precinct, John Griffin Middle School, 5551 Fisher Road, will vote at Cumberland 1A, E Melvin Honeycutt Elementary School located at 4655 Lakewood Drive.
- Voters who normally vote at the Hope Mills 2B Precinct, Gallberry Farm Elementary School, 8019 Byerly Drive, will vote at Hope Mills 2A Precinct, Cotton Fire Department, 4618 Calico Street.
- Voters who normally vote at the Pearces Mill 2A Precinct, Pearces Mill Fire Department, 168 Dedication Drive, will vote at Hope Mills 03 Precinct, Hope Mills Middle School, 4975 Cameron Road.
- Voters who normally vote at the Pearces Mill 2B Precinct, Manna Church, 3744 Legion Road, will vote at Hope Mills 03 Precinct, Hope Mills Middle School, 4975 Cameron Road.
- Voters who normally vote at the Stoney Point 1 Precinct, Stoney Point Recreation Center, 7411 Rockfish Road, will vote at Stoney Point 2 Precinct, Lighthouse Baptist Church, 5991 Rockfish Road.

**\*\*Each voter affected will receive a letter from Cumberland County Board of Elections providing this information.**

***This information is also available of on the Cumberland County Board of Elections website:***

***<https://www.cumberlandcountync.gov/departments/election-group/elections/resources/polling-sites>***



## **FAMPO**

### *Multi-Modal Congestion Management Process Survey*

BE A VOICE IN THE VISION.

Fayetteville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (FAMPO) needs your help! Below is a link address for "WAYS TO BE A VOICE" Survey regarding the FAMPO Multi-Modal Congestion Management Process.

FAMPO has identified the need to update and create a comprehensive, Multi-Modal Congestion Management Process. The study objectives are to prepare a regional, multi-modal, congestion management transportation planning process suitable for implementation by local governments, FAMPO, public transportation providers, and NCDOT.

Please provide your input by taking the survey. Be sure to sign up to receive Project Alerts for project updates and meeting notices. Your input is extremely important for a highly successful Congestion Management Plan. SPREAD THE WORD!

Survey link address:

<http://www.congestionplan.com/input/>

 **fayetteville area**  
multi-modal congestion management process





**PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL RESIDENTS OF, VISITORS TO, AND OWNERS, TENANTS, AND OCCUPIERS OF CERTAIN INDOOR PREMISES TO WHICH THE PUBLIC IS INVITED OR ALLOWED TO ASSEMBLE WITHIN CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**ORDER OF THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR TO ABATE THE TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19, AN IMMINENT PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD, BY REQUIRING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN INDOOR SPACES WITHIN CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

WHEREAS, upon the Governor's issuance of Executive Order 180 on November 23, 2020, until the Governor's issuance of Executive Order 215 on May 14, 2021, there was a state-wide mandate that persons wear face coverings while inside most public and private buildings as a protective public health measure to limit the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, at the time the Governor's Executive Order 215 removed the state-wide mandate that persons wear face coverings, Cumberland County's positivity of infection rate was falling and reached a low of 5.7% at the beginning of July; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") advises that viruses constantly change through mutation and new variants of viruses are expected to occur; and

WHEREAS, the CDC reports that the current Delta variant of COVID-19 is more infectious and is leading to increased transmissibility when compared to other variants, even in vaccinated individuals; and

WHEREAS, the CDC and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) have issued guidance calling for all people, to include those who are vaccinated, to wear masks in indoor public spaces in a county of high or substantial levels of transmission, which includes Cumberland County; and

WHEREAS, face coverings are a low-cost and highly effective way of mitigating the spread of COVID-19, and, if adopted widely by all Cumberland County citizens, may help to prevent further restrictions on businesses and operations; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has said as recently as November 20, 2020, that there is evidence for the effectiveness of face coverings; and

WHEREAS, the CDC and NC DHHS have provided evidence of face coverings effectively blocking exhaled virus from an individual wearing a face covering, evidence of reduction in exposure to the virus for someone wearing a face covering, and evidence of the effectiveness of communities wearing face coverings; and

WHEREAS, I, the Cumberland County Public Health Director, find the following facts:

(1) over the last month, the positivity rate of COVID-19 infections in Cumberland County has increased significantly to 15.6% as of August 20, 2021, a rate which is almost three times the rate at the beginning of July, and the number of cases, to include those under the age of 18, is rising at an alarming rate;

(2) the positive rate of infections in surrounding counties is also very high, with Harnett at 14%, Hoke at 16.3%, Sampson at 15.6%, Bladen at 17.5%, Robeson at 15.0%, compared to the State of North Carolina at 11.9%;

(3) this increase in the spread of the Delta variant is resulting in the number of patients hospitalized with COVID-19 in Cape Fear Valley Health System's hospitals within Cumberland County to rise dramatically from fifteen persons several weeks ago to 140 as of August 23, 2021, with 86% of those patients being unvaccinated, 19 of those being on ventilators with 90% of those on ventilators being unvaccinated, and 5 of those being pediatric patients;

(4) since the onset of the pandemic, COVID-19 has been the cause of the deaths of 371 Cumberland County residents with 11 of those deaths having been since August 19, 2021;

(5) the majority of the hospitalized COVID-19 patients in Cumberland County are under the age of 55;

(6) as of August 20, 2021, approximately 49% of Cumberland County residents were fully vaccinated and approximately 48% of all North Carolinians were fully vaccinated;

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(7) of those fully vaccinated Cumberland County residents, 84% were age 65 or over, and 58.3% were over the age of 12;

(8) there is no currently approved vaccine for children under the age of 12;

(9) current incidence rates in Cumberland County demonstrate an incidence rate of 329 per 100,000 per week with about 1,000 new cases entering the public health workflow each week, an increase from about 500 cases weekly one month ago; and

(10) the dramatic rise in the incidence rate and numbers of COVID-19 patients being hospitalized and those needing ventilators within Cumberland County since the beginning of July is critically straining the capacity of the Cape Fear Valley Health System to provide the necessary level of patient hospital care for all patients and the Cumberland County Department of Public Health's resources to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING FINDINGS OF FACT, I, the Cumberland County Public Health Director, conclude as follows:

(1) The current Delta variant of the COVID-19 virus is highly transmissible and has more serious health consequences for unvaccinated persons within Cumberland County.

(2) The combination of the high rate of transmissibility, the high percentage of persons under age 65 being unvaccinated, and the slackening of measures to reduce transmissibility state-wide has resulted in such numbers of COVID-19 cases as to create an imminent public health hazard within Cumberland County by critically absorbing the capacity of the Cape Fear Valley Health System hospitals to provide the necessary level of patient hospital care and the Cumberland County Public Health Department's resources to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING CONCLUSIONS, I, the Cumberland County Public Health Director, pursuant to the authority vested in me by N.C.G.S. §§130A-19, 130A-20 and 130A-41, and with the formal request of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby order the abatement of the imminent public health hazard arising from the high rate of incidence of COVID-19 within Cumberland County which required 140 COVID-19 patients to be hospitalized in the Cape Fear Valley Health System's hospitals as of August 23, 2021, by using face coverings to reduce the transmissibility as follows:

### **Section 1. Face coverings to be worn in indoor spaces.**

(a) Unless subject to an exception stated in Section 2 of this Order, all persons within Cumberland County shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth while in indoor spaces to include, by way of example and not limitation, offices and workplaces, business establishments, private clubs attended by members, public transportation facilities and vehicles, stores for the sale of any goods, restaurants, bars, places for amusement or entertainment, gyms and places for exercise, schools, places of worship, or any place the public is invited or allowed to assemble.

(b) Owners, tenants, or occupiers conducting business or inviting or allowing persons to assemble in indoor spaces under their control shall notice all persons entering the indoor space of the face covering requirement and shall institute appropriate measures to see that persons within the indoor space under their control are complying with this Order.

### **Section 2. Persons to whom this Order shall not apply.**

(a) Face coverings shall not be required by someone who:

- (1) Should not wear a face covering due to any medical or behavioral condition or disability (including, but not limited to, any person who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious or incapacitated, or is otherwise unable to put on or remove the face covering without assistance);
- (2) Is under five (5) years of age and a parent, guardian, or responsible person has been unable to place and maintain a face covering safely on the child's face;
- (3) Is in a private, individual office;
- (4) Is actively eating or drinking;
- (5) Is seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing-impaired in a way that requires the mouth to be visible;

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- (6) Is giving a speech or performance for a broadcast, or to an audience, where they maintain a distance of at least 20 feet from the audience;
- (7) Is not in an indoor public space as described in this Order;
- (8) Is temporarily removing their face covering for identification purposes to secure government or medical services or at the request of a law enforcement officer;
- (9) Would be at risk of injury from wearing a face covering at work, as determined by local, state, or federal regulations or workplace safety guidelines;
- (10) Is participating in worship activities for which wearing a face covering hinders the participation;
- (11) Children under two (2) years of age should not wear a face covering.

(b) Anyone who declines to wear a face covering for any of these exceptions should not be required to produce documentation or any other proof of a condition. Businesses and other entities or institutions may accommodate exceptions if someone states that an exception applies.

### Section 3. Applicability.

This Order shall apply to Cumberland County and all the municipalities located within Cumberland County except for that portion of Cumberland County or any municipality that lies within the boundary of the Fort Bragg Military Reservation.

### Section 4. Implementation.

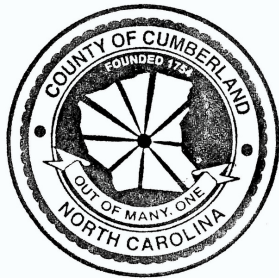
The intent of this Order is to encourage voluntary compliance with the requirements established herein by businesses and persons within the jurisdiction of Cumberland County and any municipality; however, the Cumberland County Public Health Director may take any action deemed necessary to enforce this Order in accordance with law.

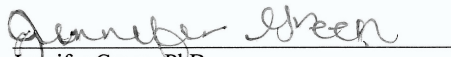
### Section 5. Distribution.

This Order shall be distributed to the news media and other organizations within Cumberland County calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the public and the businesses within Cumberland County, filed with the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, the Clerk of each municipality, and posted on the websites of the Cumberland County Department of Public Health and Cumberland County with additional information necessary to effectively implement it.

### Section 6. Effective Date and Time.

This Order shall take effect at 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 27, 2021, and shall remain in effect until rescinded upon the Cumberland County Public Health Director determining that the imminent public health hazard described herein is abated.



  
Jennifer Green, PhD  
Cumberland County Public Health Director

Attest:

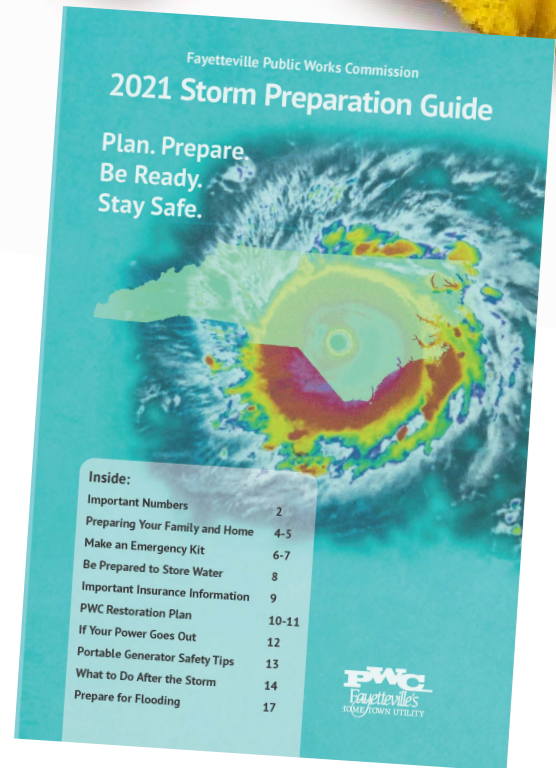
  
Candice H. White  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

**The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 - November 30.**

**While devastating hurricanes can occur anytime during those months, peak hurricane season is mid-August to late October. The Town of Hope Mills Storm Preparation Guide is available on our website, [www.townofhopemills.com](http://www.townofhopemills.com) under *Helpful Links*.**

In the August 2020 Volume 1, Issue 4 newsletter we provided the Town of Hope Mills Hurricane Season Storm Preparation Guide as referenced above. This year we are pleased to share several snapshots of another wonderful resource: *Fayetteville Public Works Commission 2021 Storm Preparation Guide*.

If you wish to receive a physical copy please visit PWC's website and fill out a request form:  
<https://www.faypwc.com/storm-preparation-guide-request-form/>



### 2021 Hurricane Names

Ana  
Bill  
Claudette  
Danny  
Elsa  
Fred  
Grace  
Henri  
Ida  
Julian  
Kate  
Larry  
Mindy  
Nicholas  
Odette  
Peter  
Rose  
Sam  
Theresa  
Victor  
Wanda

## Watches vs. Warnings

Hurricane watches and warnings are issued to give people time to prepare their homes and businesses for hurricane conditions.

A watch means hurricane conditions (sustained winds of 74 mph or higher) are possible (may or may not occur) in a specified area. It is issued 48 hours before tropical storm-force winds (39 to 73 mph) are expected in an area.

A hurricane warning means hurricane conditions are expected (will most likely occur) in an area. A warning is issued 36 hours before tropical storm-force winds are expected.

## General Safety Tips

- Be aware if you live in a potential flood zone. If you are a new resident to Fayetteville/Cumberland County, familiarize yourself with flood prone areas and prepare your home and family, especially if you are located in an area that has experienced prior flooding events.  
(See page 17 for online resources)
- Stay informed of weather and road conditions through local news; learn the meaning of watches and warnings.
- If advised to evacuate, do so immediately. Shut off the electricity and water before evacuating.
- Have valid identification if you evacuate. You may not be allowed back into your area unless you can show proof of residency.
- If you notice any signs of electrical system damage (sparks, broken or frayed wires, or the smell of hot insulation) call an electrician.
- If the power goes off, turn off major appliances to avoid a surge or fire when the power is restored.
- If you live in a mobile or manufactured home, have a pre-established safe shelter that you can get to quickly.
- Move to a safe area before roadways are cut off by floodwaters.
- Never try to cross flowing water by vehicle or foot. Six inches of water can cause you to lose control of your vehicle. Plus, there may be hidden debris that could cause injury or damage.





## Does your life saving equipment rely on electricity?

Power can be more than a convenience. For some people it is a medical necessity. If a PWC customer requires life-sustaining equipment that is dependent on electric and/or water service, you should always have a backup power plan. Prepare extra batteries and equipment to charge your batteries, or identify somewhere to relocate to that has power.

Through PWC's Medical Priority Program, you can also sign up to receive early notification and priority restoration consideration in the event of a scheduled or emergency interruption of service. PWC requires the customer and customer's physician to complete a Medical Priority application, which can be found on the Residential Programs page on our website, [faypwc.com](http://faypwc.com).

## Prepare Your Family

- Have an emergency plan (for loss of power and water) for infants, elderly, pets and those with special needs.
- Prepare a disaster supply kit.
- Have an emergency plan if someone in your household relies on electric powered life support or medical equipment.
- Designate a friend/relative outside your town or area as your contact in the event your family is separated during an emergency. Agree upon a place where family members can meet if separated.
- Teach each family member how to use a fire extinguisher.



- Teach your children to call for help.
- Help young children memorize important information such as family name, address and phone number.
- Don't forget your pets! Have a safe place to take your pet in case of evacuation. Most disaster shelters cannot accept pets. Make sure all pets have identification and proof of vaccination. Consider having them microchipped in case they are lost.
- Emergency plans should be tailored to meet specific needs. If you have a disability, it may require extra planning to handle an emergency.
- Write down emergency phone numbers and numbers for family and friends. Keep them handy at home and programmed in your cell phone.
- Locate the nearest shelter and different routes you can take to get there if you have to leave your home.
- Download FEMA's *Are You Ready Citizen Preparedness Guide* [www.ready.gov/plan](http://www.ready.gov/plan).
- Stay informed at: [www.readync.org](http://www.readync.org)



## Prepare Your Home

- Check roofs, chimneys, walls and foundations, and fix things (such as clogged gutters or loose shingles) that could cause problems.
- Take photos of your home and property before the storm hits. Photos will help if you have to file an insurance claim.
- Have tarps on hand to protect your roof.
- Trim dead or threatening branches from trees.
- Remove or secure items that could blow away from your yard, deck, patio or porches. Don't forget flags and flower pots.
- Learn how to shut off main switches for water and electricity.
- Install smoke detectors on each floor in your home.
- Keep a ladder that will reach the roof.
- Have a garden hose that is long enough to reach any area of your home.
- Make sure your address is clearly visible and emergency responders can reach your home.
- Have flood insurance. Flood damage is not usually covered by homeowner's insurance.
- Fully charge portable charging stations.
- Store water in your freezer by filling plastic bags or other leak-proof containers about 2/3 full, then freezing. If electricity goes out, stored ice helps keep food frozen longer and if needed, melts for water.
- Lower the thermostat in your refrigerator and freezer to the coolest possible temperature.
- Prepare your property by keeping storm drains, ditches and ponds free of debris.
- If you are a new resident to Fayetteville/Cumberland County, familiarize yourself with flood prone areas and prepare your home and family, especially if you are located in an area that has experienced prior flooding events.



- Contact PWC's Customer Service at 910-483-1382 or [customer.service@faypwc.com](mailto:customer.service@faypwc.com) to update your account contact information so our system can automatically recognize you when reporting an outage. You can also do this using our Online Account Manager.
- Know your electric service provider. PWC serves more than half of Cumberland County residents. Others are served by Duke Energy, Lumbee River EMC and South River EMC.

## Make an Emergency Supply Kit

Once a disaster hits, you won't have time to shop for supplies, so prepare your supply kit in advance and make sure everyone knows where it's kept. Items can be assembled over time, but check every six months for things that need to be replaced. And remember, with power out, services – like ATMs and gas pumps – may be down. Have cash on hand and fill your vehicle(s) with gas before an impending storm.

Visit [redcross.org/get-help](https://www.redcross.org/get-help) to download helpful apps to keep you prepared!



### Essentials

- Battery-operated radio, rechargeable
- Flashlights and/or solar lights that can be charged during the day
- Extra batteries, various sizes; replace batteries according to expiration dates (check at least every six months)
- Do not include candles, which can cause fires
- Cell phone and charger
- Power inverter to use car battery as a backup charger
- Scissors and utility knife
- Plastic sheeting or tarp (in case tree/wind damages roof)
- Signal flare
- Plastic storage containers
- Heavy cotton or hemp rope
- Patch kit and can of seal-in air for tires
- Duct tape, plumber's tape or strap-iron
- Map of the area (for locating shelters)
- Assorted tools (wrench, pliers, hammer)



- Plastic bucket with tight lid
- Plastic garbage bags and ziplock bags



### Food

- Minimum of one gallon of water per person, per day, in a food-grade plastic container (3-day supply)
- Additional water for sanitation
- Minimum three-day supply of non-perishable food that requires no refrigeration, no preparation and little or no water
- Store food in cool, dry place and away from oven or refrigerator exhausts (exhaust heat may cause food to spoil more quickly)
- Utensils, including non-electric can opener
- Aluminum foil

## Medical Needs

- Prescription drugs, including diabetic supplies
- OTC medications, including pain killers, antacids and burn ointment
- Tube of petroleum jelly or some other lubricant
- First Aid kit
- Thermometer
- Tweezers
- Needle
- Latex gloves (two pairs)
- Medicine dropper
- Disinfectant
- Contact lenses and supplies



## Personal Items

- Car and house keys
  - Sunscreen and aloe
  - Moistened towelettes/baby wipes
  - Bug spray
  - Assorted sizes of safety pins
  - Whistle
- Paper, pencil or pen
- Soap, liquid detergent
- Personal hygiene items
- Toilet paper, paper towels
- Sunglasses
- Hat and gloves
- Rain gear
- Sturdy shoes or work boots
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Thermal underwear
- One complete change of clothing/footwear per person
- Baby supplies
- Pet supplies
- Games and books
- Face coverings – cloth or disposable masks



Prepare your Finances:  
[www.ready.gov.financial-preparedness](http://www.ready.gov.financial-preparedness)  
<https://go.usa.gov/EASY>

## Important Documents\*

- Cash or travelers checks, change
- Copy of will, insurance policies, contracts, deeds, stocks and bonds
- Passport, social security cards and copy of immunization records
- Family records (birth, marriage, death certificates)
- Record of credit card account numbers
- Inventory of valuable household goods
- Important telephone numbers

\* Keep originals in a waterproof container, and take pictures of important documents with your phone. Some may be required for FEMA assistance.





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## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

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to CCNC-TV (Spectrum Channel 5)

Tuesdays and Thursdays  
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## UPCOMING BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE & HOLIDAY CLOSURES

*Mark your Calendars*

- Town offices will be closed in observance of **Labor Day on Monday, September 6, 2021.** **Yard Waste collection will be on a one-day delay.** Trash service will not be delayed.
- **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting - Monday, September 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.,** Luther Board Meeting Room Town Hall.
- **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting - Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.,** Luther Board Meeting Room Town Hall.
- **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting - Monday, October 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.,** Luther Board Meeting Room Town Hall.
- Town Offices will be closed in observance of **Veterans Day on Thursday, November 11, 2021.** Yard Waste will be on a one-day delay. Trash service will not be delayed.
- **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting - Monday, November 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.,** Luther Board Meeting Room Town Hall. **(First November meeting will not be held due to election).**
- Town Offices will be closed in observance of the **Thanksgiving Holiday on Thursday, November 25, 2021 and Friday, November 26, 2021.** Yard Waste will not be collected on Thursday and Friday. Trash service will be on a one-day delay.

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