

County
Manager's
Monthly Report

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County Manager





Just an update on positions. As you are aware, we are working to fill some critical roles.

We were furthest along with our Human Resource Director position, however after making an offer we received a counter offer where salary expectations were outside of what we could consider and maintain internal equity with our existing management team. This position has been re-posted for recruitment.

Mrs. Phelps is evaluating assignments that were completed by from potential candidates, and she will be narrowing to those she wishes to bring on-site for a face-to-face interview.

Our public health director position has posted, and we are currently vetting applications for our next steps.

New Spring Hope Town Manager, Jonathan Allen



Jonathan Allen has been named Spring Hope's Town Manager and began work on March 23, 2026.

I visited with Manager Allen and Mayor Pritchard Thursday last week and we had a good discussion about infrastructure improvements, community development, collaborative efforts and just establishing a good working relationship for moving forward.

We also discussed the start of Manager/Mayor meetings for Nash County & Towns, and we are working on plans for establishing our first meeting in May.



UNC Health Nash is making several improvements across Nash County

Recently, several of us had lunch with staff and Board Members for UNC Health Nash and learned about the progress being made on the new Tower at the hospital campus in Rocky Mount, the Nashville Medical Office Building and the Middlesex Medical Office Building.

The Tower at the hospital is more than half-way complete with substantial completion projected for late summer 2027 and treating the first patient by the end of 2027.



UNC Health
Nash – Nashville
Medical Office
Building
Construction

- 65% Completion
- Substantial Completion – Late July 2026
- First Patient – August 25, 2026

The new Nashville Medical Office Building located off Red Oak Road near US-64 will house Eight primary care providers on site, expanding access to care across the community.

This location is projected to be complete by late July this year and accepting patients in late August.



UNC Health Nash –
Middlesex Medical
Office Building
Construction

- 65% Current Completion
- Substantial Completion – Mid July 2026
- First Patient – August 4, 2026

And the third project UNC Health Nash is managing is a medical office building in Middlesex. This project is slated for completion in Mid July of this year with the first patient being seeing in early August.

All three of these projects will be an asset to our community and we thank UNC Health Nash for their dedication to patient care and accessibility across Nash County.



Castalia
Community Park

Walking Trail
Project

Nash County received \$900,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) – Corona Virus (CV) funds from Commerce in response to COVID-19. The County has spent approximately \$300,000 on Public Services, including supplies for local fire departments and EMS, laptops and supplies for several libraries and a raised garden for the Sharpsburg Senior Center.

The County is underway with the completion of the Public Facilities portion of the project. Once completed, there will be 7 handwashing stations with bottle fillers installed and approximately 3,850 linear feet of extended walking trails (2,850 at the Castalia Community Park) – as seen in the pictures here .

Spring Hope Park

Walking Trail Project



And an additional 1,000 linear feet at the Spring Hope Park – seen here.

The Handwashing stations are for Glover Park in Nashville, Whitakers Community Park and the Town of Spring Hope. Plumbing work is currently being addressed on these projects.

New Signage on US-64 Future I-87



Nash County Cooperative Extension unveiled new highway signs that will help guide visitors to the Nash County Arboretum. This hidden gem surrounds the Agriculture Center in Nashville and is open to the public 365 days a year.

Whether you visit in the spring, summer, or fall, the Arboretum offers a chance to see a variety of seasonal blooms and gardens that highlight plants well suited to our region.

Convenience
Sites Spring/
Summer
Hours of
Operation



March 15 through October 15
Monday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Closed Every Tuesday
Wednesday - Saturday: 7:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Sunday: 1:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Our Convenience Sites have new hours of operation for the Spring and Summer.

From March 15th until October 15th the hours of operation are Monday thru Saturday 7:30am – Until 7:30pm with sites closed on Tuesdays.

Sunday hours are 1:30pm to 6:30pm.



Our Nash County Farmers Market opened this past weekend on Saturday April 4th.

The Market will be open on Saturdays from 8am to 1pm until November

And Tuesdays 3pm to 6pm from May to August

Come and enjoy a wonderful selection of meats, vegetables, fruits, breads and baked goods, homemade soaps, popcorn, grits, seafood, plants, flowers, herbs, coffee and MORE!

Down East Silver Games - SilverArts



The Down East Senior Games will take place from April until June of this year. The SilverArts are on display here on the third floor of the Nash County Administration Building in the month of April.

Senior citizens of Edgecombe, Halifax, Nash, Northampton and Wilson counties age 50 and up have submitted their creations including photography, quilting, painting, crocheting, metal work, and more to compete in the Down East Senior Games SilverArts competition.

Citizens are encouraged to come and see the art on display.

2026 Eastern Carolina
4-H Livestock
Show & Sale

**Eastern Carolina 4-H
Livestock Show & Sale**
April 6-8, 2026

*East Carolina Agriculture & Education Center
1175 Kingsboro Rd. Rocky Mount, NC 27801*



The Eastern Carolina 4-H Livestock Show & Sale starts today with the Show & Sale Opening Ceremony beginning at 7pm this evening at the East Carolina Agriculture & Education Center at 1175 Kingsboro Road in Rocky.

There are a variety of exciting events from the opening ceremony to the beginning of the sale at 6:30PM Wednesday, April the 8th.

Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation



April 14th or 16th from 10:00AM or 3:00PM

Location: 2nd Floor Child Support
Nash County Administration Building
120 W. Washington Street, Nashville

To Register:

Email Kimberly Nicholson at

Kimberly.Nicholson@nashcountync.gov

The Nash County Department of Social Services invites those interested in becoming a Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation Vendor to attend one of our upcoming informational sessions.

Vendor Information Sessions will cover Program Requirements, Provider Expectations and Steps to become an approved contract provider

If interested, please join us either April 14th or April 16th at either 10AM or 3PM – we are offering 4 times to get the same information – interested vendors only need to attend one session.

To register, please email Kimberly Nicholson at the email address on the screen.

Nash Community College Open House



CAREER IN A YEAR OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, APRIL 16 | 5PM TO 7PM

**Continuing Education &
Public Services Building**

Nash Community College Career in a Year Open House

Join Nash Community College for our Career in a Year Open House and explore short-term training programs designed to help individuals gain new skills and start a career faster.

This interactive event will highlight workforce training programs that can be completed in one month, three months, six months or within a year. Whether you are exploring a new career, looking to gain additional skills or ready to enter the workforce quickly, our Continuing Education team will be available to help you find the right program.

What to Expect

- * Learn about short-term training opportunities
- * On-site registration for upcoming classes
- * Live demonstrations from workforce programs
- * Touch, tour and explore first responder vehicles
- * Family-friendly activities
- * Food trucks
- * Opportunity to win a scholarship

Nashville Farmers Market Opening Day

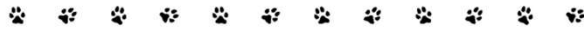


The Nashville Farmers Market is located in Nashville, NC held at the Nashville Junction located at 725 South Barnes Street. They will be open Fridays April 17, 2026- August 28, 2026 from 3:00PM - 7:00PM.

The Nashville Farmers Market is proud to feature local vendors selling produce, meats, handmade crafts, and more! Stop by Friday afternoons to meet the vendors and see what they have to offer!

Adoption Saturday!

Take advantage of extended Adoption hours at the Pet Connection Center to find your next member of the family!



Saturday, April 18

10am-1pm • Adoption Fee: \$50

**Special Offer: The first 10 adoptions of the day will receive \$150 toward spay/neuter expenses, generously provided by PAWNC.*



3600 Eastern Ave., Rocky Mount



An Adoption Saturday is coming up Saturday, April 18th from 10am until 1pm. The adoption fee is \$50 and PAWNC is offering \$150 to the first 10 adoptions towards spay or neuter expenses.

Come out and take a look at the sweet fur-friends we have to offer!

Community Event Master Gardener Plant Sale

Saturday, April 25, 2026
Nash County Arboretum
1006 Eastern Ave.
Nashville, NC
9:00AM – 12:00PM

<https://nash.ces.ncsu.edu>



North Carolina Extension Master Gardener Program in Nash County is having their annual plant sale Saturday, April 25th at the Nash County Arboretum located at 1006 Eastern Avenue from 9am until 12pm.

Perennials, shrubs, trees, natives, vegetable plants and herbs will be available.

There will be RAFFELS, Live on-site will be the WPTF "Weekend Gardener" Show

The 4-H Exchange Club will be selling refreshments as a fundraiser

Community Day April 25th



On the same day, Saturday, April 25th starting at 11AM make your way from the Master Gardners Plant sale to the Community Day at the Park

Themed this year as "Down on the Farm", presented by [First Carolina Bank](#) - a fun, family-friendly event celebrating our local community!

Bring the family out to enjoy inflatables, face painting, petting zoo, seed planting, live demonstrations, a community market and free food (while supplies last).

A warm thank you to our sponsors! First Carolina Bank, Inflatables NC, NC Department of Adult Corrections, [Sparkling Creations](#), Premier Equipment, and [Mangum's Transport](#)



The Nash County Farmers Market in Partnership with the Nashville Farmers Market are offering a Farm Tour the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd from 2pm to 6pm

2 days; 2 trails; 8 farms

The event is \$20 a car a day or \$35 a car for both days

All proceeds will be used as a fund raiser for both of the Farmers' Markets

If interested, use the QR code to register for the event.

County Offices Close

**Nash County Offices Close
at 2:00PM Friday, May 8th**



The Nashville Blooming Festival will be Mother's Day weekend, May 8th and 9th. Nash County Offices will close at 2:00pm Friday, May 8th.

Tackle the Tar – 5K Obstacle Course Race

May 16, 2026



Tackle the Tar is a 5K Obstacle Course Race – participants can walk, run or just come and enjoy the food and fun.

Play in the mud and send a kid to college! The event is a fundraiser providing scholarships to Nash and Edgecombe community colleges and Wesleyan University

If interested, go online to www.tacklethe.tar.com to learn more



I've talked a lot about some fun community events, but now Back to Business...

The Nash County Board of Commissioners' Budget Work Session will be held April 14th – I am pleased to announce that just like last year, we are able to condense the agenda to one day. We will begin at 8:30AM with some light refreshments and coffee and plan for the meeting to start at 9:00AM and adjourn by 5:00PM

Our location this year will be at the Mt. Pleasant Community Building located at 7637 Harris Road, Bailey.

Charles 'Trip' Bunn Public Service Commendation Medal



Trip Bunn, Emergency Management Director received a public service commendation medal for Nash County's work with Civil Affairs Students out of Fort Bragg. Trip's department hosts students needing boots on the ground experience with local governments, key stakeholders and knowledge of infrastructure prior to overseas assignments.

The exposure the students have with Nash County is critical to the efficiency of their success while on mission.

In the past two-years since Trip has been with Nash County, we have assisted almost 50 students in pre-deployment training.

Congratulations Trip and all of our team members who assist with these trainings.

Congratulations Deputy Fire Marshal Chase Taylor



Congratulations to Deputy Fire Marshal Chase Taylor on earning his Certified Fire and Explosion Investigator designation through the National Association of Fire Investigators, International!

This accomplishment reflects his dedication to advancing his expertise and strengthening our community's fire investigation capabilities.

Congratulations Deputy Clerk to the Board

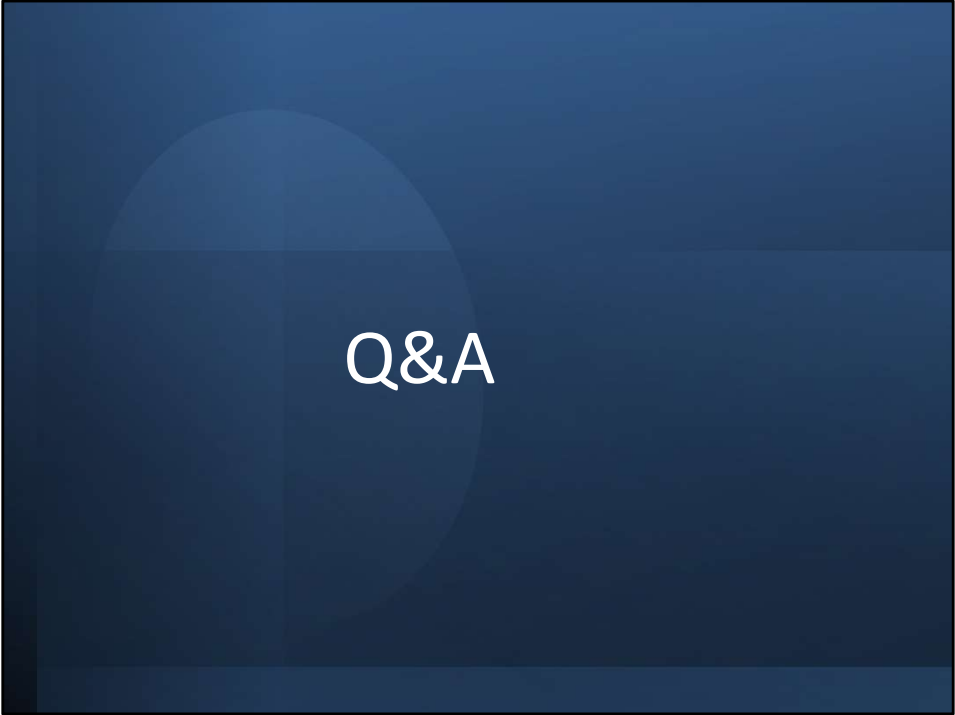


Congratulations to Angie Dean who serves as our Nash County Economic Development Executive Assistant and Deputy Clerk to the Board. Angie earned her North Carolina Certification of County Clerks through the UNC School of Government, demonstrating her continued commitment to professional excellence and public service.

Twin Counties Spotlight



Congratulations to Susan Phelps who was featured on the podcast TC Spotlight with Benton Moss. Susan was able to share information about her work here in Nash County, her recent promotion to Director of Economic Development and her vision for Nash County's long-term growth.



Q&A