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Re: Departmental Consolidation

(New Hanover County)— New Hanover County Manager Bruce Shell has announced another move to make county government more customer service focused and streamlined. Effective October 20, 2009 the New Hanover County Parks Department, Airlie Gardens, and the Senior Resource Center will consolidate. Airlie Gardens Director Jim McDaniel will oversee the new combined agency.

At the beginning of the current fiscal year, the departments of Emergency Management and Public Safety Communications (911) were consolidated. Services once offered by the Human Relations Department were also eliminated to trim costs to taxpayers.

Shell expects the move will lead to future efficiencies and opportunities in programming costs and resource allocation. The county will continue to explore efficiencies with the focus on service.

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