



# News Release

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**Re: New Fiscal Year Underway**

(New Hanover County)— July 1 marks the start of a new fiscal year for New Hanover County. Besides being the start of a new budget year, a few other changes will be noticeable. Two departments have new names to more accurately reflect the roles they serve citizens.

- The New Hanover County Senior Resource Center is the new name of the former Department of Aging. Assistant County Manager, Mr. Chris Coudriet will serve as Interim Director. Former director, Annette Crumpton recently accepted the county's early retirement incentive. The Senior Resource Center will remain located at 2222 South College Road.
- In addition, the former Juvenile Day Treatment Center, 718 S. Third St., has become Youth Empowerment Services. What was commonly known as the JDTC will also change its name to the New Hanover County Vocational and Educational Development Center, but the core foundation of the center does not change.

The focus of the Vocational and Educational Development Center will continue to be education and behavior modification in a therapeutic environment. The education component will be provided in the areas of basic academics and vocational development. Vocational development includes life and social skills, career exploration, interest and aptitude assessments, service learning, and work experience.

- The New Hanover Human Relations Department has been dissolved. Citizens who wish to file a job discrimination case should call the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Raleigh, at 1-800-669-4000; TTY 1-800-669-6820. Housing discrimination complaints should be filed with the federal Housing and Urban Development Commission in Atlanta, at 1-800-440-8091; TTY 1-404-730-2654.

- Restrictions on hiring replacements for former department heads have also caused the consolidation of the New Hanover County Emergency Management Department with the Public Safety Communications (911) Center. Mr. Warren Lee has been appointed to oversee both agencies.
- New public library hours will also become effective with the new budget year. They are as follows:

Carolina Beach:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday	9 AM-1 PM
Tuesday & Thursday	1 PM-5 PM
Saturday	9 AM-5 PM
Sunday	Closed

Main, Northeast Regional and Myrtle Grove Branches:

Monday & Tuesday	9 AM to 8 PM
Wednesday & Thursday	9 AM to 6 PM
Friday & Saturday	9 AM to 5 PM
Sunday	Closed

- Pet adoptions also will no longer be available on Saturdays at New Hanover County Animal Control Services. ACS is open for adoptions Monday through Friday from noon-4:45 pm, while office hours are 8:00 am-4:45 pm.

Most of the above changes are the result of reorganizations due to the county's budgetary constraints. Department heads who accepted the county's early retirement incentive will not be replaced in FY 09/10. The county's general fund budget of \$250,192,519 was adopted last month by county commissioners. The county's property tax rate of .4525 cents/\$100 remains the same as last fiscal year.

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