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Re: New website launched, social networking use

(New Hanover County)— New Hanover County residents have more ways than ever to stay in touch with county government. New Hanover County government is making use of more social networking tools such as Facebook and Twitter to keep residents and visitors in the global neighborhood informed about events, breaking news and meeting schedules.

New Hanover County was one of the first local governments in North Carolina to make use of an Internet site which has evolved through the years as one of its most important communication devices. Then along came NHCTV, the county's government access television channels (Time Warner 13/Charter Cable 5) which serve all cable subscribers from Castle Hayne to Fort Fisher.

A new look to the county's website, www.nhcgov.com, is being rolled out today. New features include an "Ask your commissioner" link which will make it easier to submit questions to their elected officials. The site will also include blogging from county commissioners and various departments. An easy to read calendar of events has also been added to the website.

Facebook and Twitter users will be able to receive emergency alerts, special meeting notices and other time sensitive information directly to their personal computers or portable devices. New Hanover County has also been making more use of YouTube, where residents and visitors can search for short videos produced by NHCTV.

To follow New Hanover County on Twitter, sign up for the free service and follow us @newhanoverco. Facebook users will also need to sign up for free service and become a fan of New Hanover County, North Carolina.

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