

Your Onslow County Connection

ONSLow COUNTY—VISION 2050



Calling all visionaries! Onslow County seeks your vision for what the county should look like in 2050.

2050 was chosen because it is beyond the tenure of any elected official or county employee. Over the next several

months, Onslow County officials will be collecting the thoughts of a large sample of people who live within our county. The opinions, ideas, priorities and wisdom will be compiled and presented to the Board of Commissioners to assist them as they finalize a new vision for the county. Ultimately this vision will guide the work of Onslow County Government for the future.

Visit <http://goo.gl/XBTfU9> and complete the form to help shape Onslow's future.



Upcoming County March Events

- National Severe Weather Preparedness Week (1st week of March)
- Spring Ahead Mar. 8 (clocks and smoke detectors)
- March is Nat Social Worker Appreciation Month
- Spring begins Mar 20
- Parks & Rec Easter egg hunts Mar. 28. Easter egg drop Apr. 4.
- Friends of the Aging 6th Annual Lasagna Dinner fundraiser Mar 20 6-9 p.m. Call 989-3022 for tickets. Dinner, door prizes, entertainment. Multi-purpose Center 4024 Richlands Hwy.

Grant deadlines Mar 13 & Apr 30 for three local grants

Deadlines are approaching for three non-profit grants. Applications are available on the Onslow County web site <http://onslowcountync.gov/departmentsnopb7030.aspx?id=21250>.

Non-Profit Agency Assistance Grants help agencies with operating expenses for services to citizens. Successful grant applicants must execute a contract with Onslow County subsequent to the award of grant funding.

Non-Profit Agency and Tourism Capital Grants fund large-dollar items for projects that encourage and promote tourism in Onslow County. Successful grant applicants must execute a contract with Onslow County subsequent to the award of grant funding. Jessica Roberts is the point of contact for both grants, which have a Mar. 13 application deadline. She can be reached at 910-455-3404 or by email at jessica_roberts@onslowcountync.gov.

The third grant available is the Tourism Assistance Grant, for non-profit agencies requesting funds for an event that will promote travel and tourism in Onslow County. Theresa Carter can be contacted at 910-347-3141 or tourd@jacksonvilleonline.org. The application and all documentation must be received by the Jacksonville-Onslow Chamber of Commerce no later than April 30.

Education part of firefighting mission here

Education is very much a part of local firefighting. Last year an estimated 84,000 citizens witnessed training provided by our departments at more than 115 county-wide events.

Training is so important that a department's public educator must receive ten hours of training or meeting credit as part of ISO department grading. Public educator meetings are held quarterly, according to Onslow County Fire Marshal Brian Kelly.

He said, "We work to bring in outside instructors, when possible, to provide additional information they wouldn't normally receive. An example of this is, at our last meeting we had staff from Wilmington and New Hanover Counties Fire Departments and the NC Department of Health and Human Services discuss community risk reduction as well as specialized programs for the deaf and hard of hearing. Departments are now considering offering these

same programs as well."

In addition to the most current data, educators at the last meeting received teaching tools courtesy of MSA. The company presented locally manufactured Cairns helmets to augment education programs.

Plant Manager Joey Carter said, "When we heard about the education program, we wanted to be part of it."

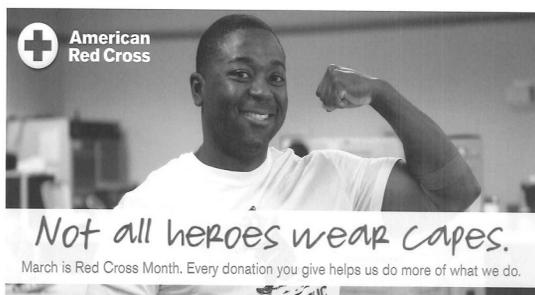
These helmets will be a clean alternative to functioning helmets that are in use or have been taken out of service. Carter explained that the helmets are the same as those being used by departments but may have been returned or have a slight blemish. Otherwise they are the same and allow students to handle the professional gear to augment their education.

"MSA is committed to the work that firefighters do every day, these donations demonstrate MSA's commitment," said Harriett Sauls, production supervisor.

Commissioner Meetings

Monday March 2
Monday March 16
Wednesday April 8
Monday April 20
Monday May 4
Monday May 18
Monday June 1
Monday June 15
Monday July 6
Monday July 20
Monday August 3
Monday August 17
Wednesday September 9
Monday September 21
Monday October 5
Monday October 19
Monday November 2
Monday November 16
Monday December 7
Monday December 21

Meetings will be held at the Onslow County Government Center, 234 Northwest Corridor Blvd, Jacksonville. It is anticipated that meetings may be held at the Onslow County Government Center beginning on February 2, 2015. Meetings will be held on the first and third Mondays, with the exception of listed Wednesdays.



Onslow County Senior Services ~Blood Drive~

In the Onslow Co. Multi-Purpose Ctr. Conference Room

Thursday, March 5, 2015

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

To schedule an appointment visit redcrossblood.org and use the Sponsor Code: **OnslowCoSS** or call Lisa Railing-Mobley at 910-455-2747 ext 225

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"Cherish the Child" Dinner & Auction

The 12th annual PEERS "Cherish the Child" Dinner and Auction is Mar 27, 7 p.m. at Discovery Church International, 1309 Lejeune Blvd.

The event will feature entertainment by The Carolina Band. The PEERS Family Development Center is a volunteer and community supported program aimed at promoting the growth and development of families. PEERS offers free parenting education courses. Child care is provided during the sessions and transportation can be arranged for families without vehicle access. In addition, PEERS has a program for first time teen mothers age 19 or younger and free drop-in child care available three mornings each week.

PEERS is a program designed for Parents to offer Education, Empathy, Rapport and Support. All services at PEERS are for the primary and secondary prevention of child abuse and neglect. The PEERS goal is to help parents be the best they can be in their parenting role.

PEERS is supported by Onslow County Department of Social Services and other community organizations.

Tickets are \$35 per person. For more information or tickets call 910-333-9725. The program depends upon volunteers. To become a PEERS volunteer, call 333-9727.

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