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Wilson Forward Annual Meeting (Virtual)

Thursday, October 8th, 9 -11am



Each year, Wilson Forward hosts an Annual Meeting for local partners and community members on the second Thursday of October. This meeting is designed to focus on specific challenges and opportunities presented to the Wilson community while also highlighting the work of many existing partnerships and collaborative efforts dedicated to making Wilson a great place to work and live.

Similar to our prior meetings, we will provide an opportunity for our partners and supporters to acknowledge today's challenges while highlighting significant opportunities for our future. COVID-19 has changed the way all of us live, learn, and work, but it has not changed our mission or our focus on making Wilson the best place to be!

Registration Opens Tuesday, September 1st

Featured Speakers



Mr. Leslie Boney
Director, Institute for Emerging Issues
Vice Provost, Outreach and Engagement
North Carolina State University



Dr. Lane Mills
Superintendent
Wilson County Public Schools



Mr. Dante Pittman
Hometown Fellow-Lead for NC
City of Wilson
UNC School of Government

Innovation in Transportation

New RIDE System--September 1st

Starting September 1st, 2020, Wilson's public transit is going on-demand! The City of Wilson is partnering with Via Transportation to make getting around more convenient than ever with an innovative, enhanced solution for Wilson's public transit, RIDE - Wilson's new transit system.

RIDE dramatically improves the flexibility and convenience of using public transportation in Wilson by allowing residents to request a ride from a smart phone app or by phone, walk to a nearby "virtual bus stop", and be driven to their destination in a standard vehicle, rather than a city bus. The service will include wheelchair-accessible vehicles, with curb-to-curb rides for those with limited mobility. Pre-launch estimates say riders' time could be cut in half or more with a vastly expanded service territory.



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Building Future Leaders



Pictured Above: Karen Albritton

Wilson Leadership Institute

The third cohort of the Wilson Leadership Institute gathered this month to discuss public relations, communications, and crucial conversations. Presentations were led by Rebecca Agner (Communications and Marketing Director for the City of Wilson) and Karen Albritton, a native of Wilson and a partner with **Thinc Strategy**.

In 2015, Wilson Forward partnered with the Wilson Chamber of Commerce and Wilson Economic Development Council to offer the Wilson Leadership Institute (formerly named the Impact Initiative). The Wilson Leadership Institute is designed specifically to identify, train, and deploy individuals with interest in representative leadership positions in and for Wilson. We look forward to seeing how this cohort of leaders applies their experience in service to Wilson!

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Cultivating Community Collaboration

Wilson Wellness Collaborative

The Wilson Wellness Collaborative marked the start of its second year with a virtual community gathering of over 70 partners. Representatives from **MDC** provided an update on their ongoing project in Wilson, and the City of Wilson provided updates regarding the 2020 Census, expansion of recreation areas, and the upcoming change in transportation services. WCSPC updated local partners for the substance prevention efforts in Wilson County, and UCPCOG offered new partnership opportunities to support a food asset mapping initiative. Updates on NCCare360 and 211 were shared by the United Way of Wilson. Over the past few months, local partners have convened to discuss progress towards the identified goals of the Plan as well as new partnership and collaboration opportunities that have emerged during the pandemic. We are grateful for all of the partnerships that have made the Wilson Wellness Collaborative possible, and we appreciate the tireless efforts of our local agencies to respond in times of crisis.



Pictured Above: 40 of the participants at the Wilson Wellness Collaborative Meeting on August 27th

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The success of Wilson Forward is dependent on the partnerships we have with our local community, and many of our partners provide annual investments to support our organization. Wilson Forward operates on a modest budget, and we are funded through the steadfast support of our city and county governments as well as every sector represented through our Board of Directors. Over the past few years, we have established a more significant investment from the corporate and private sectors of our community, and in the years ahead, we will strive to build even stronger relationships with our local business partners and individual community members.

CONTRIBUTE TODAY!

COMMUNITY PARTNER EVENTS

Upcoming Community Partner Events & Programs

WILSON FAMILY YMCA

MAKING PHYSICAL EDUCATION FUN

ACTIVE - HEALTHY - SOCIAL

2BFIT

At the 2, we have been to learn how with learning ways to become healthy adults. Join us for 2BFIT with your 2BFIT program. Members 18 and over are required to attend.

8:30-10:30 am, Tuesday and Thursday
August 11 & 13

Members \$45 per month per class (2020 program total)
Non-members \$55 per month per class (2020 program total)
Members 18 and over are required to attend. A \$10 fee per registration.
Registration is required. Contact: 2BFIT@wilsonymca.org

WCS TECH HOTLINE

WILSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT

Students, Parents, & Staff

Innovate WCS

Extended Hours
Monday - Thursday, 8am - 5pm
Friday 8am - 4pm

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GET COUNTED COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS

2020 Census

It's important to count every person in the United States. The 2020 Census will help us understand our country better and make sure we have enough resources for schools, hospitals, roads, and other important programs.

IT'S IMPORTANT
The Census Bureau is asking you to help us count every person in the United States. We need your help to make sure we have enough resources for schools, hospitals, roads, and other important programs.

IT'S SAFE
All of the information you give will be protected and will NOT be shared with law enforcement or immigration.

IT'S EASY
You can do it online, on your phone, or by filling out a paper form.

Look for your census materials in the next few days.

THE SPOT

THE SPOT 2020

INTERACTIVE INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

REMOTE LEARNING CENTER

NATURAL PLAY SPACE

WWW.THEWILSONSPOT.ORG

WILSON FORWARD IS PROUD TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS! IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT COMING UP - LET US KNOW! WE WOULD LOVE TO INCLUDE YOU IN OUR NEXT MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS

PLEASE EMAIL CAMERON COCHRAN AT CCOCHRAN@WILSONFORWARD.ORG IF YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE AND EVENT

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