

Learning from Local Leaders

District 70 House Update from Brian Biggs

Prohibition of Gender Transitions Procedures on Minor:

The House of Representative passed legislation that prohibits state funding and public healthcare facilities from participating in "gender transition procedures on minors". This legislation will now go to the Senate.

DMV Changes for Lower Wait Times: The NC DMV is extending its walk-in hours and implementing new website features to lower its average wait times.

Baboon Exhibit: The North Carolina Zoo reopened their baboon exhibit after three years of renovations. Rep. Biggs was honored to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

PTEC Superintendent of the Year: Dr. Stephen Gainey has been named the Piedmont Triad Education Consortium (PTEC) Superintendent of the Year for the 2023-24 school year.



District 29 Update from Senator Dave Craven

Asheboro Fire Department: The Asheboro Fire and Rescue department scored a class one ranking from the State Fire Marshal. This demonstrates that our community is well protected, as only 1% of fire departments receive this rating.

Energizer's New Jobs: Senator Dave Craven is excited about Energizer Holdings bringing 178 new jobs to Randolph County by investing \$43 million in their current Asheboro facility.

2023 Prosperity Cup: North Carolina was the 2023 winner of a prestigious economic development award due to our numerous multi-billion-dollar projects that have broken ground this year.

Budget Update: The North Carolina Senate approved its fiscal year 2023-25 budget proposal. Negotiations are beginning on a final version to be sent to the governor. This budget includes an almost 11% increase in starting pay for teachers as well as provisions for healthcare in the state.

District 78 Update from Representative Neal Jackson

Protecting North Carolina Infrastructure: Increased punishment for intentionally damaging utility equipment received final legislative approval Thursday in North Carolina after attacks on the state's election grid caused a daylong blackout.

NC Bullion Study Bill Clears Committee: The House State Government committee is considering setting up its own bullion vault. The panel endorsed House Bill 721, which would direct the state treasurer to study the cost and benefits of the idea and report back by 2025.

Pinehurst-Southern Pines ranked NC's Top Micropolitan for the 6th Straight Year: For the sixth year in a row, the Pinehurst-Southern Pines micropolitan, which includes all of Moore County, tops POLICOM's 2023 Economic Strength Rankings as the #1 micropolitan area in North Carolina.

Toyota Battery Plant Expansion: Toyota has announced an additional investment of 2.1 billion for the Toyota Battery Manufacturing North Carolina plant (TBMNC).



District 54 Update from Representative Robert Reives II

Changes to Abortion Ban: Earlier this year a new abortion ban was passed, Republican Leaders have now introduced new, clarifying language into an agency bill that would likely undermine a lawsuit filed against abortion bans. Senate voted on this change, and it will now move to the house.

Economic Development Success: Economic Development is one of Representatives Reives main priorities as a leader in the General Assembly. He is very excited about the major investments that Chatham County and Randolph County has received the past few years. Representative Reives was able to escort the CEO of Toyota in Raleigh last month.

Highland NC S.A.F.E Initiative: Governor Cooper announced a statewide initiative on the importance of safe firearm storage called NC S.A.F.E (Secure All Firearms Effectively). Representative Reives and Chatham County Sheriff Mike Roberson are excited to help teach the public how to properly store firearm.

Representative Reives Receives Annie Brown Kennedy Award from NCAJ

What's happening in Archdale?

[Lancaster Custom Crafted Upholstery](#)



Lancaster Custom Crafted Upholstery is currently located in Archdale but will be expanding in 2024 to a new facility on Archdale Road. They will retain 25 employees and will have 27 additional positions when the facility is fully operational.

Building Reuse Grants

Hubbell Industrial Controls, Aeolus Filter, and Ambella Home Collection have all had recent (or current) Building Reuse Grants from the State of North Carolina. These grants assist North Carolina businesses seeking to upfit facilities, improve processes, etc. in a way that results in new jobs.

New Facilities Coming



- Sumitomo (press release attached) has selected a site off Roelee Street to construct a new manufacturing and distribution facility. The investment will exceed \$19M and the project includes the addition of 129 jobs in Archdale by 2027.



- Axiom (press release attached) has acquired acreage off of Eden Terrace with plans to construct a plastic molding facility. Axiom will invest \$36M and employ 129.

What's happening in Trinity?

Senate [Election](#) Bill

The Senate recently passed a bill that will move elections in Trinity to even years. This bill became law on June 12. The goal of this bill is to increase voter turnout in our local elections.

Trinity Townes

Trinity Townes will include 117 garage townhomes. This home could be hands-free because you have the ability homes speak to Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, Z-Wave, and cellular devices so you can sync with

almost any smart device.

INFO



Ridge Pointe on 62

Ridge Pointe, the newest community in Trinity, NC has it all! Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of living in the country, while being minutes away from everything! This community features unique, single-family floorplans that are sure to meet the needs of you and your family.

INFO



Repair at the Bell Tower

The infamous Trinity Bell Tower is finally getting the love and repairs it deserves. With updated structure the historical piece of Trinity should be sound for years to come!

Trinity continues to expand its residential footprint. Neighborhoods around town such as Steeplegate Village, Cottages at Piper Village, Collette Farm and Bellwood are either wrapping up construction or beginning the next expansion phase. If you know anyone relocating to the area, Trinity is now selling in multiple neighborhood. The chamber would be happy to provide a relocation package and welcome new members to our community!



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