



The Central Lines

January 2025



Lead the Way in 2025: Centralina's Strategic Priorities Survey

Happy New Year from Centralina!

We are excited to get to work on a range of programs and initiatives designed to support our region and help our member governments thrive in 2025.

This month, we're focused on engaging our stakeholders and invite you to help shape the agenda for Centralina's Strategic Plan update.

Please take less than 10 minutes of your time to answer 10 questions in our [Strategic Priorities Survey](#).

[What We're Asking](#)

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Upcoming Events

Click on each event to learn more.

Centralina Workforce Development Board Meeting
January 14, 12 p.m.

Centralina Learns: Building Age-Friendly Communities
January 16, 10 a.m.

Economic Development District Board Meeting
January 16, 4 p.m.

Centralina Learns: Child Care Solutions for Employers
January 22, 11 a.m.

[All Events](#)

Remembering Karen Alexander



We share our deepest condolences with the family and loved ones of Mayor Karen Alexander. Mayor Alexander was a dedicated leader who worked to strengthen not only Salisbury, but all of the region through her efforts to improve quality of life.

She was a champion of expanded opportunity and thoughtful municipal management, and beyond that, she was a dear and kind friend who has served Centralina diligently over the past decade. We are eternally grateful for her service, knowledge and commitment.

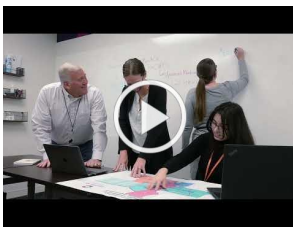


To Our Friend, John Holmes

John Holmes was a dedicated father, husband, veteran, advocate and friend. We knew him best from his time at Centralina where his passion for local issues and alternative modes of transportation were always on full display.

John cared deeply for those around him and dedicated his life's work to understanding the needs of others. He helped create our Small Towns Thrive initiative and treated every small town like his own hometown. Like countless others, we will greatly miss his kindness, humor, dedication and presence.

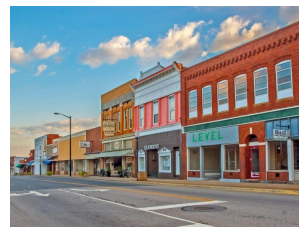
NEW YEAR HIGHLIGHTS



Take Your Career Regional: Planners Wanted



Capitol Corner: Passed & Pending Legislation



Norwood & Wadesboro Receive \$3.1 M Award for Revitalization



Local Government



"Tackling Aging" at the



Funding for this Year's

Innovation in Albemarle & Gastonia

2025 Annual Aging Conference

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