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NCOCG News

FALL WORKSHOP CANCELLED: The NCOGC fall workshop scheduled to be held Oct. 9 has been cancelled because of low attendance.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunshine Day will be held during Sunshine Week, which takes place March 11-15. More information and the exact date will be included in the November Sun e-Briefs.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Please follow us on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/ncopengov>. We have been posting more open government news to our Twitter page, where we've been receiving great feedback. Also, don't forget to "like" us on our retooled and renewed Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ncopengov>.

NEW WEBSITE: If you haven't been to www.ncopengov.org recently, make a point to point your browser in that direction. We just redesigned the site to make it easier to navigate, particularly if you're a holder or seeker of public records. Take a look around and let us know what you think.

New law requires more accountability from nonprofits

General Assembly of North Carolina: The North Carolina General Assembly enacted a law in July that will require nonprofit organizations to be more accountable to the public.

Read the law in full: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=962506>

Bring campus crime reports into the open

The Chronicle of High Education: When private colleges operate their own police departments, police become exempt from publicizing incident reports. Secrecy has led to a number of claims being filed against campus police.

Read more about the secrecy of campus crime reports: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=962158>

Rowan earns A+ for online records

Salisbury Post: According to a study by the John Locke Foundation, which evaluates the amount of public information each county makes available online, Rowan County now has the highest transparency grade of any local government in the state of North Carolina.

Read more about Rowan county's success and the N.C. Transparency Project: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=962135>

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