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NCOCG News

North Carolina Open Government Coalition hiring for director of NCOGC, Sunshine Center

The North Carolina Open Government Coalition invites applications for a part-time Director for the coalition and its Sunshine Center housed in the School of Communications at Elon University. The position also offers the possibility of a half-time teaching position. These two half-time positions would yield a full-time position with benefits. Read more about the job here: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=963315>

A hearty welcome to our new officers and members

Read all about the new additions to the NCOGC here: <http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=963758>

SAVE THE DATE: Sunshine Day will be held during Sunshine Week, which runs March 11-15. NCOGC Vice President Sue Rowland will head the Sunshine Day committee. If you would like to be a part of the committee, please let her know by emailing her at sue4opengovt@yahoo.com.

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

Be on the look out for our Android, iPhone and tablet apps. We'll release more information about the apps in the coming weeks.

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.

Gaston commissioner wants gun permits to remain private

Charlotte Observer: A Gaston County commissioner wants to put personal information contained in gun permits that is "now part of the public record" out of public view.

For the full report on his stance, visit:

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2013/01/10/3777914/gaston-commissioner-wants-change.html>

Gun records none of public's business

Gaston Gazette: Packing heat in North Carolina, and doing it by the law, often puts your name on a list that is part of the public record.

Read more about the issue at:

<http://www.gastongazette.com/commissioner-gun-records-none-of-public-s-business-1.76675>

State open records laws limit information available to journalists

Daily Tar Heel: Student journalists face roadblocks in their efforts to navigate some states' open records laws. Few have resources to fight in court.

To read the full story, see:

<http://www.dailytarheel.com/article/2012/11/records-law-block-journalists>

North Carolina investigation: University released more documents from NCAA probe

Sporting News: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill released more than 2,500 pages of documents connected to an NCAA investigation of the football program as part of a settlement to end a public-records fight with media outlets.

For the full article, visit:

<http://aol.sportingnews.com/ncaa-football/story/2012-11-05/north-carolina-ncaa-investigation-documents-released-public-records>

UNC complies with court, completes records release

DigTriad.com: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill completed its records release, fully complying with an N.C. Supreme Court order and settlement agreement with media outlets.

Read more about it at:

<http://www.digtriad.com/news/article/253095/57/UNC-Complies-With-Court-Completes-Records-Release>

Bryant and Newby: open-government champions

Durham Herald-Sun: By electing two new judges to the N.C. appeals courts, North Carolinians have the chance of a lifetime to help ensure openness in government.

See more at:

<http://www.elon.edu/e-net/Note.aspx?id=963043&type=atom&departments=NCO&ecast=true&max=50>

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