Community Page

City and County Seek Citizens for Economic Development Board

(Fayetteville, N.C.) — The City of Fayetteville and Cumberland County are seeking applications from citizens interested in serving on the board of directors for a new non-profit economic development corporation that will be funded jointly by the two local governments.

Through an interlocal agreement, the City and County have outlined the formation of a new organization that will be registered as the Fayetteville/Cumberland County Economic Development Corporation. The name of the entity may be revisited once the new Board of Directors is appointed and becomes engaged in re-branding the organization.

The City and County will each appoint two citizens and one elected official to the board. Members will serve three-year terms after initial staggered appointments.

The timeline for the County appointment process is:

- · Oct. 27 Application deadline. Visit http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/commissioners/board application.aspx to complete the application.
 - · Nov. 2 Nominations made at Board of Commissioners meeting
 - · Nov. 16 Appointments made at Board of Commissioners meeting

For more information on the County application process, call 910-678-7772.

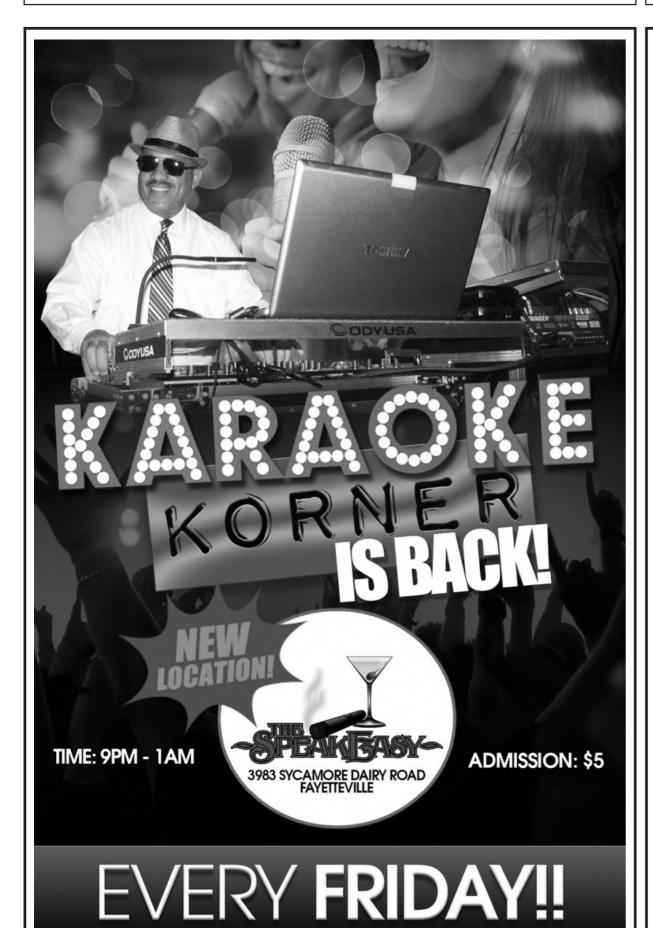
The timeline for the City appointment process is:

- · Nov. 1 Application deadline. Applications will go through the City website at: http://fayettevillenc.gov/government/city-Council/boards-and-commissions.
- · Nov. 2-6 The City's appointment committee will consider the applications
 - · Nov. 9 Appointment of two citizens at the City Council meeting
- · Nov. 23 If additional time is necessary, appointments made at the City Council meeting

For more information on the City application process, call 910-433-1312.



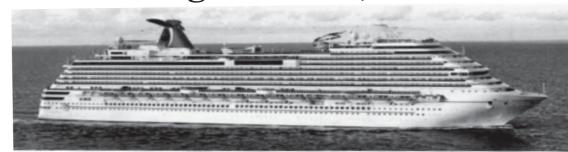
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Military News



How To Become An Army Officer

You can earn a commission in the U.S. Army through one of four programs: the U.S. Military Academy, the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps, the Officer Candidate School or direct appointment. All require applicants to be high school graduates, pass a medical and physical exam, and be at least 17 years old.

U.S. Military Academy

The U.S. Military Academy, located at West Point, N.Y., offers bachelor of science degrees in engineering and liberal arts. Graduates earn a commission as a second lieutenant in the Army. Admission is very competitive. Appointments are generally made through nominations from U.S. Senators and Representatives. Applicants should begin their quest for entry into the academy no later than the middle of their junior year in high school.

See the Insider's Tips to getting into an Academy

Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps

Army ROTC is the primary source for college-trained officers for the Army. ROTC is currently offered at over 300 institutions and through mer between their junior and senior years of college. agreements at more than 1,000 colleges and universities.

and the Advanced Course. The Basic Course cov- allowance for textbooks and supplies. ers the freshman and sophomore years of college. Students may withdraw at any time with no mili- Center. tary obligation. Selected students may enroll in the Advanced Course during the final two years



US Army West Point Officer Candidates

ceive uniforms, necessary textbooks and a subsistence allowance. Cadets are scheduled for a six-week Advanced Camp during the sum-

Educational assistance in the form of highly competitive scholarships are available for two, three or four years at different amounts Army ROTC has two parts - the Basic Course for each year. Additional scholarship benefits include a designated

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Officer Candidate School

Officer Candidate School is a 14-week course to train enlisted of college. Students in the Advanced Course re- personnel, warrant officers and civilians with college degrees to be tively in the most demanding positions.

Army officers. Enlisted soldiers and warrant officers must have 90 semester credit-hours of college before applying. Civilian applicants must have a bachelor's degree. Officer Candidate School (OCS) now commissions almost 1,000 officers each year, a figure comparable to the Academy's 900.

Direct Appointment

The Army offers direct appointments for specialists from selected legal, medical, ministerial and technical fields. Professionals can even enter at advanced ranks based on the level of their expertise.

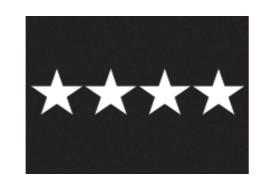
Warrant Officers

An Army warrant officer is an officer appointed by warrant of the Secretary of the Army, based on a sound level of technical and tactical competence. The warrant officer is a highly specialized expert and trainer who gains progressive levels of expertise and leadership by operating, maintaining, administering and managing the Army's equipment, support activities or technical systems.

Becoming a warrant officer requires great skill in a specific occupational specialty. Army warrant officers must demonstrate leadership abilities and have the desire and dedication to fessional development, training and education. Through schooling, experience, assignments and promotions, they learn to perform effec-

Biography Of General Colin L. Powell





General Powell was a professional soldier for 35 years. During that time he held many different command and staff positions. His last assignment, from October 1, 1989, to September 30, 1993, was as the 12th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military position in the Department of Defense. During this time he oversaw 28 military and political crises, including Operation Desert Storm in the victorious 1991 Persian Gulf War. In 2001, Powell became the first African-American U.S. secretary of state, under President George W. Bush.

EDUCATION

General Powell was born in New York City on April 5, 1937, and was raised in the South Bronx, New York. His parents, Luther and Maud Powell, immigrated to the United States from Jamaica. General Powell was educated in the New York City public schools, graduating from Morris High School and City College of New York (CCNY), where he earned a bachelor's degree in geology. He also participated in ROTC at CCNY and received a commission as an army second lieutenant upon graduation in June 1958. His further academic achievements include a Master of Business Administration degree from George Washington University.

MILITARY AWARDS

General Powell is the recipient of numerous U.S. military awards and decorations including the Defense Distinguished Service Medal (with three Oak Leaf Clusters), the Army Distinguished Service Medal (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (with Oak Leaf Cluster), Soldier's Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and the Purple Heart.

AMERICA'S PROMISE

In April 1997, General Powell chaired the Presidents' Summit for America's Future in Philadelphia. Since then, he has been serving as chairman of America's Promise — the Alliance for Youth, a national organization dedicated to the advancement of the children of America. General Powell, through his work with America's Promise, is dedicated to the fulfillment of five promises necessary for all children to become successful adults:

- an ongoing relationship with a caring adult; a safe place to be with structured activities during nonschool hours;
- a healthy start;
- a marketable skill through effective education;
- a chance to give back through community service.

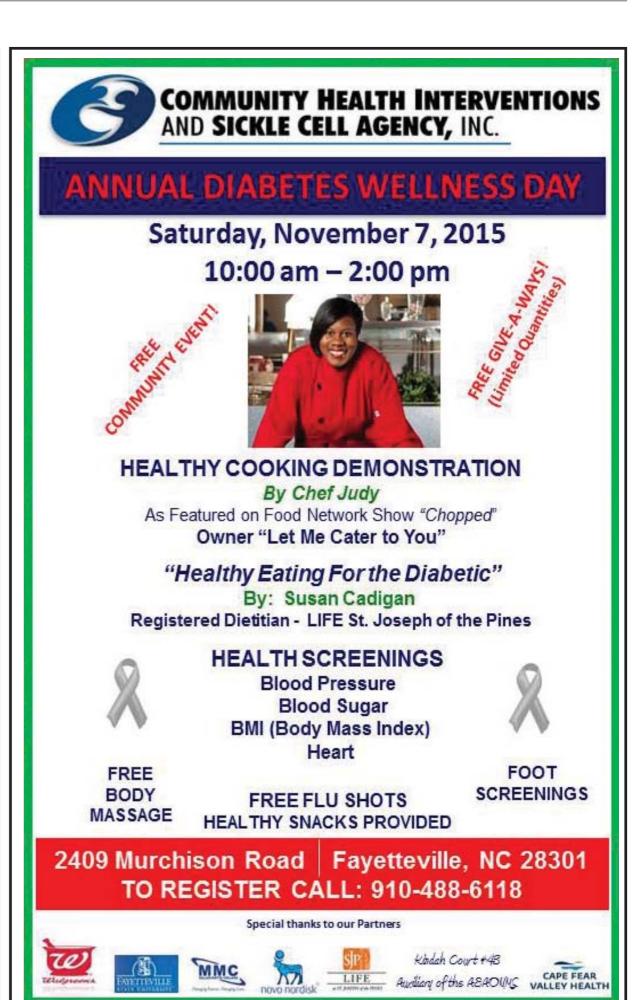
BEST-SELLINGAUTHOR

General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret.), is also the author of a best-selling autobiography, My American Journey, which traces his life from his birth to immigrant Jamaican parents in Harlem to his role in advising this country's four most recent chief executives, Presidents Ronald Reagan, Geoger H. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George

FIRSTAFRICAN-AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE

In 2001, then-President-elect George W. Bush nominated General Colin L. Powell as U.S. Secretary of State. The Senate easily approved the nomination, and General Powell became the first African American to hold the post. Some of his duties include serving as the President's principal adviser on U.S. foreign policy, conducting negotiations relating to U.S. foreign affairs, and negotiating all treaties with foreign governments.

General Powell is married to the former Alma Vivian Johnson of Birmingham, Alabama. The Powell family includes son Michael, daughters Linda and Annemarie, daughter-in-law Jane, and grandsons Jeffrey and Bryan



Automotive News

Not All Repair Shops Are What They're Cracked Up To Be

(NAPSI)—Auto accidents are more common than you may think. In fact, an estimated 15,000 drivers per day need to find a collision repair shop, according to NHTSA, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

If you find yourself looking for a collision repair shop, body shop or bump shop—whatever you have grown up calling them—remember that all repair shops are NOT created equal. Today's high-tech cars and trucks feature more advanced designs and materials, and more changes are coming down the road.

With these advances in vehicle technologies, it's more important than ever that your collision repair shop has the most up-to-date training, and the necessary tools and equipment, to properly fix your vehicle so it is structurally sound in the event of another accident. That's why you need to ask the right questions when choosing a qualified collision repair shop, even if you have a favorite shop or a friend in the business.

Updated Training Is Key

One way to know if your collision repair shop has updated training with technicians who have the knowledge to properly fix your vehicle is to look for Gold Class® shops. This recognition is awarded by I-CAR®, a not-for-profit organization focused on improving the quality and safety of auto collision repair for the ultimate benefit of the consumer.

Gold Class is recognized by many major automakers and insurers as a standard of excellence,



indicating a shop is properly trained to provide complete, safe and quality repairs, which is what you'll want for your vehicle. In fact, Gold Class shops are required to provide training to all their collision repair technicians every year.

To help you make a more informed decision, I-CAR recommends asking a few additional questions when you take your damaged vehicle to a collision repair shop:

- Does the business have the current Gold Class plaque in its lobby, or the current Gold Class logo on its front door?
 - Does it display other vehicle maker and/or indus-

try certifications?

- Does the shop have experience working with your make and model of vehicle?
- Does it have modern equipment, such as a threedimensional measuring system, a paint-mixing system and a spray booth?
- Does the shop access and follow OEM repair procedures and refer to I-CAR repair guidelines and best practice information?
- Is the staff friendly, courteous and willing to answer your questions?
 - Is the facility clean and well organized?
- Does the shop have good word of mouth and reviews?

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To see if the repair shop you select is Gold Class, look for the Gold Class logo on the door, a current Gold Class plaque inside or, best of all, check online at www.GoldClass.com for a complete listing of all shops that currently hold the industry-standard designation. The quality and safety of your vehicle, and most importantly, the safety and peace of mind of you and your family, might depend on it.

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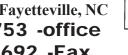
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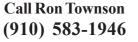


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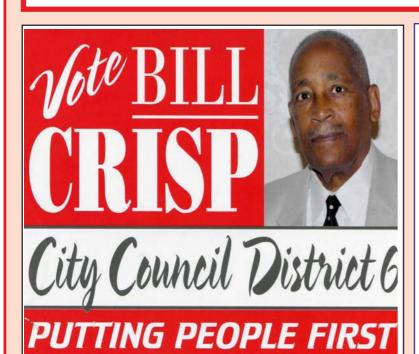
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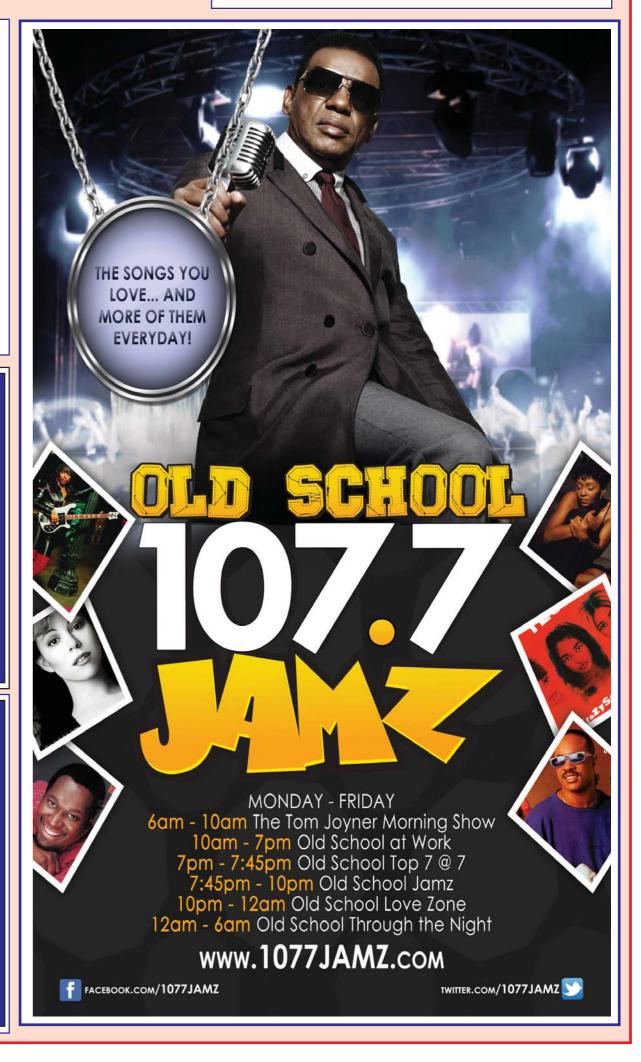
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