

NORTH CAROLINA

Around the state...

Phone Company lowers holiday rates

Most people look forward to holidays, and Carolina Telephone customers have even more to look forward to on five designated holidays each year.

Since Thanksgiving is one of the designated holidays, customers this year will be able to make long distance calls at the evening rate all day.

The evening rate for call placed within North Carolina is 25 percent off the full rate, while the evening rate for calls placed outside the state is at a 40 percent discount.

"If the calls are made at night after 11 p.m. and before 8 a.m. the next day, the rates are even

lower," said T. F. Daniels, district commercial manager. "And by placing the calls themselves, customers can avoid the operator service charge."

Daniels said the other designated holidays when the special long distance discount rates apply include Christmas, New Year's Day, July 4th and Labor Day.

The Carolina Telephone spokesman reminded customers that other reduced long distance rate periods are available and that an explanation can be found in Call Guide 7 in each Carolina Telephone directory.

Speed limit observance urged

The N. C. State Motor Club has estimated that 17 persons will die in North Carolina traffic accidents over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend.

Official observance of the holiday will be over a 102-hour period that lasts from 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 21 through midnight Sunday, November 25. Last year during a similar period 12 deaths occurred.

"There are several reasons why our prediction is higher than last year's death toll," Dr. John G. Frazier, III, president of the statewide motor club said.

"North Carolina traffic fatalities continue on an upward trend. Latest figures show an approximate 12 percent increase over the same period last year," Frazier stated.

"Highway deaths and injuries have, traditionally, been a fairly good indicator of economic conditions. As economic conditions improve, highway deaths and injury numbers increase," Frazier continued.

"Another very important

factor contributing to the increase in traffic deaths is higher driving speeds," Frazier pointed out. "More and more motorists are allowing their driving speed to creep steadily upward and fail to abide by the 55-mph speed limit," Dr. Frazier stated.

"If you want to be in control of your own fate on the highway, slow down," Frazier advised. "Fast driving removes control from your hands, making it humanly impossible to prevent collisions," he concluded.

All motorists are also urged to use their seat belts. It has been estimated that between 400 and 600 lives could be saved in North Carolina each year if every motorist wore seat belts.

"Thanksgiving should be a time for families to gather and give thanks for their blessings over the past year," Dr. Frazier stated.

"Make this a safe and happy Thanksgiving by driving carefully. Slow down, and wear seat belts at all times," he concluded.

Deadline for energy assistance program

RALEIGH—The North Carolina Department of Human Resources reminds citizens that November 30 is the deadline to apply for the federal Low-Income Energy Assistance program.

The program provides a one-time payment to help eligible low-income households pay their heating bills this winter. It is not designed to pay all of a

household's heating bills, but to provide some relief from the high cost of energy.

It is estimated that some 180,000 low-income households across the state are eligible for the Low-Income Energy Assistance program this year, according to Bonnie Cramer, assistant director for program administration in the Division of Social Services.

"With the application period

more than half complete, we feel there are eligible people, including the elderly and disabled, who have not yet applied," she pointed out. "I hope families will apply as soon as possible at their county department of social services."

Cramer said that elderly or handicapped individuals may send a representative to apply for them or call their county department of social services to make other arrangements.

To be eligible for the Low-Income Energy Assistance program, households must need

help with their heating bills, have incomes at or below the 1981 poverty level and have financial resources of \$2,200 or less.

The size of the payment a family receives will depend upon the number of people in the household, their combined incomes, the region of state where they live, and the type of heating fuel they use.

Cramer said a one-time payment will be made in early February after all low-income households have applied and eligibility has been determined.

Written application for license plate identification required

RALEIGH—In an effort to protect the identity of the public, the Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) of the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has implemented a change which became effective November 15th.

According to DMV officials, license plate identification information can only be obtained by written application and the payment of one dollar. No longer will this information be given over the telephone to any individual or agency with the

exception of law enforcement agencies, state agencies on official business, or firms such as insurance companies or automobile dealers who, as paying subscribers to the DMV telephone center, use a special code.

DMV Commissioner R. W. Wilkins Jr. said, "This procedure should hopefully prevent any future harassment of citizens."

"Now, in order to secure this particular information, the requestor must go to a nearby office or DMV's central offices in Raleigh to obtain an application which requires the name, address, telephone number and driver license number of the requestor."

"The requestor must fill out the application entirely, include a one-dollar payment and either mail or take the application to DMV's central office at 1100 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27697."

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