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An update to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners
from the County Manager

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Legislative Update

The North Carolina General Assembly started its 2017 long session Wednesday, Jan. 25, with members filing bills to debate this week and in the weeks to come.

Considerable discussion is already underway about another attempt to repeal HB2, though no timeline has been established.

Many members also believe they will revisit the idea of sales tax redistribution among counties. The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners is opposed to any further distribution of sales tax away from economic driver counties like Mecklenburg and Wake and will lobby accordingly.

This year, the state budget process starts in the Senate, which will receive a recommended budget from Governor Cooper, and then release its own proposed budget. The House will develop a proposed FY18 budget as well.

For more information, contact Legislative Affairs Liaison Jonathan Sink at 980-314-2884 or Jonathan.Sink@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

County Participates in McArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge Roundtable Discussion

The [Mecklenburg County Department of Criminal Justice Services](#), along with the National Center for Victims of Crime and the John D. and Catherine T. McArthur Foundation, will hold a roundtable discussion tomorrow from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in CH-14 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center.

The Board is invited to attend the discussion, which serves to inform victims, survivors and local crime victim advocates of Mecklenburg County's participation in the McArthur Foundation's Safety and Justice Challenge, and more broadly, looks at the victim's role in front-end criminal justice reform.

Using the findings from other national and local level roundtables, we will draft a core set of principles for victim engagement in the front-end criminal justice reform movement. These principles will be presented during a plenary session at the National Center for Victims of Crime

National Training Institute in Portland, Oregon.

For more information, contact Criminal Justice Services Director Sonya Harper at 980-314-1701 or Sonya.Harper@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Civics 101 Program Coming in February

Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 7, the [League of Women Voters of Charlotte-Mecklenburg](#) will launch its [Civics 101 program](#) on citizen engagement in local government. The 5-week series is designed for residents to learn about our local government: City, County, County courts and the CMS Board of Education. During these sessions, speakers with current and former experience describe the function and share their experiences.

The first class, which starts at 6:15 p.m. at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, will include a presentation from Mecklenburg County's budget director, Mike Bryant, on the County budget.

To learn more, [click here](#) or contact Community Relations Coordinator Christine Edwards at 980-314-2802 or Christine.Edwards@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Open Streets 704 Sponsor, Route To Be Announced Friday

[Mecklenburg County](#), the [City of Charlotte](#) and [Partners for Parks](#) invite you to the Friday, Feb. 3 official announcement of a new presenting sponsor for the Open Streets 704 series and the route for the upcoming third event. The announcement begins at 10 a.m. at the reverse angle parking lot on Commonwealth Avenue (near the Common market) in Charlotte.

The third Open Streets 704 event will take place Sunday, May 7 from 1 to 5 p.m. The previous two Open Streets 704 events in May and October 2016 drew over 25,000 participants on foot, bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, and in strollers to neighborhoods north and west of Uptown, respectively.

For more information, visit www.openstreets704.com. You can also contact Park and Recreation Director Jim Garges at 980-314-1012, James.Garges@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov or Public Health Director Dr. Marcus Plescia at 980-314-1020 or Marcus.Plescia@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Feb. 7, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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