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## Mecklenburg County Manager's "Board Bulletin"

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# MECKLENBURG COUNTY GOVERNMENT



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

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### Mecklenburg County Keeps AAA Rating, Will Sell General Obligation Bonds and Refund Certificates of Participation in August

I am pleased to announce that all three rating agencies (Fitch, Moody's, and Standard & Poor's) have once again rated the County's General Obligation Bonds AAA; their highest rating. These ratings were based on Mecklenburg County's rising and diverse economy, conservative debt policies, strong reserves and fiscal management. The agencies have also affirmed the current ratings on the County's outstanding debt.

Next Tuesday, August 15, we plan to sell \$225 million of General Obligation Bonds through a competitive sale. The proceeds will be used for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and Central Piedmont Community College capital projects. In addition, to take advantage of low interest rates, we will refund three outstanding Certificates of Participation, totaling \$118 million, through a negotiated sale on Aug. 23.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

### Corporate Strategic Business Plan Now Available

In 2015, the [Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners](#) approved its revised Community Vision summarized by the tag line: Mecklenburg County will be a community of pride and choice for people to LIVE, LEARN, WORK, and RECREATE.

The four tenets of the Community Vision helped set the groundwork for the County's [Corporate Strategic Business Plan](#) to include goal areas, outcomes, key performance indicators and key initiatives for FY2017-FY2019.

I am pleased to share that the [Strategic Business Plan](#) has been finished, and is available at [www.mecknc.gov](http://www.mecknc.gov).

To learn more about the [Strategic Business Plan](#), check out this short [video](#).

### It's National Breastfeeding Awareness Month

Mothers who choose to breastfeed need the support of the community. Most mothers want – and try – to breastfeed. Unfortunately, a mother’s interest alone is not always enough to make breastfeeding possible. Rates of breastfeeding in Mecklenburg County and throughout the United States vary widely because of the multiple and complex barriers mothers face while accomplishing their breastfeeding initiation and duration goals.

Improving Community Outcomes for Maternal and Child Health (ICO4MCH) is a public health collaborative between Mecklenburg and Union counties that uses evidence based strategies to improve birth outcomes through [reproductive life planning](#), reducing infant mortality using the 10 steps to [successful breastfeeding](#), and improving the health status of children ages 0-5 using [Triple P](#) (Positive Parenting Program). The power of exclusive breast milk feeding is considered one of the most effective preventative health measures to reduce child morbidity and mortality in the United States, and globally.

Join ICO4MCH in celebrating breast milk feeding families in our community at one of our upcoming events.

For more information, contact Lugenia Grider, breastfeeding coordinator, at [Lugenia.Grider@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Lugenia.Grider@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov). Find more information about the benefits of breastfeeding for all members of the family [here](#).

### **Park and Rec to Hold Public Info Session for Northern Regional Rec Center**

Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation and the towns of Cornelius, Davidson and Huntersville will hold a public information session regarding the proposed Northern Regional Recreation Center on Monday, Aug. 14, 2017. The session will take place at Bailey Middle School, 11900 Bailey Road, Cornelius, from 6 – 7 p.m.

The public info session will serve as an opportunity for residents to learn what a regional recreation center is, what amenities could be included and see examples of other regional recreation centers from across the country. Park and Rec and town leaders will also discuss the design process and how residents can get involved.

An official kickoff celebration for the Northern Regional Recreation Center is scheduled for winter 2018. An exact date, time and location will be provided in the coming months.

For more information, contact Park and Recreation Director Jim Garges at 980-314-1012 or [James.Garges@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:James.Garges@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

### **CALENDAR REMINDERS**

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

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