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Legislative Update

The North Carolina General Assembly has concluded the official business of the 2018 Short Session. Usually this would signal the final adjournment for the year, completing the two-year legislative cycle. However, legislators will reconvene on November 27 to consider laws related to the passage of constitutional amendments that will be on the November ballot. An update on ratified legislation with impact on the County will be presented by staff at upcoming August meetings of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee and Board of County Commissioners.

In federal news, the House and Senate have both passed versions of the Farm Bill and will begin the conference committee process to reconcile differences. Key differences between the bills that affect Mecklenburg County center around the food stamp program. The House version proposes changes to the program that include stricter work requirements and decreased funding. The Senate proposal includes a series of administrative changes designed to increase efficiency and combat fraud. Information has been provided to the Mecklenburg County Congressional Delegation on the possible impact of the changes to constituents in our County.

For more information, contact Starla Tanner at 980-314-2884 or Starla.Tanner@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Hepatitis A Update

I would like to provide an update on the County's response so far to the possible hepatitis A exposure at Hardee's on Little Rock Road.

Since the announcement was made, staff from [Public Health](#) and Public Information have been hard at work informing the public of safety measures and ensuring that vaccinations are administered in a timely manner.

Last week, Public Health held clinics from Wednesday, June 27 through Sunday, July 1. During this time, more than 1,800 doses of vaccine were provided. More clinics will be provided this week.

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In addition to the clinics, the two departments have worked together to set up press conferences and one-on-one interviews with targeted media; have produced news releases and web updates; posted content on social media, including Facebook Live videos with the Public Health director; and partnered with Telemundo to ensure that information was made available to our Spanish-speaking

residents.

I would like to thank staff for their continued hard work and remind everyone of the important information we have about [hepatitis A](#) on www.mecknc.gov.

County Receives Excellence in Cooperative Purchasing Award

Earlier this summer, U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance presented Mecklenburg County with the Excellence in Cooperative Purchasing Award. The County was honored with this distinguished award because of our use of cooperative purchasing, a procurement best practice.

The award was accepted by the Financial Services Department Procurement Division, the team that manages vendor relations, contracts, and the purchasing of goods and services for all County departments.

Founded in 1996, U.S. Communities is a cooperative purchasing organization for local and state government. Their program combines the potential purchasing power of 90,000 government agencies to provide members with the best supplier government pricing by allowing members to make purchases through existing, competitively solicited contracts between a supplier and a lead public agency.

Congratulations staff for a job well done!

Criminal Justice Services Holds Jobs Resource Fair

On Saturday, June 30, Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services (CJS) held a Jobs Resource Fair at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School. The event is part of a series of themed resource fairs hosted in partnership with the community.

Over the last year, CJS has partnered with the Hidden Valley Community to identify opportunities to work collaboratively to strengthen the local community. Throughout the course of this partnership, the community has noted the need for job readiness services, as well as the importance of learning about the programs available in and around Mecklenburg County.

This free event provided an opportunity for community residents to connect with local organizations and to receive a variety of jobs-related services, including resume/cover letter feedback, interview tips and connections to job training programs.

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

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, July 10, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, July 10, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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