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Legislative Update

The Joint Appropriations meetings will be wrapping up for the session and the House Appropriations Committee Chairs will soon begin laying out their funding priorities with their committee members. Speaker of the House Tim Moore (R-Cleveland) has indicated that the House budget should be released by the end of April.

We are very appreciative of our legislative delegation's support in filing bills related to our legislative agenda. Opportunities to advocate for our agenda items will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

For an updated list of bills being tracked, please contact our legislative affairs liaison, [Starla Tanner](#), at 980-314-2884.

County Announces Plans for U.S. Census 2020

Census Day 2020 is one year away, and work has begun locally in preparation of this national initiative. Mecklenburg County and the NC Counts Coalition announced during a press conference at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center today Meck Counts 2020, an effort to plan outreach and engagement for the U.S. 2020 Census.

The announcement featured information on the establishment of a 2020 Census Complete Count Committee, which is comprised of elected officials and leaders from education, business, nonprofit, healthcare, the faith community and community based-organizations. They will work with local stakeholders and media to educate the public about Census 2020, encourage participation, and facilitate survey access, particularly among traditionally hard-to-count populations.

Speakers also discussed the 5,000 Census jobs that will be available in North Carolina; 1,800 of which will be in Mecklenburg County. These temporary jobs will include census takers, recruiting assistants, office staff and supervisory staff. Job details are available at www.2020census.gov/jobs.

More information can be found [here](#).

If you have questions, please contact [Deborah Goldberg](#), Management Analyst, at 980-314-2934.

2019 Net Inclusion Conference Takes Place in Mecklenburg County this Week

Digital inclusion community practitioners, advocates, academics, Internet service providers and

policymakers will convene in Mecklenburg County this week for the [2019 Net Inclusion Conference](#).

This event, which lasts through April 3, gives participants the opportunity to discuss:

- local, state and federal policies and policy innovations impacting digital equity,
- sources of financial and programmatic support of digital inclusion programs,
- and digital inclusion best practices from across the country.

The conference will have many sessions, including one on how library programs are bridging community engagement services with digital inclusion. It features Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Chief Innovation Officer Seth Ervin.

Mecklenburg County has been a member of the Charlotte Digital Inclusion Alliance since 2015.

For more information on the conference, [click here](#) or contact Community Relations Coordinator [Christine Edwards](#) at 980-314-2802.

Winners Celebrated During 'Do the Write Thing Essay' Challenge Awards Ceremony

Student finalists from 26 Charlotte-Mecklenburg (CMS) middle schools were honored during the Do the Write Thing Essay Challenge Awards Ceremony last month. The Challenge is part of the annual [National Campaign to Stop Violence's Do the Write Thing program](#), a community partnership between [Community Support Services](#) (CSS) Prevention and Intervention Services and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD).

Out of the school finalists, Nevaeh Evans of Walter G. Byers Middle School and Emerson Leach of McClintock Middle School were selected as the top challenge winners and will have their writings published and distributed locally. In addition, the finalists will become ambassadors of the program and honored at a national recognition ceremony in Washington, D.C. The National Campaign to Stop Violence and founding sponsor, the Kuwait-America Foundation, host the ceremony.

For more information about this initiative, please contact [Alex Pyun](#), Violence Prevention Manager, at 980-314-8944.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Monday, April 1, 4-5 p.m. – BOCC Performance Review Committee Meeting, CMGC 11th Floor Large Conference Room
- Tuesday, April 2, 3:30 – 5 p.m. – BOCC Economic Development Committee Meeting, CMGC 11th Floor Large Conference Room
- Tuesday, April 2, 4:30 p.m. – County Assessor's Office staff will speak to the Grier Heights Neighborhood Association about the 2019 Revaluation.
- Tuesday, April 2, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, April 2, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber
- Wednesday, April 3, 6 p.m. – County Assessor's Office staff will speak to the Regency at Palisades about the 2019 Revaluation.

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