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Legislative Recap

Last week, the General Assembly gave final approval to a budget conference report that provided an average 7-percent raise for teachers. The budget also makes various cuts to Medicaid, yet stops short of fully reforming the program. Additionally, a new compromise version of H 1224 -- the legislation to cap local sales taxes -- was proposed. The compromise would allow Mecklenburg (and three other counties) to propose a sales tax referendum this fall, but would prohibit any future attempts. The Senate approved the legislation but the House sent it back to committee, effectively killing the measure for the near term.

On Saturday, the General Assembly adjourned following what the Speaker of the House described as "the closest thing we will have to a last day of session this year." The caveat comes because the chambers failed to agree on an adjournment resolution, effectively putting the session in limbo, but it is possible a deal could be negotiated and approved this week. In any event, the legislature is likely to reconvene on August 14 to address any gubernatorial vetoes and other potential matters (as set by the adjournment resolution). The General Assembly will also hold a special session in November to consider Medicaid reform.

Community Forum Set for Proposed Tobacco-Free Regulations

The Health Department will soon be hosting a community forum and several "pop-up" events to share the proposed regulations for tobacco-free environments with residents and to gather feedback.

The proposed regulations would make all municipal government-owned buildings, vehicles, grounds and parks (including the city of Charlotte and six surrounding towns) smoke-free and all Mecklenburg County parks tobacco-free.

Below is the event schedule, which is also available here if you or your constituents want to attend.

Date	Time	Event	Location
August 5	11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Pop-up Event	Dr. Charles L. Sifford (Revolution) Golf Course
August 11	6 p.m.	Public Forum	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, Room 267
August 13	11 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Pop-up Event	Renaissance Park/Golf Course
August 16	Noon – 2 p.m.	Pop-up Event	Soccer Tournament at Mecklenburg County Sportsplex (Matthews)
August 19	Noon – 1:30 p.m.	Pop-up Event	Lunch Box Music Series, Romare Bearden Park
August 20	10 a.m. – Noon	Pop-up Event	Freedom Park Play 60 Playground
August 21	5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.	Pop-up Event	Charlotte Chamber Business After Hours Event at Heist Brewery

You can find more information about the regulations here or by contacting Dr. Marcus Plescia, Health director, at 704-336-2610.

Revaluation Review Update

With the revaluation review process still about seven months from completion, I thought I'd update you on the County's progress so far.

Last week, the Assessor's Office processed another 7,513 refunds, adding to a total of 55,328 completed refunds. To date, the revaluation has resulted in 120,328 refunds and 23,888 discovery bills. We are now 58 percent complete, with 205,511 parcels reviewed.

The Assessor's Office is taking steps to eliminate confusion with discovery bills. All bills now include an insert that details specific requirements of SL-362. The insert clearly states that new bills are considered a lien on the property and will be issued to the current property owner, per SL-362.

Assessor Ken Joyner is also working with the Regional Realtor Association and the Mecklenburg County Bar to set up speaking appearances and to share online resources for the latest revaluation information.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Monday, August 4, 6 p.m. – Park & Rec Workshop re: Southwest Community Park – Southview Recreation Center, 1720 Vilma Street
- Tuesday, August 5, 10 a.m. – County Manager to speak at Sustain Charlotte Event launching the *2014 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Sustainability Report Card,* Marshall Park
- Tuesday, August 5, 5 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CH-14
- Tuesday, August 5, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, Chamber
- Monday, August 11, 6 p.m. – Community Forum on Proposed Tobacco Free Regulations, CMGC Room 267
- Monday, August 11, 6 p.m. – Park & Rec Workshop re: Friendship Sportsplex, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3400 Beatties Ford Road
- Thursday, August 14 – Sunday, August 17 – NCACC Annual Conference, Asheville Renaissance Hotel, 31 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC
- Tuesday, August 19, 6 p.m. – Park & Rec Workshop re: Hornet's Nest Park Shelter, Hornet's Nest Park Picnic Barn, 6301 Beatties Ford Road

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