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County Partnering on Housing Our Heroes Initiative

I am excited to announce Mecklenburg County's role in a new program devoted to ending all veteran homelessness by December of 2015. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Our Heroes initiative is a partnership between the County, the city of Charlotte and the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs.

The program will be unveiled at a news conference this week. It is set for Veterans Day -- Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 2:00 p.m. in the Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center. Speakers include County Commission Chairman Trevor Fuller, Charlotte Mayor Dan Clodfelter, and Salisbury VA Medical Center Executive Director Kaye Green.

In this initiative, the County's role will be to help identify veterans who are homeless, continue to secure available housing resources and provide supportive services to help educate the community to raise awareness of veteran homelessness. County Homeless Services social workers will also provide the screening needed to determine what benefits homeless veterans are qualified to receive.

Housing Our Heroes started as a call to action by First Lady Michelle Obama and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Storm Water Services Hosts Tree Planting Events in November

Volunteers are preparing to help keep our creeks and streams cleaner by planting thousands of trees.

Through Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services' Creek ReLeaf Program, trees are planted in "riparian" areas (along floodplains and stream buffers) of Mecklenburg County. There will be two Creek ReLeaf tree planting events in November:

Saturday, Nov. 15, 9 a.m. - noon at the Rocky River Nature Preserve in Davidson (250 trees will be planted)

Saturday, Nov. 22 at the Henderson Park Neighborhood in Huntersville (1,750 trees will be planted)

As of February 2014, volunteers have planted close to 18,000 tree seedlings in Charlotte-Mecklenburg's Briar Creek, Irwin Creek, Little Sugar Creek and McDowell Creek watersheds. The trees help improve air quality, water quality and habitat.

For more information visit www.creekreleaf.com.

Mecklenburg County Supervised Visitation & Safe Exchange Center Opens Nov. 17

A new safe haven is opening for children who have experienced domestic violence.

You are invited to attend the appreciation ceremony at the Mecklenburg Supervised Visitation & Safe Exchange Center at 3500 Ellington St. The Community Consulting Committee is hosting the drop-in event Nov. 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The program begins at 6 p.m. I will be there, along with Chief District Court Judge Regan Miller and CEO of Safe Alliance Phil Kline. Light refreshments and tours will be available. Please RSVP by Nov. 12, to Marion.Osorio@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

The Center provides a safe location for visitation and exchange of children in families that have experienced domestic violence. The Center also serves as a safe haven for the non-offending parents and their children and protects them from trauma and threats of abuse that often occur during visitation and exchanges.

If you have questions, contact Community Support Services Director Stacy Lowry at 704-336-3784.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, November 18, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CH-14
- Tuesday, November 18, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, Chamber

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