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An update to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners
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Legislative Update

After several weeks of weather disruptions, the General Assembly returned to Raleigh to start work on the state budget and work on several of their legislative priorities. Provisions in several bills are of interest to the County.

[H117, the NC Competes Act](#), contained a number of economic development measures. American Airlines had sought to make jet fuel fully exempt, but the measure passed by the House maintains the status quo. The bill also adds a new requirement that local governments in Tier 3 counties (those with the strongest local economies, of which Mecklenburg is one) must "have participated in recruitment and offered incentives in a manner appropriate to the project" for a company to be eligible for Job Growth Reimbursement Opportunities grants, formerly the JDIG program. H117 passed the House and was sent to the Senate.

[S14, the Academic Standards/Rules Review/Coal Ash/Funds](#) bill was amended on the House floor to require the state auditor to randomly audit county DSS departments to examine their accuracy in determining Medicaid eligibility. Given the existing auditing controls already in place, the NCACC is working with legislators to ensure that this additional audit will not be duplicative. The Senate did not concur in the House changes and has appointed conferees to resolve their differences.

In other Raleigh news, the budget season officially kicked off with the roll out of the governor's budget. County OMB and the NCACC are reviewing the governor's proposal to identify any potential impact on County operations if the governor's recommendations are enacted.

For more information, contact Brian Francis at 980-314-2905 or Brian.Francis@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

County Names New Economic Development Director

I am pleased to announce the hiring of Peter Zeiler as the new economic development director for Mecklenburg County.

As director, Zeiler will be responsible for managing the Business Investment Program (commonly referred to as "incentives") and other economic development grants, assisting County departments with the redevelopment of County-owned real estate, and operating a Minority, Women and Small Business Enterprise (MWSBE) program.

Zeiler is currently the Redevelopment Division Manager for the Austin, Texas Economic Development Department. In this role, he leads a team of 10 architects, planners and project managers in implementing the redevelopment of more than 700 acres of city-owned land with private investment to exceed \$2.5 billion.

His first day with the County will be April 6.

Storm Water Workshop for Elected Officials to be Held March 31

You are invited to attend Storm Water 101 for Elected Officials, a workshop on Tuesday, March 31, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the UNC Charlotte Center City Building (Room 1104), 320 East Ninth Street. Presentations will address the challenges of managing storm water infrastructure and surface water quality.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services assisted with organizing this workshop and will present information on replacing and repairing failing infrastructure, federal water quality regulations, illegal dumping and illicit discharges, and storm water utility fees. Additional topics include storm water and watershed basics and Low Impact Development.

To register, please contact Karyn Williamson-Coria at 704-687-1932 or kwill235@uncc.edu. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

For more information please visit <http://ideas.uncc.edu/regional-stormwater-partnership/stormwater-events> or contact Dave Canaan at 704-336-3736 or Dave.Canaan@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

County Raises Awareness About Teen Dating Violence

Mecklenburg County Community Support Services – Women's Commission worked with various nonprofits and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools to raise awareness about teen dating violence during the month of February.

Together, they helped promote the national event, Wear Orange 4 Love Day, on Tuesday, Feb. 10. More than 450 people were accounted for wearing the color orange locally.

A total of 13,000 people were reached through giveaways and information sharing throughout the local area. Additionally, 2,800 posters were distributed throughout the County and surrounding areas. These groups also hosted a pep rally on Friday, Feb. 6 at the Grady Cole Center. More than 150 people attended to listen to a youth band, hear the Rocky River drum line play, watch the Rocky River cheer squads perform, and hear personal stories from survivors.

[View pictures from the pep rally](#)

[View pictures from Wear Orange 4 Love Day](#)

To learn about teen dating violence awareness, [click here](#).

Commissioner Dunlap to Host Community Meeting

Commissioner George Dunlap is hosting a community meeting in his district this Thursday, March 12, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Hilton Charlotte University Place, 8629 JM Keynes Drive. Everyone is invited.

I will be there, along with several County department directors and other speakers to discuss parks and greenways, property taxes and valuation; Smoke-Free Mecklenburg, the CATS Lynx Blue Line extension, new voter identification laws, and more.

For more information, contact LaShonda Hart at 980-314-2906 or LaShonda.Hart@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, March 10, 3 p.m. – BOCC Budget/Public Policy Workshop, CMGC Room 267
- Wednesday, March 11, noon – County Manager Dena R. Diorio is keynote speaker at Hood Hargett Luncheon, The Palm, 6705-B Phillips Place Court, Phillips Place, Charlotte, NC
- Thursday, March 12, 6 p.m. – Commissioner Dunlap holds community meeting at Hilton Charlotte, University Place, 8629 JM Keynes Drive
- Tuesday, March 17, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH 14
- Tuesday, March 17, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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