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An update to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners
from the County Manager

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General Assembly Update

The State Senate recently introduced economic incentive/tax reform legislation that would cap the amount of tax incentives available to companies in Mecklenburg, Wake and Guilford counties. The plan differs significantly from a previously passed House plan and received criticism from the Governor. Meanwhile, expected legislation for Sen. Harry Brown to reallocate sales tax revenues was introduced today. We will provide an estimate of the fiscal impact on Mecklenburg County and the municipalities to our delegation in the near future.

In addition, staff is working to identify the fiscal impact of legislation that would exempt builders from property taxes for up to five years. We also are analyzing the impact of a proposal to increase the liability of building inspectors and eliminate plan review for residential construction. We are closely following, and preparing to work against, legislation that would subject to a referendum the BOCC's authority to issue certain types of debt. Early this week, the bill was scheduled for a committee meeting, however, a coalition including the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners raised sufficient concerns to delay consideration of the bill.

Finally, Mecklenburg Representative (and former County Commissioner) Becky Carney will once again be one of four co-chairs of the bipartisan and bicameral County Caucus composed of legislators who are former County Commissioners.

If you have questions, contact Brian Francis at 980-314-2905 or Brian.Francis@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Ramp Installed at Romare Bearden Park

At the Jan. 21 Board meeting, you received a presentation regarding a civil rights complaint about accessibility for people with disabilities at Romare Bearden Park.

Staff recommended the replacement of an existing stair with a new ramp to improve the accessibility to the water feature from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. After an eight-week period of design and construction, the new ramp has been completed and opened for public use.

The new ramp satisfies the original complaint and meets ADA requirements.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mark Hahn at 980-314-2520 or Mark.Hahn@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Second Annual Charlotte Career Discovery Day

You are invited to join approximately 3,000 students at this year's County-wide Charlotte Career Discovery Day on April 22, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the at The Park Expo and Conference Center's Liberty Hall, 800 Briar Creek Road.

This event will allow 10th through 12th grade students from across Mecklenburg County to interact with leading employers in the cutting-edge fields of finance, health sciences, human services, local government and STEM (Science,

Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

The event provides youth the opportunity to find direction as they work to build career security for their future.

Mecklenburg County has been joined by several community partners helping to make this year's event possible: City of Charlotte, Microsoft, Charlotte Works, Carolinas HealthCare System, Siemens, and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

For more information, contact Rossana Seitter at 980-314-2811 or Rossana.Seitter@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Get Fit in '15

Park and Recreation is making health a top priority with the launch of its new fitness program, Fit in '15 at Romare Bearden Park.

The free program will officially start with a kick-off event on Saturday, April 11 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Fitness classes offered include: Zumba, Tabata, The Werk Out, Insanity, and Yoga.

For more information including a class schedule, visit the [Romare Bearden Park Web page](#) or contact Jim Garges at 980-314-1012 or James.Garges@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, March 24, 3 p.m. – BOCC Special Meeting: Budget/Public Policy, CMGC Room 267
- Thursday, March 26: 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. – Dena R. Diorio serving as panelist at Community Building Initiative's Leadership Under 40 Seminar, Johnson C. Smith University
- Tuesday, April 7, 5 - 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH14
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