

Mecklenburg County Manager's "Board Bulletin"

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

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General Assembly Update

As I mentioned last week, the Board's legislative goal to add an additional aggravating factor for crimes knowingly committed in the presence of a minor and the goal to broaden "the presence of a minor" to include hearing as well as seeing, is included in House Bill 465. That bill has been passed by both houses and presented to the Governor, who says that he will sign it.

The Senate moved forward with its budget preparations this week, and it is expected that they will begin rolling out their budget by unveiling their sales tax redistribution plan in committee on Tuesday. While that plan is still being finalized, the Senate Republican caucus has reportedly voted to move forward with a plan that shifts sales tax distribution to a mostly per capita distribution. We are continuing to speak with legislators about the devastating impact such a plan would have on Mecklenburg County and other commercial centers in the state.

We will continue to keep you informed of developments at the state level during your budget meetings this week.

County Wins 10 NACo Awards

I would like to congratulate Mecklenburg County staff on winning 10 Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

The Achievement Award program recognizes innovative county government programs in 21 categories including children and youth, criminal justice, county administration, environmental protection, information technology, health and many more.

Mecklenburg's winning programs include:

- MecklenburgCountyNC.gov: A Better User Experience (Public Information)
- Development of a Program to Improve Compression Depth and Time to Defibrillation in Out-of-Hospital Cardiac Arrest (Medic)
- Care Transitions-A Community Based Partnership (DSS)
- MeckFUSE Program (CSS)
- Library Card Drive for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Students in Pre-K through Third Grade (Charlotte Mecklenburg Library)

- Adaptive Lacrosse Clinic (Park and Recreation)
- Paralympic Gateway to Gold (Park and Recreation)
- Flora Website (Park and Recreation)
- Young Adults on the Go! (Park and Recreation)
- Mecklenburg Livable Communities Plan (LUESA)

Staff will be honored during NACo's annual conference which will be held here in Mecklenburg County from July 10 – 13.

County Partners with Nextdoor

As I mentioned in my Manger's Report last Tuesday, Mecklenburg County is now partnering with Nextdoor.com, the private social network for neighborhoods, in an effort to facilitate a virtual neighborhood watch program and help foster countywide neighbor-to-neighbor communications.

The new partnership with Nextdoor will enable Mecklenburg County offices to communicate directly with residents to build stronger, safer, more engaged communities.

We made our first post to the network last week, announcing to users all over the County that we would be using the site to communicate information with them. The community response has been overwhelmingly positive; between direct messages, comments, and "Thanks" (similar to "Likes" on Facebook or "Favorites" on Twitter), we've received over 700 responses to our initial post.

To sign up, visit <http://bit.ly/1FuCUng>.

For more information, contact Nicole Sabourin at 980-314-2823 or Nicole.Sabourin@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Medic Relocation Community Meeting Set for June 15

Mecklenburg County will hold a community meeting to discuss the Medic relocation to 4301 Wilkinson Blvd. on Monday, June 15. The meeting will take place at Westerly Hills Academy, 4420 Denver Ave. at 6 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Medic Executive Director Joe Penner and County staff will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

For more information, contact Rossana Seitter at 980-395-2492 or Rossana.Seitter@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, June 9, 3 p.m. – BOCC Budget/Public Policy Workshop, CMGC Room 267
- Wednesday, June 10, 6 p.m. – Budget Public Hearing, CMGC Meeting Chamber
- Thursday, June 11, 3 p.m. – Budget Straw Vote, CMGC Room 267
- Friday, June 12, 3 p.m. – Budget Straw Vote, CMGC Room 267 (If necessary)

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