

## Mecklenburg County Manager's "Board Bulletin"

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# MECKLENBURG COUNTY GOVERNMENT



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

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### General Assembly Update

The State continues to function on a temporary spending plan as another week passed without a full year budget in place. There are some indications that progress is being made to resolve differences in Medicaid plans and the proposed tax packages, two keys to an overall budget falling into place. The House Appropriations Committee met again on Wednesday to discuss differences between their plan and the spending bill from the Senate. During that hearing, representatives of the business communities in Charlotte, Currituck and Raleigh talked about the damage that sales tax redistribution would do to their local economies. We are continuing to work with our counterparts across the state in both the public and private sector to raise our concerns about the Senate plan.

At the federal level, Congresswoman Alma Adams and Congressman Robert Pittenger joined with two colleagues from New York to introduce HR 3312, legislation authorizing the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make grants for establishing coordinated networks of services and resources for veterans and their families. We have worked closely with both offices to introduce this legislation which would allow the Veterans Affairs Department to use existing funds in support of efforts like the one being led by Community Support Services in Mecklenburg County. We greatly appreciate Representatives Adams and Pittenger's leadership on this issue.

### Druid Hills Park Gets New Community Garden

A community garden will be unveiled at Druid Hills Park on Aug. 4 and it's thanks to a partnership between the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), Disney | ABC Television Group, ESPN and Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation.

Earlier this year, the organizations worked together as part of NRPA's Parks Build Community initiative which aimed to revitalize parks across the U.S. Each participating community was guaranteed a \$20,000 grant toward a park project. Residents were able to vote for their favorite option through an online survey on the NRPA website.

The ceremony will take place from 5 – 8 p.m. at 2801 Poinsett Street in Charlotte.

Other Mecklenburg County projects that were considered for the grant were:

- Nature Play Area at Reedy Creek Park
- Urban Skate Park for Beginners at Grayson Park/Naomi Drenan Recreation Center

For more information on community gardens in Mecklenburg County, please [click here](#).

#### CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Aug. 4, 5-6 – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH14
- Tuesday, Aug. 4, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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