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General Assembly Update

Despite votes "against" from Mecklenburg County Senators Jeff Tarte, Joel Ford, Jeff Jackson, and Joyce Waddell, the North Carolina Senate passed its version of House Bill 117 on Tuesday. The bill, which I discussed in last week's [Board Bulletin](#), includes a sales tax redistribution plan that will cost Mecklenburg County between \$60 and \$75 million over the next four years.

As we continue to work with members of both the House and Senate to find solutions to aid rural counties without placing a burden on Mecklenburg County taxpayers, I traveled to Raleigh on Tuesday to meet with legislative leaders. I appreciate Senators Brown and Rucho for meeting with me to hear the impacts on Mecklenburg County's budget that the Senate's redistribution scheme would have.

I also appreciate Representatives Brawley, Jeter and Saine meeting with us to apprise us of their efforts in the House. I am confident that these House leaders are champions of our cause, and remain optimistic that they will find a solution that protects Mecklenburg County's taxpayers from sales tax redistribution.

Security Update

Over the past several months, Asset and Facility Management (AFM) has been diligently working to review the state of security across the County in direct response to safety and security concerns raised during the FY14 Employee Climate Survey and validated again in FY15. During the spring, security focus groups were conducted with employees from the most populous locations, and additional feedback has been heard from staff via my suggestion box, "Dine with Dena" sessions, and department directors. Recommendations were noted and implemented into our plans to reinforce our security operations.

I am pleased to tell you that I have recently approved additional security enhancements at some of our facilities.

- Starting Monday, Aug. 17, an additional security officer will be posted at the Hal Marshall Services Center between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m.
- Beginning Oct. 1, we will be increasing mobile security patrols by six hours per day, providing

24/7 response capability for County personnel. This mobile patrol is staffed by sworn law enforcement officers.

- Beginning Oct. 1, we will be working to increase our security officer presence at Bob Walton Plaza, the Wallace Kuralt Centre, the Valerie C. Woodard Center, Carlton Watkins, and Tom Ray, providing increased coverage in the parking lots during the early morning and evening hours.

Additional enhancements also being considered include more surveillance cameras at some locations. Feedback from employees will also be incorporated into the design of new facilities and renovations, including camera surveillance and lighting in parking lots, separation of staff and public spaces, security officer coverage, etc.

For more information, contact Chad Harris at 980-314-2505 or Chad.Harris@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Juvenile Justice Funding Update

During County budget deliberations in June, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners requested that Criminal Justice Services (CJS) identify ways to assist Race Matters for Juvenile Justice (RMJJ) using existing resources during Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (FY16). One suggestion proposed was to fund a part-time administrative assistant for RMJJ.

In the FY16 CJS budget, funding will be reallocated to hire a temporary part-time administrative assistant within Criminal Justice Services to support the work of RMJJ this fiscal year. This funding will only be available until June 30, 2016. By providing support through a County position, CJS will have the opportunity to learn more about the support needs of RMJJ.

The intent of this administrative support is to allow RMJJ to continue its valuable work while the RMJJ Leadership Collaborative explores the right long-term organizational fit for RMJJ. Mecklenburg County values the work of RMJJ and is glad to be able to assist RMJJ in FY16.

For more information, contact Carol Hickey at (980) 314-2928 or carol.hickey@mecklenburgcountync.gov

Golf Tourney Benefits Youth Sports Scholarship Fund

I would like to invite you to participate in Park and Recreation's [Dr. Charles L. Sifford Memorial Youth Sports Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament](#) on Oct. 23. The tournament will take place at the Charles T. Myers Golf Course, 7817 Harrisburg Rd, Charlotte with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m.

The department's goal is to raise \$10,000 for the scholarship fund to help deserving youth participate in County recreational programs at a free or reduced cost. Whether you play in the tournament or simply make a donation, your involvement will directly help children in Mecklenburg County.

Registration Fees:

- \$80 per player (\$320 per team) – Register by Sept. 1
- \$100 per player (\$400 per team) – Register after Sept. 1

To register please follow this [link](#). Once you have completed your registration form, you will be contacted for payment. If you have any registration or general event questions, please contact Preston Buckman at Preston.Buckman@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov or 704-529-3273.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Sept. 1, 5-6 – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH14
- Tuesday, Sept. 1, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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