

## Mecklenburg County Manager's "Board Bulletin"

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# MECKLENBURG COUNTY GOVERNMENT



## BOARD BULLETIN

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

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### General Assembly Update

While no formal steps were taken toward a final budget resolution this week, there is a growing sense of optimism among legislators that the current Continuing Resolution will be the last. As you will recall, a full two-year budget will need to be passed by Sept. 18 in order to preclude the need for an additional CR. Legislators are continuing consideration of other measures while the budget is being debated.

Among the possible changes of interest to commissioners is the timing of next years' primaries. A bill is being negotiated that would set the presidential primary as a "winner take all" election on March 15. The date would be two weeks later than currently scheduled in order to comply with national party rules that would otherwise strip North Carolina of delegates to the national conventions.

There is also conversation about moving all 2016 primaries to March 15 so that counties do not need to fund two primary elections. If adopted, that plan would affect the election date for county commission races as well as congressional, council of state and General Assembly races.

### Bringing Mecklenburg County To You Update

Construction is underway and demolition contractors will be on-site tomorrow at 2145 Suttle Avenue, the new home of Mecklenburg's Land Use and Environmental Services Agency (LUESA).

This 100,000 square foot facility, which served as the former home of the Charlotte School of Law, will boast a state-of-the-art Customer Service Center (CSC) on its main floor. The CSC will reflect the innovative approaches Code Enforcement and other LUESA agencies use to meet the needs of their customers every day. The building will also improve the work environment for the employees who will be relocating there. The intent is for most departments to move to the new facility over the winter holiday season, with the CSC being fully functional on the first business day of the new year.

Plans are in place for the ribbon cutting and grand opening on Jan. 4, 2016.

More information will be provided soon.

## Park and Recreation Capital Projects Update

Over the past few years, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation began several park and facility construction projects to help better meet the recreational needs of County residents.

To date, 68 projects totaling \$130 million are either underway or nearing completion.

Last week, I had the opportunity to tour a few of these sites, and I am quite impressed with the progress being made. Here is a quick overview of what I saw.

- **First Ward Park**

This 4.5-acre neighborhood park near Brevard, 7th and 9th streets will help redefine the First Ward neighborhood by providing much needed green space for exercise and festivals. Work is expected to be finished in November.

- **McAlpine Creek Park and Greenway**

Park and Rec and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department are wrapping up a two year project to improve trails and bridges at McAlpine Creek Park and Greenway that were affected by the relief sewer project. Work is expected to be finished this fall.

- **McDowell Creek Greenway**

McDowell Creek Greenway from Lee Dukes Water Treatment Plant to the existing Torrence Creek Greenway is currently under a stream restoration project by LUESA. Park and Recreation is currently designing the 1.8-mile trail and will begin construction next spring/summer after the stream restoration is finished.

- **Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center**

As you may be aware, the Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center closed on June 1, 2015 for a complete facility renovation. The project is off to a great start and work is expected to be finished by next May. You can learn about the project [here](#).

For more information on Park and Recreation projects, visit [www.parkandrec.com](http://www.parkandrec.com) or contact Jim Garges at 980-314-1012 or [James.Garges@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:James.Garges@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

## Procurement Services, Park and Recreation Partner for Athletic Sports Lighting Bid

The County's Procurement Division and the Park and Recreation Department posted an Invitation for Bids for the construction of athletic sports lighting at the proposed Southwest Community Park on Sept. 3. The solicitation, which was posted in the Charlotte Observer and Charlotte Post, invites bidders to propose on LED exterior athletic lighting and the installation of the lighting for the County's first two championship size baseball fields. Elm Engineering Inc. was hired to develop the bid specifications with the goal of the bid being to receive optimum 25 year total cost of ownership value for the lighting. Elm Engineering will assist with the evaluation of the bids to ensure that they meet the required specifications.

Interested vendors and the public can view a copy of the invitation, #00000008, by following the link: [meckprocure.com](http://meckprocure.com) and clicking on "Open Bids."

A mandatory pre-bid meeting will take place on Sept. 14, 2 p.m., at the Mecklenburg County Procurement Division offices in the Valerie C. Woodard Center. Procurement Services will receive sealed bids for this proposal on Oct. 1, no later than 2 p.m. Bid, performance, and payment & material bonds are required for this bid. Applicable regulations of various licensing boards and M/W/SBE provisions will also be observed.

For more information, please contact Matthew Newlon at 980-314-2412 or [Matthew.Newlon@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Matthew.Newlon@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

### CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Sept. 15, 5-6 – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH14
- Tuesday, Sept. 15, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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