

Mecklenburg County Manager's "Board Bulletin"

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

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Budget Retreat Update

The 2016 Budget Retreat is right around the corner.

This year's event will take place Wednesday, Jan. 27 beginning at 8:30 a.m. through Friday, Jan. 29 at noon at the Harris Conference Center, 3216 CPCC Harris Campus Drive, Charlotte.

During the three-day retreat, you will learn about various County initiatives and priorities and get a preview of budget items for FY17.

The meeting will be broadcast on The Government Channel (Time Warner Cable 16) and streamed online at mecklenburgcountync.gov. Live updates will also be available on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Another Big Year for Park and Rec Capital Projects

2016 will be another big year for [Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation](#) capital projects.

The department will open several highly anticipated facilities including the Ramsey Creek Park Beach on Lake Norman (late May/early June), the newly renovated Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center (June 1) and phase II of the Mecklenburg County Sportsplex at Matthews (late fall). A groundbreaking is also scheduled in late fall for a new nature center at Latta Plantation.

In addition, Park and Recreation will renovate several park shelters and facilities including:

Freedom Park Shelters and Band Shell

Several shelters will be demolished and replaced, the Band Shell will undergo routine maintenance and new accessible pathways will be installed from Mahlon Adams to the restrooms.

Budget: \$1,250,000

Completion date: August 2016

Hornet's Nest Park Shelter

Shelter #1 will be enclosed for meeting space with new kitchen/restroom/storage additions and outdoor patio space. Improvements will be made to Shelter #2 to improve visibility and safety.

Budget: \$1,710,000

Completion date: Jan. 2017

Veterans Park Shelter

The shelter will undergo a complete renovation with the addition of new meeting space and a new standalone restroom building.

Budget: \$1,345,000

Completion date: Jan. 2017

West Charlotte Recreation Center

Complete renovation of the facility.

Budget: \$1,800,000

Completion date: Jan. 2017

New playgrounds will also be installed over the next eight months at 15 parks including:

- Briarwood Park
- Campbell Creek Park
- Coulwood Park
- Edgehill Park
- Freedom Park – Princeton Avenue
- Hornet's Nest Park
- Independence Park
- Little People's Park
- Midwood Park
- Rama Road Park
- Revolution Park
- Shamrock Park
- Springfield Park
- West Charlotte Park
- Wilmore Park

For more information on Park and Recreation projects, visit www.parkandrec.com or contact Jim Garges at 980-314-1012 or James.Garges@MecklenburgCountync.gov.

County, City and Local Organizations to Sponsor Digital Charlotte Community Impact Event

[Mecklenburg County](#), the [City of Charlotte](#) and several local organizations will sponsor a Digital Charlotte Community Impact event on Saturday, Jan. 23, 8:30 – 11 a.m., at Industry Coworking inside the AvidXchange Music Factory, 1000 North Carolina Music Factory Blvd.

You are invited to attend the free event to learn about community efforts to bridge the digital divide and engage with community partners that offer digital training and education resources helping to empower communities through technology.

More information can be found online at www.digitalcharlottecommunityupdat.splashthat.com.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Wednesday, Jan. 20, 5 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH14
- Wednesday, Jan. 20, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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