

April 25, 2016



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

Mecklenburg's Environmental Sustainability Manager Recognized for Livable Meck Initiative

I would like to congratulate Marcus Carson, Mecklenburg County's environmental sustainability manager, on being nominated for an outstanding leadership award for his work on the

[Livable Meck \(/mecklenburg/county/livablemeck/Pages/default.aspx\)](/mecklenburg/county/livablemeck/Pages/default.aspx)

initiative. Marcus was among 71 individuals and organizations recognized by Sustain Charlotte on April 21 for their innovative work to address the region's environmental, economic and equity challenges.

Marcus has done a tremendous job representing the County in the Livable Meck partnership, which also includes the City of Charlotte, the towns of Davidson, Huntersville, Matthews, Mint Hill, and Pineville, and more than 100 private and nonprofit organizations. The goal of Livable Meck is to work collaboratively toward implementing a community-wide unified vision that informs and guides how our communities grow.

Way to go Marcus!

Annual Point In Time Count Report to be Released Thursday

The 2016 annual homelessness Point In Time (PIT) Count Report will be released publically on Thursday. A link can be found

[here \(/mecklenburg/county/CommunitySupportServices/HomelessServices/reports/Pages/2016-Reports.aspx\)](/mecklenburg/county/CommunitySupportServices/HomelessServices/reports/Pages/2016-Reports.aspx)

. The report was prepared by UNC Charlotte Urban Institute on behalf of the Housing Advisory Board of Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Funding was provided by Mecklenburg County Community Support Services.

The report details the 2016 PIT count, which was held on Jan. 27, 2016, and provides an examination of PIT

data from 2009 to 2016. This is an estimate of how many homeless people are living in transitional, emergency and seasonal shelters as well as those unsheltered who are living in places unfit for human habitation on any given night.

The count should not be viewed as an exact number but used to examine the complexity of the homeless population and trends over time.

Key findings in the 2016 PIT Report include:

Overall homelessness has decreased by 36 percent (1,006 persons) since 2010 and 9 percent (183 persons) since last year as the population in Mecklenburg County grew.

Chronic homelessness decreased by 39 percent (110 persons) from 2015 to 2016.

Veteran homelessness decreased by 19 percent (36 persons) from 2015 to 2016.

Family homelessness (adults with children) decreased by 14 percent (108 persons) from 2015 to 2016.

Unaccompanied Youth homelessness decreased by 8 percent (7 persons) from 2015 to 2016.

An annual point in time count is federally mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for all communities receiving federal fund through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants Program.

Aquatic Center Open House Set for May 5

After a year of construction, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation is close to reopening the Aquatic Center located in uptown Charlotte.

The state-of-the-art facility, which has hosted local and national swimming competitions for more than 20 years, will have a fresh new look, complete with a renovated competition pool, fitness center and lobby.

You are invited to get a sneak peek of the remodeled facility at an open house event on Thursday, May 5 beginning at 3 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

The Aquatic Center will officially reopen to the public on June 1.

For more information, visit

www.parkandrec.com (<http://www.parkandrec.com/>)

and click on the

[Aquatic Center Web page](http://www.charmeck.org/mecklenburg/county/ParkandRec/Aquatics/Pages/Aquatic%20Center%20Information.aspx)

[\(<http://www.charmeck.org/mecklenburg/county/ParkandRec/Aquatics/Pages/Aquatic%20Center%20Information.aspx>\)](http://www.charmeck.org/mecklenburg/county/ParkandRec/Aquatics/Pages/Aquatic%20Center%20Information.aspx)

or contact Jim Garges at 980-314-1012 or

James.Garges@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov (<mailto:James.Garges@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov>)

Join Us for Our Open Streets Event May 1

As you know, Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte and Partners for Parks are working together to present the inaugural Open Streets 704 on Sunday May 1 from noon to 4 p.m.

The event will begin with a parade and 5K Fun Run/Bike leaving from the Seventh Street bridge, near the intersection of Seventh Street and Kings Drive. The parade and 5K Fun Run/Bike will proceed leisurely along the route to the intersection of North Davidson Street and 36th Street.

Larry Sprinkle, long-time WCNC weather anchor will be the grand parade marshal or the Open Streets Boss. He'll be joined at the front of the parade by CMPD bicycle officers, the Knight Foundation, and the directors of CDOT, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation, Mecklenburg County Health Department and Partners for Parks.

County Commissioners are invited to join in the fun. So bring your bike, walking shoes, strollers, rollerblades, or skateboard and join us for the parade beginning at noon! No registration is required to participate in the parade and the 5K Fun Run/Bike.

You can learn more about Open Streets 704 at
www.openstreets704.com (<http://www.openstreets704.com/>)

Address

Mailing Address:

Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center
600 East 4th Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Office Location:

Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center
600 East 4th Street
Charlotte, NC 28202

Hours: Mon-Fri 8 a.m - 5 p.m.

Contact

County Manager's Office

980-314-2900

[Send an Email \(mailto:Rossana.Seitter@mecklenburgcountync.gov\)](mailto:Rossana.Seitter@mecklenburgcountync.gov)