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

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Your Legislative Report

House and Senate budget leaders agreed last week to a \$22.2 billion spending limit for the 2016-17 fiscal year, a little less than Gov. Pat McCrory's \$22.8 billion proposal. The legislature's self-imposed spending limit represents a 2.26 percent increase over the current year's budget.

House budget committees met May 3-5 to begin the chamber's process of developing its version of an adjusted budget for the 2016-17 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Budget work is expected to continue to be the House's focus this week.

In addition to the state budget, Mecklenburg County lobbyists talked to several legislators last week about our tax and finance agenda items. It appears that legislators do not anticipate any problems or barriers with our finance issues.

As for the tax issue, we received a new draft of our tax language from the Department of Revenue that we believe addresses our needs. We are circulating the language to the NC Association of County Commissioners, having already heard positive feedback from the NC League of Municipalities. Next, we will pass it along to our delegation and the Finance chairs of both chambers for their consideration.

For more information, contact Deputy County Manager Chris Peek at 980-314-2881 or Chris.PEEK@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Veterans Services Director Accepts State Position

I would like to announce that Jim Prosser, Mecklenburg County Veterans Services director, will be leaving the organization on May 13 to become the assistant secretary of Veterans Affairs for the State of North Carolina.

Jim has done an incredible job over the past five years strengthening our Veterans Services Division and the services we provide to our veterans. It has been an honor to work with Jim. I wish him the best in his new role.

Recruitment efforts are underway for Jim's position.

County Seeks Feedback on the Design and Development of its Community Resource Centers

Mecklenburg County is seeking feedback on the design and development of its community resource centers (CRC) that will eventually be located at the Valerie C. Woodard Center, 3205 Freedom Drive, and five additional locations throughout the area.

This effort is part of a bigger Health and Human Services plan to shift toward a community-based service delivery model within Mecklenburg County. The objective of the CRCs is that our residents will be able to access multiple health and human services such as Medicaid, health screenings and benefits under one roof.

This [survey](#) has been sent to our community partners. Feedback will be accepted through Monday, May 23, 2016.

Commissioner Ridenhour, Dr. Allen Selected as Finalists for Charlotte Chamber's Young Professional Award

Congratulations are in order for District 5 Commissioner Matthew Ridenhour and County Strategic Planning and Evaluation Director Monica Allen, Ph.D. Both have been selected as finalists for the Charlotte Chamber's 2016 Public Servant Award, and will be recognized during the Chamber's [Young Professional Awards](#) (The YP's) ceremony on Thursday, May 26 at the NASCAR Hall of Fame.

The YPs honor young professionals between 21 and 39 years of age, who are selected from a competitive and diverse pool of candidates.

The categories include: Young Professional Newcomer, Nonprofit Leader, Educator, Public Servant, Business Leader and Entrepreneur. One nominee will also be recognized as The Young Professional of the Year.

You can view a complete list of finalists and register for the event [here](#).

Good luck Matthew and Monica!

Park and Recreation to Conduct Public Hearings for Urban Little Sugar Creek Greenway Renaming

Three public hearings will be held concerning the renaming of urban Little Sugar Creek Greenway (East Seventh Street to East Fourth Street) as "Dr. Tony Zeiss Way on Little Sugar Creek Greenway". This section is adjacent to the central campus of Central Piedmont Community College, where Dr. Zeiss has served as a president for more than 20 years.

Comments are invited at any of the following public hearings:

June 13 - 6 p.m.

Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation, Greenway Advisory Council
Freedom Park, Mahlon Adams Pavilion, 2435 Cumberland Ave. Charlotte

July 14 - 5:30 p.m.

Park and Recreation Commission
Copperhead Island, 15200 Soldier Road Charlotte

Sept. 6 - 6 p.m.

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting
600 E Fourth St.

For more information, contact Park and Recreation Director Jim Garges at 980-314-1012 or James.Garges@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, May 10, 8:30 a.m. – County Manager Dena R. Diorio to address Tuesday Morning Breakfast Forum, Belmont Regional Center, 700 Parkwood Ave., Charlotte
- Tuesday, May 10, 3 p.m. – BOCC Budget/ Public Policy Meeting, CMGC Room 267
- Thursday, May 12, 4 p.m. – County Manager Dena R. Diorio will deliver the commencement address at Central Piedmont Community College at Bojangles' Coliseum, 2700 E. Independence Blvd., Charlotte

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