

## 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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### County Hires Code Enforcement Director

I am excited to announce that Patrick Granson has accepted the position as the new director of the County's [LUESA Code Enforcement](#) Division effective Sept. 1, 2016. He will report to Ebenezer Gujjarlapudi, director of the Land Use and Environmental Services Agency.

Patrick has been selected after a nationwide search to replace Jim Bartl, the current director of Code Enforcement who announced his retirement earlier this year. He is currently the director of plan review within the department. In his current role, Patrick manages a staff of 70 that conduct plan reviews and issued over 90,000 permits in FY2015.

Patrick has been instrumental in assisting with the customer service enhancements that have been underway for the last two years. I believe Patrick is the right candidate to lead and continue the progress we have made in providing code enforcement services in Mecklenburg County.

For more information, contact LUESA Director Ebenezer Gujjarlapudi at 980-314-3628 or Ebenezer.Gujjarlapudi@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

### Tax Bills Released Early

The [County Assessor's Office](#) (CAO) and the [Office of the Tax Collector](#) (OTC) have worked together to release tax bills earlier than ever before. Historically, real estate and personal property tax bills were released in late August - ahead of the Sept. 1 due date.

For the first time, tax bills and notifications to taxpayers with mortgage escrow accounts will be mailed in July. Bills are scheduled to be mailed on July 27 with taxpayers receiving them between July 28 and 30. The CAO and OTC want to give taxpayers as much time as possible to pay the bills before they become delinquent.

For more information, contact Tax Collector Neal Dixon at 980-314-4488 or Neal.Dixon@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov or County Assessor Ken Joyner at 980-314-4288 or Ken.Joyner@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

### New Tax Bill Format

The [Board of County Commissioners](#) requested that information on tax bills be more transparent by showing how County tax dollars are spent. In response to this request, 2016 tax bills have been redesigned. The information contained in the tax bill is now easier to read and provides transparency into how County tax dollars are allocated.

The tax bill and amount due on the front side of the bill have been enlarged and a new section titled "Mecklenburg Tax Allocation" has been added. The Mecklenburg Tax Allocation displays how each individual taxpayer's County tax dollars are allocated to the service areas in the budget. Upon reviewing the tax bill, the taxpayer will see exactly how much of the taxpayer's County tax is allocated to education, County services and general debt services. In addition to a table that shows the specific amounts per bill, the allocation is also illustrated on a pie chart.

Taxpayers who have mortgage escrow accounts receive a notification in lieu of a tax bill. Those taxpayers will receive a flyer inserted with the notification indicating how County dollars are allocated. Next year, they will receive the same specific information that is included on the tax bills this year.

By providing this information on the revised tax bill, the Board's vision for communicating how Mecklenburg County tax dollars are spent has been fulfilled.

For more information, contact Tax Collector Neal Dixon at 980-314-4488 or [Neal.Dixon@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Neal.Dixon@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

### **Second Ward Gym Visioning Session Set for Wednesday**

Our [Park and Recreation Department](#) will host a visioning session to discuss renovations to the historic Second Ward Gymnasium this Wednesday from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. The visioning session will take place at the Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center, 800 E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. adjacent to the gym.

You are invited to attend the event to learn about the project which calls for the site to be used as ancillary space for the Aquatic Center. Programming will be offered by Park and Recreation and will include activities such as athletics, camps and fitness classes. The renovated gym will also provide a display area for historic artifacts and memorabilia collected by the Second Ward High School Alumni Foundation.

Second Ward High School opened in 1923 as the City's first high school for African-American students. The school closed in 1969, and was largely demolished along with other historic buildings in the former Brooklyn Village neighborhood.

For more information, contact Park and Recreation Director Jim Garges at 980-314-1012 or [James.Garges@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:James.Garges@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

#### **CALENDAR REMINDERS**

- Wednesday, Aug. 3, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC Room CH14
- Wednesday, Aug. 3, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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