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BOARD BULLETIN

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

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Commissioner Dunlap Elected to NACo Board of Directors

I would like to congratulate Commissioner George Dunlap on being elected to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Board of Directors for 2016-2017.

Commissioner Dunlap was appointed to a one-year term during NACo's annual conference in California last week.

As a member of the NACo Board, Commissioner Dunlap will work with leaders from across the country to help develop policies and strategies for a wide range of issues affecting local governments nationwide.

This honor is especially important to Mecklenburg County as Commissioner Dunlap will be able to bring national attention to issues that matter most to our residents.

Feel free to contact me for more information.

Brooklyn Village Town Hall Meeting Set for Aug. 4

In June 2016, BK Partners was selected by the Board of County Commissioners as the master developer for redevelopment of [Brooklyn Village](#) in the Second Ward of uptown Charlotte. Brooklyn Village was a vibrant and dynamic neighborhood and BK Partners and the County are committed to embracing and celebrating its history. The [current proposal](#) includes history pavilions throughout the development, a cultural center, and public art, all of which will be developed through extensive community engagement.

BK Partners and Mecklenburg County will host a Town Hall event to kick off the community engagement process on Thursday, Aug. 4, 6-8 p.m. The public is invited to join at the Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center in room 267.

Parking is available in the Davidson Street Parking Deck.

[Sign up](#) to receive email updates on Brooklyn Village.

For more information, contact Christine Edwards, community relations coordinator, at 704-975-5042 or Christine.Edwards@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

August is Child Support Awareness Month

Every August, throughout the United States, we highlight the importance of the financial and emotional support parents provide to their children. And we want to thank them for the consistent way they pay their child support.

It matters to us and more importantly, it matters to the children.

This year, [Mecklenburg County Child Support Enforcement](#) (CSE) employees will celebrate Child Support Awareness Month with several special events. These events include:

- Custodial Parent Awareness Week
Aug. 1-5: CSE employees will visit the Salvation Army Center of Hope and Dove's Nest to distribute personal hygiene items and to provide an overview of CSE services.
- Children's Awareness Week
Aug. 8-12: CSE will provide one package of school supplies to each child who visits the CSE office with a custodial or noncustodial parent. The CSE office is located at 5800 Executive Center Drive, Suite 200, Charlotte.
- Noncustodial Parent Awareness Week
Aug. 22-26: On Aug. 25, CSE will host a Responsible Fatherhood Initiative orientation from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the CSE office. This orientation will focus on the rights and responsibilities of fathers who have been named in a child support case.

In addition, our Community Outreach Committee will provide Albemarle Road Elementary School with school supplies on Aug. 26, donated by CSE employees during the months of July and August.

For more information on Child Support Awareness Month, contact Joan Kennedy, Child Support Enforcement director, at 980-314-8750 or Joan.Kennedy@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Park and Rec Program Provides Safe Play Opportunities for Mecklenburg Youth

Every child deserves a safe environment to participate in recreational and healthy activities. That's why [Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation](#) launched the Safe Play program this summer at several recreation centers and one CMS school throughout the County.

The program, which took place from June 20 - July 28, hosted more than 100 youth not in summer camp at outdoor play areas associated with:

- Albemarle Road Recreation Center
- Arbor Glen Recreation Center
- EE Waddell Language Academy
- Ivory Baker Recreation Center
- Naomi Renan Recreation Center
- Sugaw Creek Recreation Center
- Tuckaseegee Recreation Center

This program utilized playgrounds, tennis courts, track and open spaces, and provided youth the opportunity to explore nature, arts and crafts, and free play at no cost. Breakfast and lunch were provided each day. Safe Play even offered a literacy activity at EE Waddell through a partnership with Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.

Park and Recreation plans to resume the program next summer.

For more information, contact Jim Garges, Park and Recreation director, at 980-314-1012 or 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
- Thursday, Aug. 4, 10 a.m. – Commissioner Dunlap and County Manager Diorio will speak at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Double Oaks Family Aquatic Center, corner of Statesville and Woodward Avenues, Charlotte

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