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from the County Manager

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Back-to-School Immunization Clinics Coming Soon

It's hard to believe that summer is over and the school year has already started.

To help kids prepare for back-to-school, [Mecklenburg County Public Health](#) and the Junior League of Charlotte are partnering to host Big Shot Saturdays, a chance for parents to get their kids "up-to-date" with required vaccinations without having to miss work or sit in a crowded waiting room.

North Carolina law mandates that all Charlotte –Mecklenburg school-aged children be up-to-date with their shots in order to be enrolled in school. Children who do not have the minimum immunization by the Sept. 28, 2016 deadline will not be allowed to attend school.

This year Big Shot Saturdays will be held from. Sept. 17 and 24, 2016 (shots only) at the Health Department on Billingsley Road. In addition, the Junior League of Charlotte is hosting Family Healthlink Sept. 17 (health assessments and vision dental and health screenings) Sept. 17 at Billingsville Elementary School.

Big Shot Saturdays and Family Healthlink Schedule:

Sept. 17 – Big Shot Saturdays, 9a.m. – 4p.m., Mecklenburg County Health Department, 249 Billingsley Rd., Charlotte.

Sept 17 – Family Healthlink, 9a.m. – 3p.m. Billingsville Elementary School, 124 Skyland Dr., Charlotte.

Sept. 24 – Big Shot Saturdays, 9a.m. – 4p.m., Mecklenburg County Health Department, 249 Billingsley Rd., Charlotte.

Parents are reminded to bring their child's official shot records and at least one form of identification. Some fees may be charged for certain vaccines.

Big Shot Saturday appointments can be scheduled in advance online by following this link. Parents can always make an appointment for vaccinations by calling the Health Department appointment line at 704-336-6500.

For more information, contact Dr. Marcus Plescia, Public Health director, at 980-314-9020 or Marcus.Plescia@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

High school students are invited to join the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council is the youth advisory council for the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

The council, a program of Charlotte's GenerationNation, helps local teens to take an active role in learning how to solve challenges affecting Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Student leaders meet regularly with local officials and community leaders, learn about community issues and different points of view, build leadership, and more.

Students meet 1-2 times a month to:

- Advise policy- and decision-makers on issues impacting youth and children
- Learn about local government, the key issues (and different points of view), and how our community works
- Build knowledge and experience for leadership, college, career and civic life
- Highlight civic issues of importance to youth
- Become part of a communitywide network of emerging leaders - Charlotte-Mecklenburg's new generation of leaders

Dinner and transit passes are provided. All high school students are invited to participate. Want to get involved?

To learn more about and apply to join the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, visit <http://generationnation.org/index.php/youthvoice> or contact info@generationnation.org.

County, CMS Partner in Achieve 225 Program

Mecklenburg County and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS) are making sure that elementary school students are getting plenty of exercise this school year.

The two agencies are working together to continue the physical education program Achieve 225, which was established through a partnership between the U.S. Department of Education and CMS. The program encourages youth to participate in 225 minutes of physical activity a week.

As the original three-year contract comes to an end, CMS has teamed up with [Park and Recreation](#) and the [Public Health Department](#) to offer recreational and health instruction at 21 schools throughout the area.

This partnership strengthens our outreach within the community and allows our employees to develop programs that promote the importance of being active and living a healthy lifestyle and teach students social/emotional skills, thinking skills and motor skills.

For more information, contact Jim Garges, Park and Recreation director, at 980-314-1012 or James.Garges@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov or Dr. Marcus Plescia, Public Health director, at 980-314-9020 or Marcus.Plescia@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Monday, Sept. 12, 6 p.m. – Brooklyn Village Community Engagement Meeting, Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church, 401 N. McDowell St., Charlotte
- Tuesday, Sept. 13, 11:30 a.m. – Brooklyn Village Community Engagement Meeting, Little Rock A.M.E. Zion Church, 401 N. McDowell St., Charlotte
- Tuesday, Sept. 13, 3 p.m. – BOCC Budget/Public Policy Workshop, CMGC Room 267

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