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Affordable Housing Report To Be Released Wednesday

On Wednesday, Mecklenburg County will release the report *Charlotte-Mecklenburg Strategies for Affordable Housing Development*, the latest in the *Housing Instability and Homelessness Report Series*. It was written by the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute and was initiated by the Housing Advisory Board of Charlotte-Mecklenburg. [Mecklenburg County Community Support Services](#) provided funding for the report.

The report is intended to complement the work currently being done by the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County and to begin community conversations around additional affordable housing development strategies that have been implemented in other communities. The report presents 12 strategies to address the two major challenges to affordable housing development in Charlotte-Mecklenburg: the financial feasibility of development and how to ensure long-term affordability of units.

It emphasizes the importance of considering the interrelated factors of housing location, homelessness, racial segregation, educational outcomes and health outcomes as part of the solution. The report also points to the value affordable housing brings to a community in how it can promote inclusivity, attract and retain a workforce, improve the well-being of residents and create economic opportunity for all community members.

The Board will receive an electronic copy of the report and an educational toolkit via email on Wednesday.

For more information, contact Stacy M. Lowry, director of Mecklenburg County Community Support Services, at Stacy.Lowry@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Mecklenburg County Earns AARP 'Age-Friendly Community' Designation

Tomorrow morning beginning at 8:30 a.m., Mecklenburg County will be recognized as an "Age-Friendly Community" by the AARP, joining Orange and Wake as the only counties in the state to receive this honor. This designation recognizes the County's commitment to addressing the needs of its residents as it continues to grow.

The event, which takes place at the Government Center, will feature several guest speakers, including Commissioner Leake and me. In addition, there will be a demonstration of the AARP

Livability Index, an online tool designed to help decision-makers and residents better understand the livability features of their communities.

For more information, contact Michael Taylor, DSS adult services director, at 980-314-6468 or MichaelA.Taylor@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Carolina Panthers Recycling Partners Volunteers Kick Off another Year

Yesterday, volunteers with the [Carolina Panthers Recycling Partners](#) began another year as the Panthers made their home debut against the San Francisco 49ers.

These volunteers help prevent littering during football season by handing out yellow recycling bags to tailgaters prior to home games. Before heading into the stadium, tailgaters are instructed to leave the bags (and collapsed cardboard if not in the bag) at the curb to be picked up by the City of Charlotte's Special Services teams.

Tailgating generates close to 10 tons of waste on most game days. Last year, volunteers were able to divert a record-setting 153.77 tons of recyclables from the landfill (50.36 tons from tailgating and 103.41 tons from inside the stadium).

Panthers Tailgate Recycling Partners include Bojangles', City of Charlotte Solid Waste, Keep Mecklenburg Beautiful and the Carolina Panthers. The partnership hopes to increase awareness and participation by increasing communication and education efforts.

For more information, contact Jake Wilson at 980-314-3862 or Jake.Wilson@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Sept. 20, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC Room CH14
- Tuesday, Sept. 20, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber
- Monday, Sept. 26, 6-8 p.m. – Brooklyn Village Community Meeting, LUESA Building, 2145 Suttle Ave., Charlotte
- Tuesday, Sept. 27, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. – Brooklyn Village Community Meeting, LUESA Building, 2145 Suttle Ave., Charlotte
- Tuesday, Sept. 27, 3 p.m. – BOCC Budget/Public Policy Workshop, CMGC Room 267

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