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Brooklyn Village Community Engagement Process Wraps Up This Week

This week, Mecklenburg County and BK Partners will wrap up the community engagement process for the redevelopment of [Brooklyn Village](#) with a series of information sessions and a town hall meeting.

The information sessions will be held on Oct. 19, at LUESA, 2145 Suttle Ave., to provide an overview of themes addressed in previously held community meetings and answer questions. Previous topics: History, Cultural Programming, Affordable Housing, Public Open Space, MWSBE Participation, Economic Opportunity and Approach to Retail.

These 90-minute sessions will be held at 10:30 a.m., 1p.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

On Oct. 20 at 6 p.m., a town hall meeting will take place in room 267 of the Government Center. The meeting will give residents the chance to hear a report on information collected during the information sessions, provide their feedback and learn about next steps. Prior to the meeting, there will be a special screening of A Colored School, a documentary on the unique history of Charlotte's Second Ward High School - the Queen City's first high school for African-American students. The movie will begin at 5:30 p.m.

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

The Streets Open Oct. 23

Grab your bicycle or favorite pair of running shoes and join Mecklenburg County, the City of Charlotte and Partners for Parks for the second Open Streets 704 event this Sunday, Oct. 23 from 1 to 5 p.m.

Our route will extend from Historic West End, through uptown, to South End. The event will begin at 1 p.m. with a special ceremony at Romare Bearden Park (corner of Mint and Third streets) hosted by WBTV's Steve Crump. County Commissioners are invited to take part by joining the Fun Run/Parade that will immediately follow the opening ceremony. You may participate on foot/bike, or you can catch a ride in a bicycle-cab. If you're interested in a ride in one of the bicycle-cabs, please RSVP to Scott Curry (spcurry@charlottenc.gov). Space is limited.

This is the second of a series of four events made possible by a grant from the Knight Foundation. It will feature several exciting activities in four different zones stretched along the route

(www.OpenStreets704.com/route). The first event in May drew approximately 10,000 participants on foot, bike, skateboards, rollerblades, and in strollers. Staff from the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County intend to use the four-event series to assess whether an ongoing Open Streets program makes sense for the community.

Learn more at www.openstreets704.com or contact Jim Garges, Park and Recreation director, 980-314-1012, James.Garges@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov or Dr. Marcus Plescia, Health director, 980-314-9020, Marcus.Plescia@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Mecklenburg County to Host NCRPA Conference Oct. 24-26

Next week, hundreds of recreational professionals will travel to Mecklenburg County for the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association annual conference.

The event, which will take place at the Charlotte Convention Center from Oct. 24-26, will allow professionals to attend educational sessions, meet with vendors and network with colleagues from all 100 counties.

[Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation](#) employees will welcome visitors coming in over the weekend with a tour of the Open Streets 704 event. Conference attendees will also get the chance to see several of our outstanding parks and recreational facilities during their visit.

For more information about the conference, visit www.ncrpa.net or contact Terri Stowers, Park and Recreation, at 980-314-1033 or Terri.Stowers@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Oct. 18, 11 a.m. – Hornets Legacy Project Dedication Ceremony, Latta Park, 601 E. Park Ave.
- Tuesday, Oct. 18, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Meeting, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, Oct. 18, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber
- Thursday, Oct. 20, 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. **DSS Kinship Caregiver Conference**, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, 3400 Beatties Ford Rd. Dena Diorio will introduce keynote speaker.

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