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

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### County, UNC Collaborate on Colon Cancer Screening Research Project

[Mecklenburg County Public Health](#) is collaborating with the Lineberger Cancer Center at UNC Chapel Hill on a research project they are conducting to try to increase participation in colon cancer screening among individuals on Medicaid.

Medicaid recipients in Charlotte who are older than 50 will be mailed a kit to test for colon cancer that can be completed in their homes. Those who choose to participate will mail the completed test back to the Health Department. We will process the test and bill Medicaid for the procedure. Anyone who has a positive test will be referred to Community Care Partners of Greater Mecklenburg to arrange further testing.

The research project is funded by Lineberger Cancer Center and is designed to measure participation rates with a mailed screening test, and to determine if the approach is sustainable through Medicaid revenues.

For more information, contact Public Health Director Dr. Marcus Plescia at 980-314-9020 or [Marcus.Plescia@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Marcus.Plescia@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

### Small Business Survey is a Big Deal

The [Mecklenburg County Office of Economic Development](#) is conducting a countywide assessment of the local small business environment to develop County-sponsored programs and policies that help small businesses launch, grow and thrive. A key element of this evaluation includes obtaining feedback that can lay the foundation for new programs and policies.

Economic Development has created this online survey to receive input from community stakeholders, small business owners, and small business support organizations. The County has retained Thomas P. Miller & Associates (TPMA) to conduct the survey and study. All responses will remain confidential and will be reported collectively to the County.

This evaluation builds on the Board's 2014 Strategic Framework, which identified the improvement of small business support and development as one of its five key policy areas. Findings from this survey will provide data that will be used to guide future recommendations and better serve small business owners on a countywide level.

For more information, contact Economic Development Director Peter Zeiler at 980-314-2938 or [Peter.Zeiler@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Peter.Zeiler@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

### **National Adoption Day Set for Nov. 19**

More than 65 Mecklenburg County families are set to officially grow.

[Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services](#) (DSS) is one of several local agencies participating in National Adoption Day on Saturday, Nov. 19 at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse.

The event, which begins at 9 a.m., will serve to recognize up to 98 children who were adopted between Dec. 1, 2015 – Oct. 4, 2016 and raise awareness about the approximately 580 children in foster care in Mecklenburg County waiting to find permanent, loving families.

For more information, contact Wendy Johnson, Department of Social Services, at 980-314-4108 or [Wendy.Johnson@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Wendy.Johnson@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

### **2016 WoW Ambassador Awards Announced**

The Wipe Out Waste (WoW) Ambassador Program Awards Banquet was held last week to recognize the most innovative waste reduction programs in the County.

Created by [Mecklenburg County Solid Waste](#), the WoW Program recognizes County businesses that are committed to building a strong community while fostering environmental stewardship to reduce, reuse and recycle waste in the workplace.

I would like to congratulate the 2016 award winners:

- Sustainable Manufacturer of the Year: Unifirst Corporation
- Recycling Program of the Year - Property Managed Facility: Fox Network Center
- Institutional Recycling Program of the Year: Davidson College
- Recycling Program of the Year – Hospitality: Omni Charlotte Hotel
- Sustainable Business of the Year: Boingo Graphics
- Outstanding Construction Recycling Program: Balfour Beatty Construction
- Nonprofit Waste Reduction Partner of the Year: Matthews Community Farmers Market
- Innovation Spotlight: Wish We Had Acres
- Innovation Spotlight: Opera Carolina
- Innovation Spotlight: Reimels Family and Cosmetic Dentistry

Our Public Information Office took some outstanding pictures of the event. You can view the pictures [here](#).

For more information on the WoW Ambassador Awards, contact Ryan Johnson, LUESA, at 980-314-3872 or [Ryan.Johnson@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Ryan.Johnson@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

#### **CALENDAR REMINDERS**

- Tuesday, Nov. 1, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, Nov. 1, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber
- Wednesday, Nov. 9, 3 p.m. – BOCC Budget and Public Policy Meeting, CMGC Room 267

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