

## Mecklenburg County Manager's "Board Bulletin"

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## BOARD BULLETIN

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

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### County Code Inspectors Assist with Hurricane Matthew Recovery Effort

Last month, in response to a request from the State of North Carolina, several Mecklenburg County code officials were deployed to eastern North Carolina to help with code inspections as part of the Hurricane Matthew recovery effort.

For nearly two weeks, Mecklenburg County building, electrical and multi-trade inspectors helped local code officials complete inspections, much of which focused on residential repairs. The extra hands allowed repairs to proceed faster and allowed property owners to quicken the pace of moving on from the disruption caused by the storm.

Now that work has been completed, [Code Enforcement](#) is back at full staff and residential inspectors are in the process of conducting inspections.

I would like to thank our customers for their patience during this difficult time.

For more information, please contact Code Enforcement Director Patrick Granson at 980-314-3434 or [Patrick.Granson@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Patrick.Granson@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

### County Launches Annual Charitable Giving Campaign

Today, Mecklenburg County launched its annual charitable giving campaign.

County employees will be able to pledge support to 66 nonprofit organizations in our community through Dec. 8.

This is a great opportunity to lend a helping hand. Contributions will touch others in a special way. Even the smallest gift can make a big difference.

I will provide an update at the end of the campaign.

### A Holiday to Honor Our Heroes

Friday, Nov. 11 is Veterans Day -- a day to honor the men and women who have served our country in the armed forces. This year will mark the second year that it will be recognized as a

Mecklenburg County government holiday.

We will show appreciation to our veterans with a cookout at American Legion Memorial Stadium. I will speak at the event, which begins at 11:30 a.m.

In addition, it is worth noting the outstanding work our employees are doing to help the more than 56,000 veterans, that call Mecklenburg County home, transition back into civilian life and the workforce.

Our [Code Enforcement Department](#) in partnership with CPCC is underway with the Building With Our Veterans Apprenticeship program. Six apprentices are expected to complete the program in December. More than 200 have applied for 2017.

Our [Veteran Services Division](#), the largest in the state, is staffed with 10 nationally accredited officers who prepare, present and prosecute claims on behalf of the veterans to the Department of Veterans Affairs. In FY2016, the division saw 10,381 veterans and their family members and filed 3,361 new claims.

The Veterans Services Division is also a leading partner in the Housing Our Heroes initiative. Since its inception, the division has helped 488 formerly homeless veterans find housing.

For more information, contact Veterans Services Director Janene McGee at 980-314-1901 or [Janene.McGee@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Janene.McGee@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

### **2016 State of the Environment Report Now Available Online**

Last week, Mecklenburg County released the 2016 State of the Environment Report, an informative communication tool used to benchmark our region's air, land, water, and waste conditions.

The report, which has been issued every two years since 1987, is a longstanding tradition in the spirit to remain transparent and accountable to the public.

Each chapter of the report highlights one of the four categories mentioned above, and includes an infographic divided into three sections: areas of progress, areas for improvement and ways to help Mecklenburg's quality of life.

You can view the report [here](#).

For more information, contact [LUESA](#) Director Ebenezer Gujjarlapudi at 980-314-3628 or [Ebenezer.Gujjarlapudi@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Ebenezer.Gujjarlapudi@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

#### **CALENDAR REMINDERS**

- Wednesday, Nov. 9, 3 p.m. – BOCC Budget and Public Policy Meeting, CMGC Room 267
- Friday, Nov. 11, 11:30 a.m. – County Manager Dena R. Diorio will speak at the Veterans Day cookout at American Legion Memorial Stadium
- Tuesday, Nov. 15, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, Nov. 15, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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