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

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County Partners with Aon Hewitt for Dependent Verification Audit

Mecklenburg County recently partnered with benefit consulting firm Aon Hewitt to conduct a Dependent Verification Audit. Employees enrolled in the County's benefit plans provided documents to establish proof of eligibility for each of their dependents. The audit was conducted on 3,145 employees covering 6,207 dependents on the County's group health plan.

During the project, AON identified 279 employees with 390 ineligible/unverified dependents accounting for 6.4 percent of the dependent population. The review resulted in an estimated \$1.3 million in savings.

Moving forward, as a cost containment strategy, verification and re-verification of dependents will occur periodically to ensure that only eligible dependents are covered on County benefit plans.

For more information, contact Human Resources Director Joel Riddle at 980-314-2729 or Joel.Riddle@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Compost Central Construction Update Meeting

This Thursday, Mecklenburg County will host a construction update meeting to get public input on the new Compost Central facility that is being built at 140 Valleydale Road, Charlotte.

The Board is invited to attend the meeting that will take place from 6 – 7 p.m. at Mountain Island Library, 4420 Hoyt Galvin Way, Charlotte.

During the meeting, participants will be able to provide feedback on signage and get a sneak peek inside the facility that is scheduled to open in spring 2017.

For more information, contact Jeff Smithberger at 980-314-3863 or Jeffrey.Smithberger@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Response to Christmas Village at Romare Bearden Park

Recently, we've received several questions concerning the look and feel of the German-style Christmas Village that is on display at Romare Bearden Park.

I would like to offer a response as to why tents were set up instead of the traditional wooden huts.

Romare Bearden Park is located inside Charlotte's fire district, and in North Carolina, state law requires that only non-combustible or fire-resistant construction be allowed inside a fire district. Fire districts exist to protect business centers like uptown from burning too quickly.

The village could not be assembled according to the organizer's original plan because the materials were combustible.

Mecklenburg County enforces this state requirement through our building permits process, but we did not determine the bounds of the fire district.

In circumstances like these, we work with the event owner and Charlotte Fire Department to offer any alternatives we can that might be code compliant. Which alternative an organizer chooses is ultimately up to them, so long as it meets building safety codes. We view ourselves as partners in helping projects to succeed, but we would never put the safety of our community, or our responsibility for enforcing safety codes, second.

We are committed to exploring alternate ways to approach the situation next year, and have already talked to other communities about how they approach events like this.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Monday, Dec. 5, 6 p.m. – BOCC Swearing-in Ceremony, CMGC Meeting Chamber
- Tuesday, Dec. 6, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, Dec. 6, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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