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

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Legislative Update

The General Assembly convened for the first day of the 2017-2018 legislative session this past Wednesday, Jan. 11. Many family members and close friends joined the elected officials on the floor of the House and Senate chambers, which created a fun atmosphere on Jones Street.

No substantive bills were taken up, as this was an organizational day to establish rules and elect the leaders of both chambers. House Speaker Tim Moore and Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger were reelected to lead their respective chambers. Rep. Sarah Stevens (R-Surry, Wilkes) was elected speaker pro tempore of the House and Sen. Louis Pate (R-Lenoir, Pitt, Wayne) was reelected deputy speaker pro tempore of the Senate.

Members will have two weeks off before they return to the capitol on Jan. 25.

In addition, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) held its 2017 legislative goals conference on Thursday and Friday of last week, the purpose of which was to finalize the NCACC's legislative priorities for the 2017 long session. More than 80 percent of North Carolina's counties were represented at the conference – including Mecklenburg – which was a solid turnout for the association. From Mecklenburg, Commissioners Dunlap and Fuller attended. The NCACC approved 25 legislative goals for 2017, including a goal seeking increased state funding for early childhood education – aligning with Mecklenburg County's 2017 legislative agenda. The NCACC also added a new goal to its 2017, which was raising the juvenile age from 16 to 18 for all criminal offenses except for felonies.

For more information, contact Deputy County Manager Chris Peek at 980-314-2881 or Chris.Peek@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

VoIP System Undergoes Upgrade

I would like to thank employees from our Information and Technology Services Department for their hard work over the holiday weekend helping to upgrade our VoIP phone system.

The upgrade strengthens our telecommunications network and provides us with the latest technology needed to conduct our jobs.

Facebook Q&A with County Manager Dena R. Diorio

I will hold my next [Facebook](#) Q&A session with Mecklenburg County employees and residents on Monday, Jan. 23 from noon to 1 p.m.

This is a great opportunity for everyone to ask questions about County services, programs, events, the budget process and more.

To participate, simply visit Mecklenburg County's [Facebook page](#) and look out for an update at noon that announces when the Q&A has started. We look forward to seeing you there!

Park and Rec Receives Large Donation of Sporting Gear

Park and Recreation held a special event at Berewick Recreation Center on Saturday, Jan. 14 to thank AT&T for its generous donation of more than 3,000 basketballs, baseballs, footballs and soccer balls.

The donation, which is worth nearly \$16,000 goes a long way in helping to further the growth and development of youth sports leagues in Mecklenburg County.

For more information, contact Park and Recreation Director Jim Garges at 980-314-1012 or James.Garges@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Wednesday, Jan. 18, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Wednesday, Jan. 18, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber
- Thursday, Jan. 19, 2:30 p.m. – County Manager Dena R. Diorio will speak at the Charlotte Hospitality and Tourism Alliance's general meeting at the Sheraton Charlotte Hotel/Le Meridien Charlotte

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