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

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Legislative Update

Governor Cooper held a press conference last week outlining a three-pronged proposal to repealing HB2. Representative Darren Jackson (D-Wake), the House Minority Leader, then penned and filed a bill reflecting Cooper's proposal.

The bill would (i) fully repeal House Bill 2, (ii) increase criminal penalties for those committing felony offenses in bathrooms, showers, and changing areas, and (iii) require a 30-day notice to both the General Assembly and members of the public for municipal governments seeking to pass non-discrimination ordinances.

In response, LGBT groups voiced opposition to Cooper's proposal, stating that they did not believe the governor's compromise bill went far enough to protect LGBT rights.

Republican leaders voiced varying concerns over the bill and it is unclear whether there will be a GOP response to the proposal in bill form.

For more information, contact Legislative Affairs Liaison Jonathan Sink at 980-314-2884 or Jonathan.Sink@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

ITS Connects with ESPN

The [Mecklenburg County Aquatic Center](#) recently hosted the 19th Annual Bluegrass Mountain Conference Championship Swim Meet. The event was broadcast live on Feb. 8-11 thanks to staff from County Information and Technology Services (ITS).

Staff from ITS Mobility Innovation & Training, Security, and Networking teams collaborated with the Wingate University broadcasting department to successfully bring the event to thousands of fans live on ESPN3.

They accomplished this by opening ports within the firewall and creating a public IP address on the County's network, making it accessible to viewers everywhere. With nearly 5,000 feet of fiber optic cable, 500 feet of audio cable, and four cameras, the team used an encoder to send the feed to ESPN headquarters in Bristol, Conn. ESPN decoded the feed and broadcasted the swim meet to fans via television and the Internet.

All of the sound, images and graphics were put together in Wingate's state-of-the-art mobile production studio. ITS Networking and Wingate staff tested the feed one week prior to the event in

preparation for the broadcast, which provided coverage every evening throughout the swim meet.

For more information, contact Technical Services Director Cliff Dupuy at 980-314-2021 or Clifford.Dupuy@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Kickoff Celebration Set for Eastway Regional Recreation Center

Mecklenburg County is helping to create a brand new recreational experience for residents through the development of four regional recreation centers around the County.

On March 4 from 1 to 4 p.m., the County will host a kickoff celebration at Garinger High School for the planning process of the first regional recreation center. The center will be located at Eastway Park, and include more than 100,000 Sq. ft. of recreational space for a variety of activities.

Residents are invited to attend the kickoff celebration to learn about the project, watch a brief video overview, share their feedback, participate in interactive exhibits and enjoy games and activities. Refreshments will be served.

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

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Feb. 21, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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