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GOVERNMENT**An update to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners
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July 24, 2017**Praxis Contract Ended**[Public Health](#) has ended its consulting contract with Praxis Partners for Health six months early.

The group and others have been working with the County for several months to assess Public Health, and presented its recommendations at the July 11 Audit Review Committee meeting (ARC).

Praxis partner Gibbie Harris is also the interim health director, so the ongoing assessment with her consulting group has ended.

We are now working with Public Health to go through the recommendations and develop an implementation plan to present to the ARC Aug. 2.

Currently, Harris and Public Health leaders are working with staff to help them better understand the changes and work that will be required to make improvements in the coming months. We are proactively reaching out to all Public Health staff to hear their concerns and include their ideas in the plan being developed.

The overall focus will be to develop a Public Health culture that values efficiency, effectiveness and accountability to ensure the health of the community. We want to create an environment of transparency, equity, and inclusion for our staff and clients.

For more information, contact Interim Public Health Director Gibbie Harris at 980-314-9020 or v-Gibbie.Harris@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CJS Receives NC Department of Public Safety Grant

I am pleased to inform you that the North Carolina Department of Public Safety has awarded [Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services](#) with an FY2018 grant of \$83,589 for its ASSET ATC program.

The funding will help the department provide youth with community-based re-entry services such as vocational, employment, and educational support.

I would like to thank staff for their hard work in securing these important funds. The program serves a vital role in helping these youth and their facilities as they transition into a new stage of their lives.

For more information, contact Criminal Justice Services Director Sonya Harper at 980-314-1701 or Sonya.Harper@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Park and Rec Holds Social Media Photo Contest

How are you enjoying our parks, greenways, nature preserves and rec centers? That's the question [Park and Recreation](#) is asking residents on social media all summer long. The department is encouraging everyone to post their pictures using the hashtag #RecreateSummer for the chance to have their pictures shared and to win a prize.

So far, two winners have been selected. You can view the photos by clicking the links below.

[Winning photo 1 taken at Reedy Creek Park](#)

[Winning photo 2 taken at Veterans Park](#)

The contest will conclude in mid-August with the selection of a final winner.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Wednesday, July 26, 8:30 a.m. – County Manager Dena R. Diorio will speak to the County MYEP interns during the County's Career Exploration event at LUESA, 2145 Suttle Ave.
- Wednesday, Aug. 2, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Wednesday, Aug. 2, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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