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

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Save the Date: Commissioner Leake's Town Hall Meeting for Seniors Set for Oct. 19

[Commissioner Vilma D. Leake](#) (District 2) will host her second town hall meeting for senior citizens on Oct. 19, 10 a.m. to noon, inside the lobby and meeting chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, 600 E. Fourth St.

This event will give seniors the chance to hear from various County departments, visit resource tables and learn about services specifically catered to them. The town hall meeting will have exciting speakers and entertainment by the Silver Fox Cheerleaders and a special surprise guest that you won't want to miss.

You can view pictures from the first town hall meeting [here](#).

For more information, contact LaShonda Hart, assistant to the County manager, at 980-314-2906 or LaShonda.Hart@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Evictions in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Part 1: An Introduction to Evictions in Charlotte-Mecklenburg

Earlier today, Mecklenburg County released the report, [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Evictions Part 1: An Introduction to Evictions in Charlotte-Mecklenburg](#).

The study, which is the first to examine evictions in Mecklenburg County, provides an overview of the process, local data on formal evictions, and describes the effect of evictions on individuals, families and the community.

Evictions can have ripple effects that go beyond housing to affect overall health and well-being, education attainment, and neighborhood stability.

Some findings from the report include:

In Mecklenburg County, 28,471 households faced formal evictions in FY2015/2016.

In North Carolina, 162,355 households were at risk of eviction in FY2015/2016.

Forty five percent of renter households were cost burdened in Mecklenburg County in 2015.

The report was written by the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute and was initiated by the Housing

Advisory Board of Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Mecklenburg County Community Support Services provided funding for the study.

For more information, contact CSS Director Stacy M. Lowry at 980-314-8903 or Stacy.Lowry@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

County Announces New Deputy Director for Child and Family Services

I am pleased to announce Dr. Jacqueline McKnight as our new Deputy Director of Child and Family Services. Dr. McKnight will begin her new role on Oct. 2, 2017, and will be responsible for the oversight and management of the Youth and Family Services and Community Outreach Divisions of the Department of Social Services.

Dr. McKnight brings over 30 years of experience in overseeing administrative operations and developing programs that positively impact the lives of participants.

Prior to accepting this role, Dr. McKnight served as the executive deputy commissioner with the New York City Administration for Children's Services. Dr. McKnight has provided oversight to over 4,000 staff members and a diverse network of contracted providers. She has also been responsible for the oversight, integration, and coordination of child welfare programs, both public and private, toward better outcomes for children and families. She has a wealth of experience, including work focused on prevention, interagency collaborations, substance abuse and interpersonal violence among African American women.

Dr. McKnight received her Bachelor's in Social Work from York College CUNY, her Master's in Social Work from Columbia University School of Social Work and her Doctorate of Philosophy from Fordham University Graduate School of Social Services. She is the recipient of the Children FIRST Doctoral Fellowship, 2004 and 2005, and the NASW Top Leader Award in 2016.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Sept. 26, 3 p.m. – BOCC Budget/Public Policy Meeting, CMGC Room 267

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