

## Mecklenburg County Manager's "Board Bulletin"

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# MECKLENBURG COUNTY GOVERNMENT



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

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### Legislative Update

The Mecklenburg County lobbying team was in Raleigh for the General Assembly's mini-session, which took place during the first week of October. The team worked with personnel in the Speaker of the House's office to ensure that language was removed from a bill that would have eliminated a recent Mecklenburg win as it relates to daily deposit language. In short, Senate Bill 582 - a budget and agency technical corrections bill - passed the General Assembly and was signed by the Governor in a way that keeps the daily deposit threshold at \$500 for counties, instead of the former \$250 level that the County had been trying for years to accomplish. This will result in significant cost savings for North Carolina counties over the years. In addition to the Speaker's Office, Mecklenburg County thanks our own Sen. Dan Bishop for helping to modify this bill in a way that will save us money now and in the future.

Veto overrides also took place during the mini-session, including a legislative override of the Governor's veto of HB 56 (in other words, HB 56 passed despite Gov. Cooper's veto). Now, local governments in North Carolina can only require that solid waste within its borders go to its own landfill if one of a few conditions is met, including but not limited to instances in which a county already has a contract in place with a private waste management service or if the county needs to pay off debt owed for landfill operations. Some believe that this will result in private waste management companies deciding to transport their garbage to a different county if another county offers disposal at a cheaper rate.

In other legislative news, the General Assembly passed a bill that would do away with primaries in judicial elections in 2018. However, Gov. Cooper vetoed the bill, claiming that it was a step closer to having judges become appointed, rather than elected by the people. A legislative override of this bill is unlikely to happen prior to 2018, according to GOP leadership. If the General Assembly does decide to override the bill in 2018, it would impact candidates running for North Carolina Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, District and Superior Court, and district attorney - eliminating partisan primaries for all such seats.

The General Assembly is expected to reconvene in January 2018.

For more information, contact Legislative Affairs Liaison Jonathan Sink at 980-314-2884 or [Jonathan.Sink@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Jonathan.Sink@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

## Community Service Grants Update

Mecklenburg County will hold an information session for its Fiscal Year 2019 Community Service Grants (CSG) on Friday, Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. in room 267 of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center. Nonprofits will be asked to apply under one of seven community-facing key themes. All applicants must have current 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, submit audited financial statements and serve the residents of Mecklenburg County. The CSG application will be available Oct. 27 through Dec. 1, 2017. The grant award funding period is July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

This is the second fiscal year that the Sunset Policy will be enacted. Any nonprofit that has received funding for three consecutive fiscal years (FY2016 – FY2017 - FY2018) will go through a sunset evaluation and may become a vendor with the County. If a nonprofit is selected as a vendor, the agency will no longer have to compete in the CSG process.

Please be advised that notices will be sent to the nonprofits that will be sunset in advance of the information session. You may be contacted by these nonprofits requesting your support to convert them to a vendor. Similar to prior years, the [Board](#) will have an opportunity to receive a complete update on the CSG process during a future public policy workshop.

For more information, contact Michael Bryant, management and budget director, at 980-314-2925 or [Michael.Bryant@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Michael.Bryant@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

## We're Putting it All On the Table

When we come together to learn from and with each other, we have the power to impact our community and the lives of people in it. On the Table CLT is an opportunity for Mecklenburg County residents to talk about important issues in our community.

On Wed., Oct. 25, more than 5,000 people will gather in small groups around the County to exchange ideas and interact. All perspectives are welcome and all topics are "On The Table."

On the Table CLT is organized by Community Building Initiative and supported by Foundation for the Carolinas and the Knight Foundation.

For more information, visit <http://onthetableclt.org/> or contact Community Relations Coordinator Christine Edwards at 980-314-2802 or [Christine.Edwards@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Christine.Edwards@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

## Mecklenburg County Podcast Now Available

Residents can now subscribe to the [Mecklenburg County Government Podcast](#). This new service is provided by our Public Information Department. Users can listen to Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) meetings and other media at the click of a button. Audio podcasts will be available for free downloading or streaming from iTunes.

After a BOCC meeting has taken place, the podcast for that meeting will be available on iTunes within a couple days. Subscribers can conveniently listen to the podcast anywhere from their desktops or mobile devices. This will allow us to reach and connect with residents who may not be able to attend or watch a meeting live.

To listen to a podcast, users must create or log in to their iTunes account. From the Podcast app, they can search for Mecklenburg County and have the option to subscribe or listen to the meeting of their choice.

For more information, contact Public Information Director Danny Diehl at 704-572-1035 or [Daniel.Diehl@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Daniel.Diehl@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov).

### CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Oct. 17, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, Oct. 17, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber
- Thursday, Oct. 19, 10 a.m. – Commissioner Leake will hold a town hall meeting for seniors at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center.

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