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Tree Planting and Urban Orchard Dedication Set for Saturday

Commissioners and community members are invited to attend a tree planting and urban orchard dedication that is taking place at the Rockwell AME Zion Church, 6101 Rockwell Church Road, on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 9 to 11 a.m.

In a continued effort to further impact the rate of food insecurity, [Mecklenburg County Public Health](#), Trees Charlotte, the North Carolina Cooperative Extension – Mecklenburg County, and Rockwell AME Zion Church will be putting over 30 fruit trees and raised garden beds in the ground. Once planted, the orchard will further enhance the availability of fresh and local fruits for consumption, improve the tree canopy and serve as a unique community meeting place. The orchard will be maintained by the Rockwell AME Zion Church congregation, and yielded fruits will be made available to the community.

All trees are donated by TreesCharlotte. Technical Assistance is also being provided by the North Carolina Cooperative Extension – Mecklenburg County office.

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

EPA Announces Air Quality in Mecklenburg Complies with Newest Federal Standards for Ground-Level Ozone

Last week, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced it has determined that air quality in Mecklenburg County complies with the newest federal health-based standards for ground-level ozone. Therefore, the EPA will designate Mecklenburg County as "attainment," along all counties in North Carolina and South Carolina.

This is an historic designation for our region, which has a history of unhealthy ozone pollution. Air quality in the Charlotte region has dramatically improved over the past 30 years due to federal and state regulatory measures and innovative local programs that reduced pollution by encouraging voluntary actions by businesses and citizens, like Grants to Replace Aging Diesel Engines (GRADE).

For more information, contact [Air Quality](#) Director Leslie Rhodes at 980-314-3366 or Leslie.Rhodes@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

National Adoption Day Set for Nov. 18

More than 103 Mecklenburg County families are set to officially grow.

[Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services](#) is one of several local agencies participating in National Adoption Day on Saturday, Nov. 18 at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse.

The event, which begins at 9 a.m., will serve to recognize up to 134 children who were adopted between Nov. 20, 2016 – Oct. 27, 2017 and raise awareness about the approximately 566 children in foster care in Mecklenburg County waiting to find permanent, loving families.

For more information, contact Wendy Johnson, Department of Social Services, at 980-314-4108 or Wendy.Johnson@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Marie White Named 2017 Charlotte ATHENA Service Leadership Award Recipient

Congratulations are in order for Marie White, prevention and intervention services division director, on recently receiving the 2017 Charlotte ATHENA Service Leadership Award. The award honors an individual for attaining professional excellence, community service, and assisting women in their achievement of professional excellence and leadership skills.

As division director, she leads [Community Support Services'](#) efforts to make system changes, secure federal funding, create multiagency partnerships, and achieve legislation and increased penalties for those who commit abuse.

Managing 113 staff and a budget of over \$6.5 million annually, Marie has spearheaded countless initiatives, most notably the creation of a coordinated community response team. Her professional accomplishments have not only improved the lives of many in our community, but have saved the lives of countless domestic violence victims and their children.

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

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Nov. 14, 7:30 a.m. – County Manager Dena R. Diorio will speak at an employee engagement event with Code Enforcement at LUESA, 2145 Suttle Ave.
- Tuesday, Nov. 14, 3 p.m. – BOCC Budget and Public Policy Meeting, CMGC, Room 267 *THIS MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD.
- Tuesday, Nov. 14, 6 p.m. – County Manager Dena R. Diorio will provide remarks at the City of Charlotte's Civic Leadership Academy graduation. The event will take place at the Belmont Center, 700 Parkwood Ave.
- Thursday, Nov. 16, 11 a.m. – County Manager Dena R. Diorio will provide remarks at the Bearden Linear Park grand opening. The event will take place at Romare Bearden Park, 300 S. Church St.
- Saturday, Nov. 18, 9 a.m. – County Manager Dena R. Diorio will speak at the Adoption Day event at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse, 832 E. Fourth St., Charlotte

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