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CSS Veterans Services, LUESA Receive 2017 'Excellence in Innovation' Award

As you know, <u>Community Support Services (CSS) Veterans Services</u> and the <u>Land Use & Environmental Services Agency</u> (LUESA) received the Local Government Federal Credit Union's (LGFCU) 2017 Excellence in Innovation Award at their annual meeting.

As partners in the effort, CSS Veterans Services and LUESA are being recognized for the County's Building With Our Veterans program which, in collaboration with Central Piedmont Community College (CPCC), recruits, trains and hires veterans with construction industry experience. This is a great honor.

Completion of the program typically takes a year, from January to December. Participants complete the program as a cohort, concurrently taking classes at CPCC and field training courses. They are paired with experienced County code officials, many of whom are veterans, for the field training portion.

At the completion of the program, participants are eligible to take the state code official exam and apply for full-time employment with Mecklenburg County Code Enforcement. To the best of our knowledge, Building With Our Veterans is the only program of its kind in the nation.

The Local Government Federal Credit Union's 2017 Excellence in Innovation Award recognizes County employees who develop successful programs that help counties improve services to citizens.

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

Mecklenburg County Budget Director Receives Top Award

<u>Management and Budget Director</u> Michael Bryant may now add one of the highest public service awards in local government to the long list of awards his office has received for its development, execution, and monitoring of Mecklenburg County's \$1.7-billion operating budget.

Michael is the recipient of the 2017 A. John "Jack" Vogt Lifetime Achievement Award for Outstanding Commitment to the Advancement of Local Government Budgeting & Evaluation. The award is presented by the North Carolina Local Government Budget Association and recognizes

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innovators in advancing budget and evaluation practices.

Recipients are nominated by past Vogt Award winners and must have a minimum of 10 years of local government service in North Carolina.

Congratulations, Michael!

County Assessor Named as President of NC Association of Assessing Officers

I would like to congratulate <u>County Assessor</u> Ken Joyner on becoming the next president of the NC Association of Assessing Officers (NCAAO). Ken was appointed to the position during the 2017 NCAAO Fall Conference in late November.

NCAAO is an organization of North Carolina County Assessing Officials working to achieve and maintain a high level of performance in property tax assessment administration through professionalism, education and communication. NCAAO is affiliated with the International Association of Assessing Officers.

Ken's term began on Nov. 17, 2017. His term lasts through Nov. 16, 2018.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Dec. 5, 5-6 p.m. BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, Dec. 5, 6 p.m. BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber
- Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1:30 p.m. Eva B. Barber Community Park renaming ceremony, 3801 Gossett Ave.

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