

Message Concerning Ransomware Incident

I would like to begin this week's Board Bulletin by thanking all of our employees and residents for their patience as we work to resolve the ransomware incident.

County employees have worked tirelessly to find ways to serve the public while minimizing disruption and bring critical service back online with a focus on public safety, health and human services and code enforcement. Employees also exercised tremendous teamwork as they compiled daily updates on services and communicated the information Countywide through our various channels such as email, web stories and social media.

It is important to remember that the County is the victim in this situation, and no individual employee should feel responsible.

I am so proud of this organization, and am certain that this challenge will only make us stronger.

Community Support Services Serves as Violence Prevention Experts for the CDC

Inspired by the work North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and their partners are doing, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requested to film a short video to help illustrate the creative strategies that are being completed across the state to reduce the burden of violence.

To help explain the interconnectedness of violence, as well as describe how <u>Community Support Services</u> (CSS) is tackling violence prevention head on, Helen Lipman, management coordinator and Ronnie Devine, violence prevention manager, were asked to serve as subject matter experts in the CDC's Connecting the Dots Shared Community & Societal Level Risk and Protective Factors video.

During the feature, Helen and Ronnie (as well as other North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence partners) explain the importance of planning prevention work around shared risk and protection, and how by doing so, North Carolina has been able to strengthen partnerships across violence areas, develop tools, raise awareness and begin to initiate a paradigm shift.

The video is available for review here: https://vetoviolence.cdc.gov/apps/connecting-the-dots/node/16.

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

Morrison Regional Library Reopening Ceremony Set for Dec. 16

I would like to invite County commissioners and the public to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the reopening of the Morrison Regional Library, 7015 Morrison Blvd, on Saturday, Dec. 16. Festivities will begin at 8:45 a.m.

This is a great opportunity to explore the beautifully renovated library, which includes:

- A new terrace and outdoor spaces
- Redesigned children's and teen areas
- All new "makerspace" room
- An expanded computer lab and meeting rooms
- New café

For more information visit www.cmlibrary.org or contact Shelley Book at 704-416-0602 or sbook@cmlibrary.org.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Monday, Dec. 11, noon County Manager Dena R. Diorio participated in a panel discussion during Charlotte Chamber's Economic Outlook Conference.
- Tuesday, Dec. 12, 3 p.m. BOCC Budget and Public Policy Meeting, CMGC Room 267

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