

## **Public Website on the Proposed Law Enforcement Service Districts**

Property owners in the extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) areas of Mecklenburg County will soon receive notices in the mail informing them of public hearings that will take place during the Board of County Commissioners' May 1 regular meeting regarding the creation of six new Law Enforcement Service Districts.

The six new districts will cover the ETJ areas of each of the following: the City of Charlotte; the Town of Cornelius; the Town of Davidson; the Town of Huntersville; the Town of Mint Hill; and the Town of Pineville.

During this process, citizens may have questions about the purpose of the mailing and the new law enforcement service districts. The County has established a web page that has a FAQ with additional information. You can view it <a href="here">here</a>. County staff are also available during business hours through our main office at 980-314-2900, or citizens can email any questions to the County Manager's Office Public Information Specialist Rossana Seitter, at Rossana.Seitter@mecklenburgcountync.gov.

For more information, contact Assistant County Manager/Chief of Staff Derrick Ramos at 980-314-2881 or Derrick.Ramos@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

# County to Participate in Digital Inclusion Town Hall Tuesday

Mecklenburg County will take part in a digital inclusion town hall event tomorrow from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Oasis Shriners Temple, 604 Doug Mayes Place in Charlotte.

The interactive resource fair will feature discussions on the challenges of digital infrastructure in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, the accessibility of resources such as affordable devices, and internet and digital literacy programs.

Other community partners planning to participate include Charlotte Works, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, Goodwill, CMS, the Urban League, Everyone On and the City of Charlotte. Internet service providers will also be in attendance.

You can learn more about the County's involvement in digital inclusion efforts here.

For more information, contact Community Resources Coordinator Christine Edwards at

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980-314-2802 or Christine. Edwards@mecklenburgcountync.gov.

### April is Child Abuse Awareness Month

This Thursday, March 29, Mecklenburg County and several community partners will join for an event to recognize April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. A news conference is set for 10 a.m. in the plaza behind the Mecklenburg County Courthouse (accessible from Fourth Street).

The event will launch next month's awareness efforts, which will include social media postings, local training sessions and lesson plans for children in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. As always, our goal is to help build awareness of the issue of child abuse and to educate children and adults on ways child abuse and neglect can be prevented.

At the end of this year's ceremony, participants will plant pinwheels outside the courthouse. The pinwheel has been adopted nationally as a symbol of child abuse/neglect prevention. It symbolizes the stable, healthy and protected childhood all children deserve.

You will also see pinwheels on display at many County parks throughout the month of April.

For more information on local resources and plans for the month, visit the <u>Mecklenburg Child Abuse Prevention Team site</u>.

#### Community Support Services Selected to Attend 2018 Injury-Free NC Academy

Congratulations are in order for Community Support Services (CSS) Violence Prevention Manager Ronnie Devine. He has been selected to participate in the 2018 Injury-Free NC Academy as part of a committed Charlotte Housing Authority project team. This is a very prestigious honor as only six teams were invited to participate following the application review.

This academy will focus on developing key public health skills in prevention and program planning, evaluation and implementation of evidenced-based and evidence-informed strategies to reduce risk and strengthen protective factors among diverse populations.

Over the next several months, teams will participate in two, 2-day in-person training sessions and one, 1-day in-person workshop to be held in Chapel Hill, NC. At each in-person session, teams will learn from subject matter experts during presentations followed by opportunities to apply what they are learning in team activities that are built in throughout the day. Teams will be assigned a coach for the duration of the Academy and will receive expert coaching specific to their own project throughout the in-person training sessions, as well as through other opportunities for interaction (e.g., webinars, conference calls, etc.).

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

### CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, March 27, 3 p.m. BOCC Budget and Public Policy Meeting, CMGC Room 267
- Thursday, March 29, 10 a.m. County Manager Dena R. Diorio will speak at the Child Abuse Prevention Press Conference in the plaza near the Mecklenburg County Courthouse.
- Wednesday, April 3, 5-6 p.m. BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Wednesday, April 3, 6 p.m. BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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