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North Tryon Vision Plan Community Event Set for Thursday

Mecklenburg residents will soon get a glimpse of what North Tryon Street could look like in the future.

This Thursday, April 19, the County, along with several community partners, will host a community event for the North Tryon Vision Plan. The free event will take place at the Hal Marshall Center in uptown from 5-8 p.m.

The community event will allow residents the chance to explore the development projects underway, enjoy food (for purchase) and entertainment, and engage in the conversation and help shape the future of the North Tryon area.

If you have questions about the event, please contact Dennis LaCaria, Senior Assistant to the County Manager, at 704-572-9523 or Dennis.LaCaria@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

You can learn more about the North Tryon Vision Plan [here](#).

Culture Blocks Program Among Finalists for Prestigious Award

Culture Blocks, a program of the Arts & Science Council and funded by Mecklenburg County, is one of 10 national finalists for Americans for the Arts' (AFTA) 2018 Robert E. Gard Award, which honors projects from the last year that have integrated the arts into the community in meaningful, measurable ways. It is the only Americans for the Arts Leadership Award that celebrates an innovative project and the only one that asks its membership to vote.

Culture Blocks embraces and celebrates the cultural life and desires of residents, connects communities to arts and culture activities that speak to their interests and seeks to break down barriers to participation with cultural organizations. The arts and cultural experiences take place closer to where residents live and utilizes libraries, parks, recreation centers, and relevant community spaces to increase access and reduce transportation and parking barriers.

The winning project will be announced at AFTA's 2018 Annual Convention in Denver in June and will be presented at a luncheon on Saturday, June 16.

You can learn more about the Culture Blocks program [here](#).

North Carolina Department of Labor Honors Community Support Services with Safety Award

Congratulations to Community Support Services (CSS), who was honored with an Annual Safety Award by the North Carolina Department of Labor. To qualify for an annual safety award, an organization must:

- Have no fatalities during the calendar year at the site or location for which the award was given
- Have maintained an incidence rate at least 50 percent below the average for its industry group

Annual safety awards are presented during ceremonies that take place each spring at 30 locations across North Carolina. On Friday, April 27, the CSS safety team will attend the Charlotte Safety Awards Banquet at Embassy Suites Charlotte to accept its award.

Learn more about the program [here](#).

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

County Participates in 5th Annual Charlotte Career Discovery Day

Tomorrow, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., County departments will take part in the [5th annual Charlotte Career Discovery Day](#) at the Charlotte Convention Center in uptown.

This career fair, hosted by the City of Charlotte and CMS, with help from several community stakeholders, provides local high school youth an opportunity to learn about career fields ranging from science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) to human services, local government and more.

To help prepare our youth for 21st century careers, County departments will share their hands-on experiences with up to 4,000 youth in a fun-filled, educational event alongside 100+ local businesses and universities.

For more information, contact Community Relations Coordinator Christine Edwards at 980-314-2802 or Christine.Edwards@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Park and Recreation and CMPD Announce Partnership Concerning County Greenways

Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation and CMPD held a joint news conference at McMullen Creek Greenway last week to announce a new partnership that will enhance efforts of patrolling the County's growing greenway system.

During the news conference, the two agencies said that they will combine resources to provide the best possible service to greenway patrons. The two agencies also provided helpful [greenway safety and etiquette tips](#) and announced the creation of a new Park and Recreation mobile app that will be available this summer. The app will allow patrons the ability to report issues they see along the trails and will include location details so that Park and Recreation and CMPD can respond as quickly as possible.

You can view the news conference on the [County Park and Recreation Facebook page](#).

For more information, contact Park and Recreation Director Lee Jones at 980-314-1017 or Lee.Jones@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, April 17, 10 a.m. – County Assessor Ken Joyner will speak about the 2019 Revaluation during the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership Tax Relief Clinic. The event will take place at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church.
- Tuesday, April 17, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
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- Wednesday, April 18, 5:30 p.m. – Chair Ella B. Scarborough and County Manager Dena R. Diorio will speak at the Carolina Theatre event in uptown Charlotte.
- Thursday, April 19, 5 p.m. – North Tryon Vision Plan Community Event, Hal Marshall Building
- Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m. – County Assessor Ken Joyner will speak about the 2019 Revaluation at Purcell United Methodist Church.

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