

Legislative Update

The short session of the North Carolina General Assembly will convene next month on May 16. The rules of the short session restrict most bill deliberation to bills affecting the state budget, bills that passed at least one chamber in the previous session or local bills signed by every representative from the affected area.

To prepare for the session, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee will meet tomorrow at 2 p.m. in the large conference room on the 11th floor of CMGC to consider the County's legislative priorities. A breakfast with the Mecklenburg Legislative Delegation will also be held at MEDIC on Friday, May 11. This will be an engaging opportunity to share priorities with the delegation.

For more information, contact Starla Tanner, Legislative Affairs liaison, at 980-314-2884 or Starla.Tanner@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Crowns of Enterprise Awards Ceremony Set for May 10

Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte will celebrate Charlotte's Small Business Month by honoring Minority, Women and Small Business Enterprises during the 6th Annual Crowns of Enterprise Awards ceremony at the Palmer Building, 2601 East 7th St. on Thursday, May 10, from 6-8 p.m.

Awards will be presented to the Small Business Enterprise of the Year, Minority Business Enterprise of the Year, Woman Business Enterprise of the Year, Prime Contractor of the Year and Diversity Advocate of the Year. Award winners are recognized for demonstrating exemplary leadership and sound business strategies.

Please visit <u>CharlotteNC.gov/Crowns</u> to RSVP to this free event and to learn more. Due to space limitations, tickets must be reserved by Thursday, May 3.

For more information about Charlotte Small Business Month and the thousands of small businesses and entrepreneurs that make our community great, visit <u>CharlotteBusinessResources.com</u>. You can also contact Teresa McDow from the County's Economic Development Office at 980-314-2940 or Teresa.McDow@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

ITS Receives Local Award

Congratulations to Mecklenburg County Information Technology Services (ITS) on receiving a 2018 Blue Diamond Award. Staff from the department recently accepted the award at the Charlotte Area Technology Collaborative Awards Ceremony on April 10.

ITS Senior Manager Scott Newell, Strategy Manager Bill Battaile and Senior Business Systems Analyst Kevin Faulmann submitted a nomination for the Criminal Justice Services CRM Pre-Trial System project. The new system is used to manage the day-to-day business of the Pre-Trial Release Program. The project won in the Business Value Non-Profit award category.

The Blue Diamond Awards has been Charlotte's leading annual technology awards celebration for over 20 years. This event recognizes the area's top technology solutions, programs and innovations.

To learn more about this award and to see a list of this year's winners, click here.

5th Open Streets 704 Event Set for Sunday

We are just a few days away from our fifth Open Streets 704 event.

On Sunday, April 29, from 1 - 5 p.m., Mecklenburg residents and commissioners are invited to grab their bikes or walking shoes and explore the 4.2-mile route, which covers Plaza Midwood, Belmont, Villa Heights, NoDa, Optimist Park and Commonwealth neighborhoods.

This is a great opportunity for everyone to experience what these neighborhoods offer, interact with neighbors and participate in over 130 family-friendly activities.

Open Streets 704 is powered by Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, in partnership with Partners for Parks. It's organized by Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation, the Mecklenburg County Public Health Department and Charlotte Department of Transportation. Support is provided by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police and Charlotte Fire Departments.

Learn more and view the route map at www.openstreets704.com.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Monday, April 23, 7 p.m. County Assessor Ken Joyner will speak about the 2019 Revaluation during the Montclair Neighborhood Association meeting.
- Tuesday, April 24, 3 p.m. BOCC Budget and Public Policy Meeting, CMGC Room 267
- Wednesday, April 25, 8:45 a.m. County Manager Dena R. Diorio will speak at the Administrative Professional Recognition Event at the CPCC Harris Conference Center.
- Thursday, April 26, 6 p.m. County Assessor Ken Joyner will speak about the 2019 Revaluation during the Clanton Park Neighborhood Association meeting.

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