

Big Shots Saturday Rescheduled for Oct. 27

The Big Shots Saturday back-to-school immunization clinic that was canceled due to Hurricane Florence has been rescheduled for Oct. 27, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Mecklenburg County Public Health Department, 249 Billingsley Rd., Charlotte.

Recognizing that many families were affected by the storms, the State extended the immunization deadline. Students whose first day of school fell between Aug. 20 and Oct. 2, 2018 now have until Nov. 1 to provide proof of the required health assessment and/or immunizations.

For more information, <u>click here</u> or contact Public Health Director Gibbie Harris at 980-314-9020 or Gibbie.Harris@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

2018 Youth Drug Survey Presentation Set for Friday

Mecklenburg County Public Health will join several community agencies this Friday, Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. – noon as the Center for Prevention Services (CPS) presents results from the largest Youth Drug Survey in its 30-year history. The presentation will take place at Project 658 located at 3646 Central Ave., Charlotte. Anyone interested in attending is asked to register here by the end of the day tomorrow.

During the event, CPS, the County and community and partners will discuss efforts in addressing substance misuse in our community and encourage all attendees to share ideas and get involved.

For more information, contact Public Health Director Gibbie Harris at 980-314-9020 or Gibbie.Harris@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Community Info Session for County and YMCA Project Rescheduled for Oct. 25

Due to Hurricane Michael, Mecklenburg County and the YMCA of Greater Charlotte will now hold the first community information session for their joint project known as <u>Prospect Landing</u> on Oct. 25. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at the Stratford Richardson Y, 1946 W. Blvd., Charlotte.

This project serves to improve economic opportunity through developing land adjacent to the Stratford Richardson Y. Planned components include a Community Resource Center, enhanced Y and the possible relocation of the West Boulevard library branch. Potential also exists for the

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creation of new housing and commercial development on the site.

The Oct 25 meeting, which is free to attend, will cover many topics including mixed-income housing, economic opportunity, and community building and wellness.

Limited childcare will be available on a reserved basis.

To learn more about Prospect Landing, click here. You can also contact Dennis LaCaria at 980-314-2939 or Dennis.LaCaria@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Park and Rec and Carolina Raptor Center to Break Ground on 'Quest' at Latta Nature Preserve

County commissioners and residents are invited to a special groundbreaking ceremony this Friday, Oct. 19 for "Quest" – a joint venture between <u>Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation</u> and the Carolina Raptor Center. The ceremony will take place at 10 a.m. at Latta Nature Preserve.

The 13,000-plus square foot center will combine the resources of both organizations into one location to increase conservation efforts and nature-based educational opportunities.

Amenities will include:

- An interactive exhibit hall focusing on Mountain Island Lake and Latta Nature Preserve
- A new raptor trail system, including a modern resident bird care facility and exhibit, aviaries for more than 35 species of raptors and a technologically advanced amphitheater
- Expanded indoor/outdoor learning spaces to offer more year-round environmental education programming
- Reservable meeting spaces for the community
- · And much more

For more information, contact Chris Matthews, division director for Park and Recreation's natural resources and nature preserves, at 980-314-1019 or Christopher.Matthews@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Monday, Oct. 15, 11:30 a.m. County Assessor Ken Joyner spoke to residents at the Levine Senior Center about the 2019 Revaluation.
- Tuesday, Oct. 16, 5 6 p.m.- BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC, CH-14
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- Wednesday, Oct. 17, 12:30 p.m. –County Assessor Ken Joyner will speak to the Paradigm Tax Group about the 2019 Revaluation.
- Thursday, Oct. 18, 6-8 p.m. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Meet & Eat Session at Elon Recreation Center
- Friday, Oct. 19, 9:30 11:30 a.m. County Assessor Ken Joyner will speak to the REBIC Realtors Group about the 2019 Revaluation.

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