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An update to the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners from the County Manager

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November is National Adoption Month

On any given day, there are nearly 438,000 children in foster care in the United States and the average age of children entering care is 7. National Adoption Month was designated to promote awareness of the need for permanent families for children and youth in our foster care system.

Included in this monthlong observance is National Adoption Day – a day to recognize those who have been adopted within the past year.

[Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services](#) and several local agencies will celebrate this special occasion this Saturday, Nov. 17 at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse.

The event, which begins at 9 a.m., will serve to recognize the 156 children who were officially adopted between Oct. 27, 2017 – Oct. 30, 2018. More than half of the children being recognized have been in the Mecklenburg County foster care system.

For more information, contact Whitney Johnson, Department of Social Services, at 980-314-4144 or Whitney.Johnson@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Storm Water Services and Department of Homeland Security Partner to Test Low-Cost Flood Sensors

Currently, [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services](#) manages 54 USGS flood sensors across Mecklenburg County measuring the depth of the water in our streams. These sensors, which are part of Storm Water's Flood Information Notification System or FINS, are very accurate, but also very expensive.

Storm Water Services and the Department of Homeland Security are working together to test low-cost flood sensors. Three companies have delivered 25 prototypes of the new low-cost flood sensors for Storm Water to test for accuracy, performance and reliability.

We were picked for this study because of our comprehensive flood sensor system that is already in place across the County, and for the recognition we have earned as a national leader in flood management.

The goal of the project is to place more flood sensors across the County, state and country in an effort to reduce deaths due to flooding. These low-cost sensors will ultimately have the capability to directly warn the public of local flooding through smart phones, home devices and directly to a car's

computer system.

For more information, contact John Wendel, senior communication specialist with Storm Water Services, at 704-577-0553 or John.Wendel@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Free Paper Shredding Event this Saturday

In celebration of America Recycles Day, [Mecklenburg County Solid Waste](#) will host a free paper shredding event this Saturday, Nov. 17 from 9 a.m. – noon at the [Compost Central and Recycling Center](#) and the [Foxhole Recycling Center](#).

This is a great opportunity for residents to safely discard old confidential documents and sensitive mail in a secure manner.

Please note – this event is for the destruction of RESIDENTIAL, personal, household paper documents only. Residents are asked not to arrive before 9 a.m.

For more information, visit wipeoutwaste.com or contact Lynn Knox with Mecklenburg County Solid Waste at 980-314-3866 or Lynn.Knox@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Nov. 13, 3 p.m. BOCC Budget and Public Policy Meeting, CMGC Room 267 – THIS MEETING WAS NOT HELD
- Saturday, Nov. 17, 9 a.m. – County Manager Dena R. Diorio will speak at the Adoption Day event at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse.
- Tuesday, Nov. 20, 5-6 p.m.– BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, Nov. 20, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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