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#### Legislative Update

The Legislature is continuing to pick up pace as bill filing and introduction deadlines approach. Two of our agenda items have been filed by delegation members. They are [Senate Bill 207 Mecklenburg County/Public-Private Agreements](#) and [House Bill 317 Additional Magistrates in Mecklenburg County](#). We expect to see legislation related to the Mountain Island Lake Marine Commission and Homestead Act filed soon.

Gov. Roy Cooper released his two-year budget on Wednesday with a focus on education, health care and the state's infrastructure. Highlights include a 9.1 percent average raise for teachers over two years, a one-time two percent cost-of-living adjustment for retired state employees and Medicaid expansion. Also included in his budget was a \$3.9 billion bond proposal to fund school construction and other local infrastructure projects – the governor's plan is double the proposal put forward by House Speaker Tim Moore. The governor's \$25.2 billion budget proposal is a 5.4 percent increase over last year's enacted budget. The House will now begin work on their budget proposal.

[House Bill 241 Education Bond Act of 2019](#) moved through several House committees and has been scheduled to be heard by the full House on March 13. If enacted, it would place a referendum on the March 2020 ballot for a \$1.9 billion bond for public school, community college, and UNC constituent institution capital outlay projects statewide. Under this version Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools anticipates receiving approximately \$61 million.

The House overwhelmingly approved three measures this week designed to make North Carolina schools safer. All three proposals came from a study committee that's been looking at the issue of school safety during the interim. [Here is a review of the three bills](#).

Staff will continue to work with our delegation and monitor legislation

For more information, contact [Starla Tanner](#), legislative affairs liaison, at 980-314-2884.

#### Office of Economic Development to Hold Small Business Outreach Events

This Thursday, March 14, the Mecklenburg County Office of Economic Development's Small Business Services Division will hold the first of several small business outreach events to provide information and networking opportunities to residents and area business owners. The event will take place from 6-8 p.m. at Jetton Park, 1900 Jetton Road, Cornelius.

The session will provide resources and information on the following topics:

- Starting or growing a business
- How to access capital
- How to do business with the government
- Minority, Women, and Small Business certifications

Those who are interested in participating are asked to [register here](#).

Future outreach events will take place on May 2, July 18, Sept. 11 and Nov. 13.

For more information, contact Economic Development Director [Peter Zeiler](#) at 980-314-2938.

### **Veterans Services Division Director Serves on Panel During UNC Charlotte Veterans Health Conference**

In late February, Community Support Services (CSS) Veterans Services Division Director Janene McGee served on panel during [UNC Charlotte's Sixth Annual Veterans Health Conference](#). Several other staff members of the Veterans Services Division were also present and provided resources to more than 180 conference attendees.

Janene served as a panel representative during the Veterans' Rights Breakout session. Topics included: Barriers to Assessing Benefits, Claims Process and Advocacy for Rights. She was joined by other state and local leaders, including representatives from Veterans Bridge Home, Cardinal Innovations Healthcare, Disabled Veterans of America, student veterans and disability claims attorneys. In addition to panel discussions, attendees participated in sessions covering topics such as veterans' rights advocacy, traumatic brain injuries, poly-trauma and mental health.

To learn more about CSS's involvement in the conference, please contact Veterans Services Division Director [Janene McGee](#) at 980-314-1901.

### **County Celebrates Employee Appreciation Day**

Mecklenburg County joined businesses and organizations from across the country on March 1 in celebrating National Employee Appreciation Day.

This was a great opportunity for us to recognize the hard work and dedication of our employees. Without their efforts, we would not be able to provide the types of services we provide to our residents every day.

The celebration featured festivities at several locations throughout the County. Hundreds of employees participated and enjoyed light refreshments and fellowship.

I would like to take a minute to share this outstanding [video](#) that our Public Information Department put together to highlight the occasion.

Thank you again to all County employees for all that you do.

#### **CALENDAR REMINDERS**

- Monday, March 11, 7 p.m. – County Assessor's Office staff will speak to the Northwood Estates Neighborhood Association about the 2019 Revaluation.
- Tuesday, March 12, noon – County Assessor's Office staff will speak at the REBIC policy meeting about the 2019 Revaluation.
- Tuesday, March 12, 12:30 – 2 p.m. – BOCC Environmental Stewardship Committee Meeting, CMGC 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conference Room
- Tuesday, March 12, 3 p.m. – BOCC Budget/Public Policy Meeting, CMGC Room 267
- Tuesday, March 12, 6 p.m. – County Assessor's Office staff will speak at the Town of Davidson Board Meeting about the 2019 Revaluation.
- Tuesday, March 12, 6:30 p.m. – County Assessor's Office staff will speak to the Wesley Heights Neighborhood Association about the 2019 Revaluation.
- Wednesday, March 13, noon – County Assessor's Office staff will speak to the Charlotte Crown Realist Association about the 2019 Revaluation.
- Thursday, March 14, 10 a.m. – County Assessor's Office staff will speak to the Bar Association about the 2019 Revaluation.
- Thursday, March 14, 6 p.m. – County Assessor's Office staff will speak to the McCrorey Heights Neighborhood Association about the 2019 Revaluation.

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