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### Legislative Update

With bill filing and crossover deadlines approaching soon, there has been an influx of new legislative filings and committee hearings. Highlighted bills related to economic development and code enforcement are below. Staff will provide a detailed update on the legislative session at the May 7 Intergovernmental Committee meeting.

[HB 675 2019 Building Code Regulatory Reform](#) – This bill makes significant amendments to the creation and enforcement of building code regulations.

[HB 722 Land-Use Regulatory Changes](#) – This bill makes substantial changes to the permitting process.

[SB 597 Create an Additional Tier System](#) – This bill creates an additional five-tier Economic Distress System, wherein the tier one designation includes a county whose annual ranking is one of the 20 highest in the state.

[SB 650 Simplifying NC Local Sales Tax Distribution](#) – This bill modifies the current distribution of sales taxes in a manner that may not be beneficial to the County.

For additional information, please contact Legislative Affairs Liaison [Starla Tanner](#) at 980-314-2884.

### Commissioners Harden, Rodriguez-McDowell to Host Town Halls

On Friday, April 26, 10 – 11:15 a.m. Commissioner [Susan B. Harden](#) will host a Town Hall event at the Tyvola Senior Center (2225 Tyvola Road, Charlotte). This event is open to the public. There will be representatives from Mecklenburg County's DSS Age-Friendly Mecklenburg initiative to provide information on relevant services. Commissioner Harden will also read the Older Americans Proclamation in celebration of Older Americans Month coming up in May.

On Saturday, April 27, at 10 a.m. Commissioner [Susan Rodriguez-McDowell](#) will host a joint town hall with NC House Representative Wesley Harris. Residents are invited to participate in this community conversation. The event will take place at the Ballantyne Hotel (10000 Ballantyne Commons Parkway, Charlotte).

For more information, contact Community Relations Coordinator [Christine Edwards](#) at 704-975-5042.

### **2020 Census Outreach Underway**

The County kicked off outreach for the 2020 Census April 1 with a press conference and panel discussion. Chairman Dunlap and Charlotte Mayor Lyles announced the establishment of the Mecklenburg Complete Count Committee (CCC) and the launch of [MeckCounts2020.com](https://meckcounts2020.com). Our partners from the Census Bureau also were there to talk about recruitment for approximately 1,800 local temporary census jobs. Anyone interested in applying for jobs should visit [2020census.gov/jobs](https://2020census.gov/jobs). A panel discussion focusing on the importance of the census and some of the challenges to an accurate count followed. It was an engaging dialogue with community stakeholders who attended. You can view a recording of the event [here](#).

The Complete Count Committee will hold its first public meeting this Thursday, April 25, 4-6 p.m., at the Valerie C. Woodard Conference Center. During the meeting, Census Bureau Partnership specialists will conduct CCC training.

In addition, the County Manager's Office has posted an RFP for a communications/marketing firm to assist the CCC with development and execution of a census outreach plan. Proposals are due May 7. You can learn more about the Complete Count Committee and its members at [MeckCounts2020.com](https://meckcounts2020.com).

For more information, contact [Deborah Goldberg](#), 2020 Census Complete Count Coordinator, at 980-314-2934.

### **Youth and Family Services Director Selected for Fellowship Program**

[Department of Social Services](#) Youth and Family Services Director Charles Bradley has been selected to participate in the 11th class of the Annie E. Casey Foundation's Children and Family Fellowship. The 21-month fellowship is a rigorous leadership program designed to give professionals who serve children and families the competence to lead major system reforms and changes in the community.

Charles was selected with 14 other leaders from nine states who represent public, nonprofit and for-profit sectors. Participants will work within their agencies, organizations and communities toward specific measurable improvements for a significant amount of young people and families. The group will also work together toward a common goal of ensuring that all youth between the ages of 14-24 have access to school, work and family to achieve equitable outcomes of success.

The first seminar for the 2019-2021 class will begin this month at the Casey Foundation Headquarters in Baltimore, MD.

For more information, contact Department of Social Services Director [Peggy Eagan](#) at 980-314-6480.

### **Community Meeting to be Held this Week for Eastway Regional Recreation Center**

This Thursday, April 25, Plaza Eastway Partners, [Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation](#) and members of the Eastway Regional Recreation Center design team will hold a community meeting to provide construction updates on the County's first regional recreation center. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Greater Bethel AME Church, 5232 The Plaza, Charlotte.

County commissioners and members of the public are invited to attend to provide their input, ask questions and meet the people behind the development.

Eastway Regional Recreation Center is expected to open next summer. It will serve as one of our system's largest recreation centers, offering residents new opportunities for indoor aquatics, fitness, learning and community gatherings.

For more information, contact Park and Recreation Director [Lee Jones](#) at 980-314-1017.

### **Open Streets 704 Returns April 28**

Open Streets 704, the popular series that allows participants the chance to explore Charlotte-Mecklenburg in ways that aren't possible by car, returns for its seventh installment on Sunday, April 28 from 1-5 p.m.

Everyone is invited to bike, walk, skateboard or dance their way along the 4-mile route, which stretches from NoDa to Plaza Midwood through Belmont, Villa Heights, Optimist Park, and Commonwealth-Morningside. Come and enjoy music, food and more than 70 free activities, ranging from health and wellness, physical activity, environmental awareness and arts and sciences.

The April 28 program will feature a partnership with BOOM! Charlotte, which will showcase contemporary and experimental art within the Open Streets Arts & Science Zone.

Open Streets 704 is a partnership between Partners for Parks, Mecklenburg County Government, the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation, the Mecklenburg County Public Health, Charlotte Department of Transportation, and the support of The Charlotte- Mecklenburg Police and Charlotte Fire departments.

To learn more, visit [openstreets704.com](http://openstreets704.com). You can also contact Park and Recreation Director [Lee Jones](#) at 980-314-1017.

#### CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, April 23, 2:30 p.m. – BOCC Budget/Public Policy Workshop, CMGC Room 267
- Friday, April 26, 9 a.m. – County Manager Dena R. Diorio will deliver brief remarks during the opening ceremony of the St. James Grand Lodge of Bessemer City's annual conference. The conference will take place at the Double Tree by Hilton Charlotte Airport Hotel.

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