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County Public Health Department Receives 'Reaccreditation with Honors'

Congratulations to our [Public Health Department](#) on receiving "Reaccreditation with Honors" from the North Carolina Local Health Department (NCLHD) Accreditation Board. Public Health accomplished all 41 benchmarks and all 147 related activities assessed by the Accreditation Board process.

The accreditation process is required by state law to ensure local health departments are performing at a prescribed level of quality. The accreditation program sets minimum standards, but it does not prevent health departments from providing services that go beyond the standards required for accreditation. In fact, some N.C. health departments, including Mecklenburg County's, exceed accreditation standards.

Learn more about Public Health's outstanding accomplishment [here](#).

If you have questions, please contact Public Health Director [Gibbie Harris](#) at 980-314-9020.

County Outdoor Pools, Spraygrounds and Ramsey Creek Beach Open this Weekend; Free Swim Lessons Offered this Summer

[Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation's outdoor pools, spraygrounds](#) and [Ramsey Creek Beach](#) will open for the summer season this weekend, just in time for Memorial Day.

Throughout the summer, Park and Recreation will offer free swim lessons to children, ages 3-12, at both outdoor pools (Cordelia and the Double Oaks Family Aquatic Center). Double Oaks Family Aquatic Center will also serve as a host site for the World's Largest Swimming Lesson on June 20. Registration information for both activities can be found [here](#).

In addition to the outdoor pools, Park and Rec offers free swim lessons year-round at Ray's Splash Planet and the West Charlotte High School Pool.

In FY2018, Park and Recreation offered a total of 4,527 free indoor and outdoor swim lessons for children.

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

Criminal Justice Services Employees Receive Award for Excellence in Policing

Congratulations to Mecklenburg County employees Melissa Zhiss and Marcus Boyd on receiving the Chief's Award for Excellence in Policing, for their work with the HOP Program, also known as the Homeless Outreach Prevention Program. The program is a collaborative project run by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and Mecklenburg County.

Zhiss and Boyd, who work in [Criminal Justice Services](#) Forensic Evaluations Unit - received the award on Wednesday along with five Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police officers.

Zhiss launched the HOP Program in March 2017. The goal of the program is to identify homeless individuals with disabilities who are involved with or could become involved with the criminal justice system and connect them with necessary resources such as income and housing.

Program coordinators meet monthly with CMPD officers and partner agencies to design plans to help connect these individuals with necessary resources in hopes of keeping them from re-entering the criminal justice system.

Congratulations on a job well done!

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, May 21, 1:30-3 p.m. – BOCC Health and Human Services Committee Meeting, Valerie C. Woodard Conference Center
- Tuesday, May 21, 3:30-4:30 p.m. – BOCC Economic Development Committee Meeting, CMGC 11th Floor Large Conference Room (THIS MEETING WILL NOT BE HELD)
- Tuesday, May 21, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Tuesday, May 21, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber
- Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 p.m. – County Assessor's Office staff will speak to Seversville Community Organization about the 2019 Revaluation.

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