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Clean Commute Challenge Starts June 1

You may notice fewer single-occupancy vehicles on the road as the Clean Commute Challenge launches on June 1. Mecklenburg County's [Air Quality division](#) is urging commuters to reduce miles driven by walking, biking, taking the bus, vanpooling, or carpooling to work through June 30.

Cleaner air during the prime of ozone season isn't the only motivation; logging clean commutes on [way2goclt.com](#) gives participants the chance to win prizes. The website is also a user-friendly platform for finding bus routes, carpooling options and even secure bike paths.

The Clean Commute Challenge kicks off at the [#WalkCLT event](#) on May 31 near FreeMoreWest. The Air Quality team will be out signing commuters up and educating people about improving the air we breathe.

For more information, contact [Megan Green](#), Air Quality Program Manager, at 980-314-3368.

Park and Recreation Set to Open Newest Community Park, Dog Park this Weekend

Music, games and food are just some of the things residents can enjoy when [Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation](#) opens Clarks Creek Community Park this weekend. The 31-acre community park also includes the County's newest dog park.

The two-day celebration for the park, located at 5435 Hucks Road, Charlotte, includes a dedication ceremony on Friday, May 31 and a grand opening and community kickoff celebration on June 1. Details for both days are below.

Friday, May 31 – 11 a.m. to noon Dedication Ceremony

The dedication ceremony includes:

- Ribbon cutting ceremony
- Brief remarks from BOCC Vice Chair Elaine Powell, Assistant Mecklenburg County Manager Leslie Johnson, PRC Chair Heidi Pruess, and Park and Recreation Director W. Lee Jones

Saturday, June 1 – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Grand Opening and Community Kickoff Celebration

Bring the entire family and enjoy everything the new park has to offer. Festivities include:

- Music
- Games

- Vendors
- Food trucks (food available for purchase)

In addition to a large dog park, Clarks Creek Community Park features a playground, eight pickleball and basketball sport courts, a community garden, a loop trail system, a sprayground, restrooms and a small shelter. The park is located across the street from Clarks Creek Nature Preserve.

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

ITS Wins Another Blue Diamond Award

Congratulations to our Information Technology Services (ITS) Department on receiving a 2019 Blue Diamond Award. The team received the award for their development of a new system for the County's Community Resource Center (CRC). ITS partnered with the Enterprise Project Management Office, Health & Human Services (HHS) and Microsoft to build the system using Microsoft Dynamics/CRM in the cloud.

The CRC program provides a pleasant, efficient experience to the hundreds of customers who visit the center each day. Customers can access a multitude of County services under one roof at the CRC. Previously, HHS agencies were housed in separate locations around the County, where technology systems did not provide the modern experience that is now available at the CRC. The system was implemented and went live in June 2018 and has serviced over 85,000 visitors.

ITS staff recently accepted the award at the Charlotte Area Technology Collaborative Awards Ceremony. The Blue Diamond Awards has been Charlotte's leading annual technology awards celebration for over 20 years. This event recognizes the area's top technology solutions, programs and innovations. To learn more about this award and to see a list of this year's winners, [click here](#).

For more information, contact [Keith Gregg](#), Chief Information Officer, at 980-314-2350.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, May 28, 8 a.m. – BOCC held a Straw Vote Session for the FY2020 Manager's Recommended Budget at the Valerie C. Woodard Conference Center, 3205 Freedom Drive, Charlotte. The May 29 BOCC Straw Vote Session WILL NOT BE HELD.
- Wednesday, May 29, 11 a.m. – County Assessor's Office staff will speak to seniors at the McCrorey YMCA about the 2019 Revaluation.
- Thursday, May 30, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Commissioner Vilma D. Leake will hold a Town Hall Meeting for Seniors at the Valerie C. Woodard Conference Center, 3205 Freedom Drive, Charlotte.

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