

July 15, 2019

# Two Town Hall Meetings Serving Latino Community Set for Late July

District 5 Commissioner <u>Susan B. Harden</u> and District 4 Commissioner <u>Mark Jerrell</u> will both hold town hall meetings this month in partnership with the Latin American Future Search Civic Engagement Committee.

The town hall meetings, which are open to all members of the community, will focus on improving communications, listening to the concerns of the Latino community and increasing civic participation.

# Details are below:

- Commissioner Harden: July 27, 10 a.m. noon at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter, 2701 Park Road, Charlotte. Other guest speakers will also be in attendance.
- Commissioner Jerrell: July 30, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Central United Methodist Church, 6030 Albemarle Road, Charlotte.

If you have questions, please contact <u>LaShonda Hart</u>, Senior Assistant to the County Manager, at 980-314-2906.

### 2019 Clean Commute Challenge Results in Big Success

I am thrilled to report that 2019 was quite a successful year for our annual Clean Commute Challenge. Throughout June, local commuters stepped up to the challenge with bike rides, carpools, public transits, telecommutes and walks to work instead of making the drive alone.

Participants "clean commuted" 107,500 miles this June and saved over \$25,000 compared to driving alone. All those miles add up to cleaner air at the beginning of "ozone season," the summer months when the Charlotte region is most likely to experience poor air quality.

Eyes were on weekly prizes instead of the road throughout the entire challenge. Family 4-packs for the Charlotte Knights, U.S. National Whitewater Center, Discovery Place, and Carowinds were rewarded along with a grand prize of Carolina Panthers tickets.

Participants are encouraged to keep logging clean commutes on <u>Way2GoCLT.com</u> in a continual effort to improve air quality.

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For information, contact Megan Green, Air Quality Program Manager, at 980-314-3368.

## **Governor Cooper Tours Flood Damage in North Mecklenburg**

On July 9, Gov. Roy Cooper visited Mecklenburg County. Part of the visit included a tour of the Charlotte Fire Department's Station 33 Disaster Recovery Center and the flood damage at the Riverside Drive community, which occurred last month at Mountain Island Lake. Water levels at the lake reached record numbers as the Catawba River and surrounding areas received heavy rainfall within a couple of days.

Our Public Information Department was there to document the visit as members of the <u>Board of County Commissioners</u> and Gov. Cooper spoke with residents about property damage and potential flooding in the future. The BOCC approved up to \$3.5 million in funding to mitigate future damage to homes that were severely damaged during the flooding on June 9 and 10. Homes that were deemed substantially damaged by the floodplain administrator will be considered a priority under this funding.

You can view photos of the governor's visit <u>here</u>. Public Information also posted a web story about the visit on MeckNC.gov. Read it here.

#### CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2-4 p.m.- BOCC Performance Review Committee Meeting, CMGC 11<sup>th</sup> Floor Large Conference Room
- Wednesday, Aug. 7, 5-6 p.m. BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Wednesday, Aug. 7, 6 p.m. BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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