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Park Road Park Pond Tests Positive for Blue-Green Algae

On Friday, Aug. 16, [Park and Recreation](#), [County Storm Water Services](#) and Public Information partnered to inform the public after the toxic version of blue-green algae was discovered at the Park Road Park pond.

The three agencies held a news conference, posted information and safety tips on [MeckNC.gov](#) and social media, and placed signs at the park to alert the public.

Park and Recreation and Storm Water Services will continue to conduct water quality tests at several other park properties with ponds. Warning signs will also be placed in these locations.

This warning is only for ponds. Creeks and streams with flowing water are not typically impacted by blue-green algae that grows when water does not move.

For more information, [click here](#). If you have questions, please contact [Chris Matthews](#), Division Director for Nature Preserves and Natural Resources at Park and Recreation, at 980-314-1019.

Double the Value of SNAP Benefits at Five Local Farmers Markets

Food insecurity may reflect a household's need to make trade-offs between important basic needs, such as housing or medical bills, and purchasing nutritionally adequate foods. One way [Public Health](#) is working to address food insecurity in the County is by working with other organizations to equip local farmers markets to accept SNAP benefits AND fund the Double Bucks Program.

Cultivated by Mecklenburg County Public Health, the City of Charlotte, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Food Policy Council, [five local farmers markets](#) are now equipped to accept SNAP benefits AND through the Double Bucks Program, those farmers markets will double SNAP dollars up to \$20 allowing shoppers access to fresh fruits and vegetables that they might otherwise not have.

For more information, contact Public Health Director [Gibbie Harris](#) at 980-314-9020.

Community Support Services Holds Continuum of Care Governance Kickoff Meeting

Last Wednesday, Aug. 14, [Mecklenburg County Community Support Services](#) hosted a Continuum of Care (CoC) Governance kickoff meeting to share important updates to the local CoC Governance process and provide opportunities to get involved in the establishment of a new CoC Governance

Charter for the community.

Mecklenburg County and the City of Charlotte are partnering to shift the management of the Continuum of Care (CoC) from the City to the County in response to the continued community need for permanent, affordable housing. The work of the CoC is mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and is designed to promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending and preventing homelessness as well as providing funding, oversight, planning and evaluation of housing-related services.

To learn more about the CoC Transition and view a recording of the event, [click here](#).

For more information, contact Community Support Services Director [Stacy M. Lowry](#) at 980-314-8903.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Wednesday, Sept. 4, Time/Location TBD – BOCC Performance Review Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2-3:30 p.m. – BOCC Audit Review Committee Meeting, CMGC Room 270/271
- Wednesday, Sept. 4, 3:30-5 p.m. – BOCC Economic Development Committee Meeting, CMGC 11th Floor Large Conference Room
- Wednesday, Sept. 4, 5-6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH-14
- Wednesday, Sept. 4, 6 p.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting, Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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