

#### County Invites Local Business Community to 2019 Disparity Study Launch

Two public information sessions will be held next week so the community can learn more about Mecklenburg County's 2019 Disparity Study. The study will evaluate equal opportunity and fairness within Mecklenburg County's procurement and contracting process for local businesses.

The County has partnered with law and public policy consulting firm, Griffin & Strong, P.C., to conduct the study. Information will be gathered during the study to determine whether all qualified businesses have the maximum practicable opportunity to compete for and participate in the County's procurement of prime contracts and associated subcontracts.

During the public information sessions, the community will have the opportunity to learn about the study process and discuss how they can participate. Please note that this meeting is being presided over by Griffin & Strong, P.C. and not Mecklenburg County. Neither GSPC or County personnel will be responding to questions, only accepting commentary.

# Meeting details:

- Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2019, from 1 3 p.m.
- Charlotte Mecklenburg Government Center (600 East 4th St., Charlotte), Room 267
- Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019, from 5 7 p.m.
- Valerie C. Woodard Conference Center (3205 Freedom Drive, Charlotte), Room 4014/4015

Participants can register for either session at **Eventbrite**. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, contact <u>Peter Zeiler</u>, Director of the Office of Economic Development, at 980-314-2938.

#### Independence Park Renovation Public Information Session

Also next week, the <u>Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department</u> will host an information session for the Independence Park Renovation project. The purpose of the information session is to present the final plans for the renovations. The goal of the Independence Park Renovation project is to enhance and make necessary repairs to one of the County's oldest parks. The projected construction start date is in the summer of 2020. Please join County staff and consultants during our Public Information Session for a review of the renovation plans.

#### Session details:

Tuesday, Nov. 12, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
 Saint Martin's Episcopal Church (1510 E 7th Street in Charlotte)

For more information, please contact Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Senior Planner Kevin Brickman at 980-314-1037.

## Mecklenburg County Closed in Honor of Veterans Day

Mecklenburg County will close on Monday, Nov. 11 in recognition of the Veterans Day holiday. Veterans Day is a special time to express gratitude to those who have made great sacrifices to preserve our freedom by serving in the U.S. military.

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In recognition of the holiday, our Board Bulletin will include special features all month in honor of those who have served. The features will also highlight a few of the many services the County offers to support area veterans. Our first feature may be found on the County's blog http://blog.mecknc.gov/veterans-services/ . So, on behalf of the County, I would like to personally thank all the veterans within our community as well as those on our staff.

### CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Monday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m. 1 p.m. Work It Charlotte Job Fair Valerie Woodard Conference Center, 3205 Freedom Dr., Suite 4000
- Tuesday, Nov. 5, 6:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m. General Election
  Wednesday, Nov. 6, 3:30 5 p.m. BOCC Economic Development Committee Meeting, CMGC 11th Floor
  Large Conference Room
- Wednesday, Nov. 6, 5 6 p.m. BOCC Regular Meeting, Informal Session, CMGC CH14 Wednesday, Nov. 6, 6 p.m. BOCC Formal Session, CMGC Meeting Chamber

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