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Volunteers & Donations Needed for 'Point-in-Time Count'

Volunteers and donations are needed to help gather an accurate count of the people moving through homelessness in our community. The "Point-in-Time Count: Everybody Counts" is a communitywide effort to survey and count every person currently experiencing homelessness. This year's Point-in-Time Count will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 29.

The Point-in-Time Count is a required activity for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Continuum of Care (CoC) to receive federal homelessness funding assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD).

Last year, 1,742 people were counted as homeless in Mecklenburg County. This figure includes 158 families and 60 unaccompanied youth.

Volunteers are needed to help conduct surveys with people who are experiencing homelessness. Surveys are scheduled to begin on Monday, Jan. 27 and end on Sunday, Feb. 2. Multiple shifts are available. All volunteers will receive training.

Winter weather items are also needed to distribute to homeless individuals and families during the event. Click [here](#) to register as a volunteer or donate.

For more information on the Point-in-Time Count, contact Community Support Services Director Stacy M. Lowry at 980-314-8903 or Stacy.Lowry@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

FY2021 Community Budget Workshops Begin in February

Starting next month, Mecklenburg County residents will have another chance to weigh in on the budget process for FY21!

Five Community Budget Workshops will be held across Mecklenburg County.

They are free and open to the public. Residents will have an opportunity to share their priorities for

the FY21 budget cycle, as well as hear from Mecklenburg County Manager Dena R. Diorio and Budget Director Michael Bryant.

Come out and meet your neighbors and share what's important to you.

Information gathered during the event will be considered during planning for the FY21 budget.

Light refreshments will be served. To register, visit <https://meckbudgetworkshops.eventbrite.com>.

For more information on the Community Budget Workshops or FY2021 budget activities or tools, contact Management & Budget Director Michael Bryant at 980-314-2925 or Michael.Bryant@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

State and County Grant Consent to Refugee Resettlement

On Sept. 26, the White House issued an [Executive Order](#) that gives states and localities increased decision making authority over federal refugee resettlement in addition to current requirements.

The Executive Order only allows refugees to be resettled, through the US Department of State's Reception and Placement (R&P) Program, in jurisdictions where both the state and local governments have consented, in writing, to receive refugees.

Under current law, a refugee is a person outside his/her country of origin, who is unable or unwilling to return to that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution based on his or her race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

Also, under current law, before refugees arrive in the United States, federal law dictates that representatives from the United States' non-profit resettlement agencies consult with state and local officials regarding refugee placement based on criteria such as housing and employment availability, local resources and whether refugees from similar backgrounds already live there. Ongoing consultation is required quarterly.

While states and local communities provide important input in this process, the final decision regarding how many refugees will be placed in a community is ultimately left up to the federal government. North Carolina and Mecklenburg County have met the new requirement by granting consent to refugee resettlement.

For additional information on this issue please contact Legislative Liaison, Starla Tanner at 980-314-2884 or Starla.Tanner@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

Mental Health Faces of Diversity Mural Installation Celebration

Mecklenburg County and Mental Health America of Central Carolinas will cohost a celebration on Jan. 22 in honor of a mural designed to show the universality of mental health issues within the community.

The "Mental Health Faces of Diversity" mural is on display on the 8th floor of the Mecklenburg County Courthouse outside of the Juvenile and Family Courtrooms.

The mural which was created by artist Edwin Gil and donated to the County in April, is part of a larger project to help eliminate the stigma often associated with mental health issues.

For more information on the ceremony or the mural, contact Andrea Towner at 704-365-3454 ext. 223 or atowner@mhacentralcarolinas.org.

Event Details

- "Mental Health Faces of Diversity Mural" installation celebration
- Wednesday, Jan. 22
- 8 – 8:45 a.m.
- Mecklenburg County Courthouse, 832 E. 4th Street, Charlotte

MECK Pre-K Trademark

Mecklenburg County's MECK Pre-K program logo is now among the list of registered federal trademarks. The logo was registered on Dec. 3, 2019 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The trademark falls under Class 41, which represents early childhood education services, namely providing pre-kindergarten classroom instruction.

Federal Trademark Registration requires an application for renewal every 10 years.

For more information, contact Tameika Leslie at 980-314-6124 or Tameika.Leslie@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov.

'Your Mecklenburg Minute' Launched

The Public Information Department has a new communication tool to help share important County stories.

"Your Mecklenburg Minute" debuted Wednesday, Jan. 8. The first video is a recap of the Board of County Commissioners meeting Jan. 7, including the public hearing. The feature will appear regularly on Facebook and MeckNC.gov and help promote stories about the County's programs, services and more. Click [here](#) to view "Your Mecklenburg Minute."

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Jan. 14 - BOCC Environmental Stewardship Committee Meeting - CMGC - Room 266, 12:30 – 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 14 – BOCC Public Policy Workshop - CMGC Room 267, 2:30 – 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 16 – "Senior Citizens' Health Fair" hosted by Commissioner Vilma Leake – West Charlotte Rec Center Gym, 2401 Kendall Drive, Charlotte, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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