

## Mecklenburg County Manager's "Board Bulletin"



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### COVID-19 Update

As of 8:30 a.m., there were 109,734 cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with 946 deaths due to COVID-19 reported among Mecklenburg County residents.

Click [here](#) for the latest data report.

### Mecklenburg County Wins Three Awards for Social Media Engagement

The County's Public Information Department recently won three awards at the 2021 North Carolina City & County Communicator's Excellence in Communication Awards. The department took first and second place in the "General Use on a Single Platform" category for Mecklenburg County's presence on [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#).

The County's [Giphy account](#), which has garnered almost 32 million views since it debuted last year, also tied for second place in the "Most Creative With Least Dollars Spent" category. [NC3C](#) is a professional development and networking organization for local governmental communications professionals. The organization received 168 entries for 26 categories. Congratulations to Public Information on this achievement.

### County Manager Dena Diorio Presents FY2022 Recommended Budget May 6

Mecklenburg County Manager Dena R. Diorio will present her recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2022 to the

Board of County Commissioners on Thursday, May 6, 2021. The address will take place virtually at 11:00 a.m.

The chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center is not open to the public out of precaution due to COVID-19.

During the presentation, the County Manager will outline her funding recommendations for Fiscal Year 2022 for County operations and services, as well as her funding recommendations to support community organizations and partner agencies.

The public may watch the presentation live on the Government Channel or by visiting [watch.mecknc.gov](https://watch.mecknc.gov).

For more information, contact Office of Management and Budget Director Adrian Cox.

### **County's Budget Public Hearing Scheduled for May 12**

The public will have one final opportunity to give their input on the budget for Fiscal Year 2022 before it is adopted in June. A Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. The public hearing may be viewed on the Government Channel (Spectrum Channel 16) or by visiting [watch.mecknc.gov](https://watch.mecknc.gov).

The hearing will be held virtually, as the chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center is closed to the public due to COVID-19.

Residents may sign up to speak by visiting <https://mecknc.seamlessdocs.com/f/clerk> or calling 980-314-2914. Residents may also sign up by sending an email to [Clerk@mecknc.gov](mailto:Clerk@mecknc.gov). The deadline to submit comments or to register is Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Click [here](#) for more information on the public hearing or contact Office of Management and Budget Director Adrian Cox.

### **MECK Pre-K to Host Enrollment Webinars in May and June**

There is still time left to learn more about MECK Pre-K ahead of the start of the 2021-2022 school year. MECK Pre-K is holding its final four free webinars for families interested in learning more about the registration process for the upcoming school year.

The live webinars will be held on Facebook. Just visit [facebook.com/MECKPre-k](https://facebook.com/MECKPre-k). The webinars are scheduled for May 11 and June 8 at 6:30 p.m. There will also be two webinars for Spanish-speaking families on May 13 and June 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Meck Pre-K is free, high quality, pre-kindergarten for eligible 4-year-olds who live in Mecklenburg County. To apply, children must be 4 years old on or before August 31 and live in Mecklenburg County. Families may access the live webinars by visiting [facebook.com/MECKPre-K](https://facebook.com/MECKPre-K).

Event Details:

## **MECK Pre-K Webinars**

- Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. \*Spanish language interpretation available\*
  
- Tuesday, June 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m. \*Spanish language interpretation available\*

For more information on the webinars or program eligibility, visit [www.meckprek.org](http://www.meckprek.org)

## **Community Engagement Public Art Workshop for Northeast Community Resource Center Scheduled for May 6**

Los Angeles-based artist Nova Jiang has been selected to create public artwork for the planned Mecklenburg County Northeast Community Resource Center, which will serve County residents in northeast Charlotte.

The artist will share her concept for public art for the Northeast Community Resource Center at a virtual Community Engagement Workshop from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, May 6. The virtual event provides an opportunity for residents to learn about Jiang and her artistic process and provide feedback on her concept for public art.

Those interested in participating in the Community Engagement Workshop with Jiang can receive the meeting link by emailing ASC Public Art Project Manager Randella Foster, at [randella.foster@artsandscience.org](mailto:randella.foster@artsandscience.org) or by calling 704-335-3262.

## **Public Health Launches COVID-19 Big Quit Campaign: Working to Reduce Tobacco Use in Priority Areas**

Public Health's Tobacco Prevention and Control team has launched a robust online campaign to encourage tobacco users in our Public Health Priority Areas to quit for good. The campaign will run in conjunction with *No Menthol Sunday*, a national observance day led by the Center for Black Health & Equity to educate the community about tobacco, menthol, vaping, and the role of flavors, and encourage escaping tobacco addiction.

According to the CDC, people who smoke or vape are more likely to suffer severe complications and hospitalization if they get COVID-19. Public Health's online campaign shares public service announcements across web platforms targeted to our priority populations who are more likely to use tobacco. The banner ads, which can be viewed on Tobacco-Free Mecklenburg's [Priority Populations web page](#), serve as a reminder that smoking or other tobacco use can weaken the immune system and put users at greater risk from COVID-19.

The announcements encourage residents in Mecklenburg County's Public Health Priority Areas to call QuitlineNC at **1-800-QUIT-NOW** and make a plan to quit smoking or vaping.

## **News Releases:**

- [Public Health's Office of Community Engagement Awards Funding to Local Faith-Based Organizations](#)
- [Walk-in COVID-19 Vaccinations Now Available at Bojangles Coliseum Clinic](#)

Click [here](#) to view a full list of news releases.

### **COVID-19 Symptoms:**

As the pandemic continues to have an impact on the community, click [here](#) to view a list of COVID-19 symptoms.

### **COVID-19 Testing and Medical Advice:**

Residents who believe they may have been exposed to the virus can contact the County's Public Health Hotline at 980-314-9400 to speak with a medical professional or for guidance on testing.

Testing locations can be found [here](#).

### **What to Do If You're Feeling Sick:**

Click [here](#) for more information on what to do if you think you may have been exposed to the virus.

### **Frequently Asked Questions - Residents:**

Click [here](#) to view a list of the most frequently asked questions related to COVID-19.

### **Resources for County Employees:**

#### **Employee Rights Under Families First Coronavirus Act**

On April 1, 2020, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act was signed to help provide additional paid leave for government employees affected by COVID-19.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the act.

## **CALENDAR REMINDERS**

- Tuesday, May 4 – Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners Special Meeting, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 4– Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, May 11 – Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, Budget/Public Policy Meeting, 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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