

## Mecklenburg County Manager's "Board Bulletin"



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### COVID-19 Update

As of 8:30 a.m., there were 115,781 cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with 990 deaths due to COVID-19 reported among Mecklenburg County residents.

Click [here](#) for the latest data report. To learn about vaccination sites please click [here](#).

### County to Host 'A Discussion for Accessibility'- A Virtual Community Event

In recognition of the 31st anniversary of the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Mecklenburg will host **A Discussion for Accessibility: Then, Now and Next** on Tuesday, July 20, 6-7:30 p.m. The community is invited to attend this virtual experience. Attendees will hear from National ADA Activist and Charlotte native Mark Johnson who will give his unique perspective on his life prior to and after the passing of the ADA, the role he has played in local and national advocacy and ways that we can all work towards a fully inclusive community. Participants will be able to ask questions before and during the event.

Guest speakers will include:

- George Dunlap, Chairman of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners
- Mark Johnson, Keynote Speaker and ADA Disability Activist
- Julia Sain, Executive Director of Disability Rights & Resources
- Timmothy M. Tibbs, Mecklenburg County ADA Coordinator

## Mecklenburg County's HOMES Program Now Accepting Applications

Mecklenburg County homeowners can apply to receive benefits from the HOMES Program. The Helping Out Mecklenburg's homeowners with Economic Support (HOMES) program is designed to help low- to moderate-income qualified Mecklenburg County homeowners keep their homes by providing financial assistance.

The Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners appropriated funds to provide grants to qualifying residential homeowners. Grant funds will be paid to the Mecklenburg County Tax Collector, who will reduce the total amount of taxes due for the qualifying recipient's primary residence. The amount granted will be equal to 25% of the Mecklenburg County tax amount on the last available tax bill, rounded to the nearest dollar, not to exceed \$340.

The application period for 2021 opened on July 1 and will run until October 31. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Live in Mecklenburg County
- Own a residential property or occupy a property with a qualifying life estate
- Have lived in this primary residence for the past three consecutive years
- Not have more than one delinquent property tax bill in the last three years
- Have a total household income that does not exceed 80% of the Area Median Income set by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). For example, a family of four's household income limit is \$67,350.

### Ways to obtain an application:

- Visit Mecklenburg County's website: [DCR.MeckNC.gov/4HOMES](https://www.dcr.mecknc.gov/4HOMES) to access a printable application,
- Call 980-314-4HOME (4663) to request an application, or
- Pick up an application at the Department of Community Resources, located at 3205 Freedom Drive Suite 1000, Charlotte, NC 28205, or the County Assessor's Office located at 3205 Freedom Drive, Charlotte NC 28208.

The application deadline is Sunday, October 31, 2021. Completed paper applications can be mailed to the Department of Community Resources, at 3205 Freedom Drive, Suite 1000, Charlotte, NC 28208.

County residents seeking assistance with navigating the application process can call 980-314-4HOME (4663) or email [4Homes@mecknc.gov](mailto:4Homes@mecknc.gov). Click [here](#) to learn more about the HOMES program.

## Public Health Announces Series of Adolescent Immunization Events as Part of N.C. Adolescent Immunization Awareness Month

Back to school means more than books and backpacks. It's also time for parents to ensure their rising 7th and 12th graders are up-to-date on required and recommended

adolescents from serious and potentially life-threatening diseases.

Mecklenburg County Public Health is hosting or promoting the following immunization events for families:

- **Wednesday, July 28** Smith Family Wellness at Project 658: [3646 Central Avenue](#)  
Uninsured children only Appointments: 704-910-5810
- **Friday, July 30** Northwest Health Department: [2845 Beatties Ford Road](#), (8am - 7pm) Southeast Health Department: [249 Billingsley Road](#), (8am - 7pm) Valerie C. Woodard Center: [3205 Freedom Drive](#), (8am - 7pm) Ages 11 - 18 Appointments: 704-336-6500

Free COVID-19 vaccinations will also be available at Mecklenburg County clinics for anyone who wants one—12+ adolescents and adults. More information is available on Public Health's [immunization clinic web page](#), including flyers in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) so residents can help us spread the word in their communities. *Appointments are also available Monday - Friday year-round at Mecklenburg County immunization clinics.*

## **Mecklenburg County Now Providing Year-Round Energy Assistance to Residents in Need**

Mecklenburg County's Department of Social Services (DSS) is now providing energy assistance year-round with the addition of the Crisis Intervention Program (CIP).

CIP is a newly acquired program that assists individuals and families in Mecklenburg County who are experiencing a cooling or heating related crisis, a life-threatening or health-related emergency, and have a past due or final notice.

### CIP Qualifying Household Criteria:

- One U.S. citizen or legal resident
- Income below 150% of Federal Poverty Level (see annual income guidelines below)
- Responsible for energy bills
- Household must be in a cooling- or heating-related emergency.

CIP allows DSS to provide more energy assistance services to residents in addition to the existing Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP), which runs December - March.

Residents can apply by downloading the Energy (CIP or LIEAP) application in [English](#) or [Spanish](#) and:

- Visiting All Access Point at <https://AllAccess.MeckNC.gov> to apply for benefits, submit documents for existing cases and more
- Visiting <https://epass.nc.gov/> to apply online
- Mailing a completed application to 301 Billingsley Road, Charlotte, NC 28211
- Emailing a completed application to [Energy-CIP-LIEAP@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov](mailto:Energy-CIP-LIEAP@MecklenburgCountyNC.gov)

An Energy representative will contact you to begin the interview process.

- Walk-in to apply at either of our DSS locations (when County offices reopen)

For details on CIP and LIEAP visit [MeckNC.gov/Energy](https://www.mecklenburgnc.gov/Energy).

## **County's Department of Social Services Releases Age-Friendly Mecklenburg Action Plan**

As part of the County's ongoing efforts to be inclusive for residents of all ages. The County's Department of Social Services has released the new Age-Friendly Mecklenburg Action Plan.

By the year 2035, an additional 140,000 residents aged 55 and older will be living in Mecklenburg County, of which 100,000 will be aged 65 and older. This is the fastest-growing age group in the County and nearly half of the total population growth between now and 2035 will come from those aged 55+. The Action Plan will help address the needs and access to services for residents within this demographic.

Age-Friendly Mecklenburg is an initiative that facilitates the collective planning of not-for-profit, higher education, faith-based, private, and governmental organizations along with community residents to improve the quality of life for older adults.

The Age-Friendly Mecklenburg Committee conducted a gap analysis in 2019 and presented the data to the Board of County Commissioners Health and Human Services Committee. According to the research senior residents want to be active, informed, supported, and connected.

The Action Plan includes strategies for eight focus areas established by AARP and the World Health Organization:

- Outdoor Spaces and Buildings
- Transportation
- Housing
- Social Participation
- Respect and Social Inclusion
- Civic Participation and Employment
- Communication and Information
- Community and Health Services

The full Action Plan can be downloaded [here](#). Establishing this plan was also vital to the County's AARP/World Health Organization certification as an Age-Friendly Community. Organizations or individuals who are interested in helping with the Age-Friendly Mecklenburg Action Plan should send

- [No Swim Advisory Lifted for a Cove on Lake Norman](#)
- [Ramsey Creek Beach and Outdoor Pools Update](#)
- [County to Host 'A Discussion for Accessibility' Virtual Event](#)
- [BOCC, CMS Mediation Resolution Announcement](#)
- [Public Health Director to Retire, Deputy Health Director Promoted](#)
- [Mecklenburg County's HOMES Program Accepting Applications](#)
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- [Public Comment Period Remains Open On Disengagement Plan from Cardinal Innovations](#)

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### CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, July 20 – Mecklenburg County's ADA Community Discussion, Virtual, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 21 – COVID-19 Recovery Task Force meeting via WebEx, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, August 3 – National Night Out
- Wednesday, August 4 – BOCC Regular Meeting, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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