

Mecklenburg County Manager's "Board Bulletin"



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COVID-19 Update

As of 8:30 a.m., there were 141,602 cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with 1,100 deaths due to COVID-19 reported among Mecklenburg County residents.

Click [here](#) for the latest data report. To learn about vaccination sites and COVID-19 related resources please click [here](#).

Mecklenburg County Leaders Receive National Appointments

The [National Association of Counties \(NACo\)](#) recently appointed Chairman George Dunlap, Commissioner Susan Rodriguez-McDowell, County Manager Dena R. Diorio and Deputy County Manager Anthony Trotman to serve on advisory boards for the 2021- 2022 term.

Chairman Dunlap was appointed Vice Chair of the Large Urban County Caucus and Vice Chair of the Justice and Public Safety Steering Committee. Commissioner Rodriguez-McDowell was selected to serve on the NACo Arts and Culture Committee. County Manager Diorio was appointed Subcommittee Vice Chair of the Finance, Pensions and Intergovernmental Affairs Steering Committee, and member of the Large Urban County Caucus. Deputy County Manager Trotman was selected as Vice Chair of Community, Economic and Workforce Development Steering Committee and as a member of the Healthy Counties Advisory Board, Large Urban County Caucus and Veterans and Military Services Committee.

Founded in 1935, NACo connects counties across the United States through a membership network of 40,000 county-elected officials and 3.6 million county employees. The organization encourages county officials to advocate for county government priorities in federal policymaking, optimize county and taxpayer resources and cost savings, and enhance the public's understanding of county government.

Free Library Cards for County Residents

As part of this year's #LibraryCardSignupMonth promotions, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library is encouraging all County residents to sign up for a FREE library card.

Free library cards are available to residents of Mecklenburg County, and to those who live outside of Mecklenburg County but are Mecklenburg County property owners. Non-residents of Mecklenburg County can obtain a Charlotte Mecklenburg Library card for an annual fee.

By signing up for a library card, residents will have access to millions of resources including books, music, movies, creative materials, digital resources, programs (outdoor and virtual) – all for FREE. Please visit <https://meck.co/3l4nUKb> to sign up for a library card and download the CMLibrary mobile app that can be used to place holds and access additional

resources.

County Seeks Applications for HOMES Program

The Helping Out Mecklenburg's homeowners with Economic Support (HOMES) program is a public assistance program designed to help low- to moderate-income qualified Mecklenburg County homeowners keep their homes by providing financial assistance. The Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners has 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 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 Department of Community Resources (DCR) implemented the program in collaboration with the County's Office of the Tax Collector, the County Assessor's Office, and Financial Services.

The application period for Mecklenburg County residents to apply is from **July 1, 2021 to Oct. 31, 2021**. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted. Applications must be USPS postmarked by Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021.

Eligible homeowners must:

- 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).

How to apply:

- Complete a fillable application from [MeckNC.gov/4HOMES](https://www.mecknc.gov/4HOMES)

- Print a paper application from [MeckNC.gov/4HOMES](https://www.mecknc.gov/4HOMES)
- Request an application or assistance navigating the application process by calling 980-314-HOME (4663) or emailing at 4homes@mecknc.gov
- Pick up a paper application from the Department of Community Resources at 3205 Freedom Drive Suite 1000, Charlotte, NC 28208, or County Assessor's Office located at 3205 Freedom Drive Suite 3500, Charlotte NC 28208.

Completed paper applications can be mailed to:

Department of Community Resources

3205 Freedom Drive, Suite 1000

Charlotte, NC 28208

Update: Historic Latta Revisited

Historic Latta Plantation (Historic Latta) is a circa 1800 living history museum and farm located in Latta Nature Preserve. The plantation house, along with a carriage barn, cabins, and outbuildings, gives visitors a glimpse into 19th century life in the Carolina backcountry.

Historic Latta occupies about 16 acres. There are 19 structures on the property, two of which remain from the original James Latta plantation. The property, historic house and several other historic structures are owned by the County.

In June 2021, Mecklenburg County opted not to renew its Annual Performance Agreement with Historic Latta Place, Inc. (HLP), a private, non-profit organization. HLP had managed the Historic Latta site since its public opening in 1976.

With goals of equity, inclusion and compassionate programming in mind, Park and Recreation staff are currently assessing potential partnerships and best practices for the activation of the former plantation site for intentional educational experiences for all ages.

To date, the Department has initiated conversations with community partners including

museum professionals, local historians, and experts in the interpretation of African American experiences during the antebellum period. The project team is also consulting with scholars from around the country to ensure that next steps are informed by current research. An update on the progress to date and the path forward will be shared with the Board of County Commissioners within the next 30 days.

Mecklenburg County Delegation Elevate Local Priorities

During the National Association of County Officials' (NACo) 2021 Annual Conference, Mecklenburg County Commissioners and staff successfully added policy resolutions to the national policy agenda for county governments across the country. The adopted resolutions will be part of NACo's national advocacy efforts at the federal level. The adopted resolutions call for the following:

- Support for the development of pilot programs for innovative delivery of federal social services programs that are offered through local governments
- Support for mental health funding and programs
- Addressing the impact of COVID-19 on community violence
- Reforming pretrial monetary bail In addition to the work of the Commissioners and staff, special recognition was given to the County's Public Health Department, Criminal Justice Services Department, and the Department of Social Services for their efforts in presenting expert testimony about the importance of these issues for communities and local government.

The adoption of the County driven resolutions preceded the County's Intergovernmental Team successful advocacy for the introduction of the Streamlining Nutrition Assistance Paperwork Act (SNAP), which was recently introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives, as part of the County's ongoing efforts to eliminate food insecurity.

For more information related to the County's legislative priorities, please contact Intergovernmental Affairs Manager Starla Tanner at Starla.Tanner@mecknc.gov.

Livable Meck Presents Engagement Café: 'How to Talk to Youth About Vaping'

Mecklenburg County is the convener of the [Livable Meck Initiative](#). Since its inception in 2012, Livable Meck has been the vehicle of engagement infrastructure bringing private businesses, nonprofits, and government agencies together to protect and enrich the quality of life in our community.

The Fall Engagement Café organized by Livable Meck will be accessible to a limited number of individuals for in-person and virtual session. The Engagement Café will explore the topic on "How to Talk to Youth About Vaping" which includes the health and environmental impacts of vaping in an approachable and interactive way. This event is a collaborative effort between Livable Meck and the County Health Department to increase access to information about healthy lifestyle choices; reduce use of tobacco; and encourage adult influencers to have proactive conversations with youth about the impacts of vaping.

The event is scheduled to take place on Thursday, Oct. 26, from 6-7 p.m.

Commissioners or members of the public who would like additional information about the Engagement Café are asked to contact Rebecca Herbert, Community Engagement & Strategy Manager, at Rebecca.Herbert@mecklenburgcountync.gov.

News Releases:

- [BOCC Environmental Stewardship Committee Meeting Notice](#)
- [New 'Conservation Conversations' Speaking Series](#)
- [Mecklenburg County COVID-19 Data for September 8, 2021](#)
- [Update on Blue-Green Algae \(Cyanobacteria\) Found in Lake Wylie](#)
- [Mecklenburg County Leaders Recognized for their Role in American History](#)
- [BOCC's Intergovernmental Relations Committee Meeting Notice](#)
- [Update on Blue-Green Algae Found in Lake Wylie](#)
- [BOCC Audit Review Committee Meeting Notice](#)
- [BOCC Economic Development Committee Meeting Notice](#)
- [Mecklenburg County COVID-19 Data for September 1, 2021](#)

- [BOCC Regular Meeting September 8](#)
- [Mecklenburg County Releases Employee Vaccination Rates](#)

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

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Sep 14- BOCC Environmental Stewardship Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sep 14– Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, Budget/Policy Meeting, 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sep 15 - COVID-19 Recovery Task Force meeting, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sep 21 - BOCC Economic Development Committee meeting, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sep 21 - BOCC Health and Human Services Committee meeting, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sep 21 - Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners meeting, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

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