

Board Bulletin for October 11, 2021



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COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 8:30 a.m., there were 152,834 cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with 1,216 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 Board of County Commissioners to Host Public Hearing on Redistricting

On Tuesday, October 19 at 6:30 p.m., the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting to get the community's input on its proposed redistricting plan.

Residents will have an opportunity to provide input on three proposed maps that the BOCC is considering. To view an interactive map of the proposed redistricting options visit [MeckNC.gov/redistricting](https://mecknc.gov/redistricting).

After the hearing, the Board will select a final draft and adopt a resolution to implement the draft on Nov. 3, 2021. The BOCC aims to use public input and the guidelines below to make its final decision.

BOCC's previously approved guidelines:

1. Equal population, as required by state and federal law.
2. Contiguity, as required by state law.
3. Compactness.
4. Recognizing communities of interest, to be defined by the Board following public input.
5. Keeping municipalities whole, to the extent possible.
6. Keeping precincts whole.
7. Avoiding pairing incumbents.
8. No political considerations.
9. Preserving the core of existing districts.
10. Anti-core preservation (i.e., ignore current districts and begin from a clean slate)

Residents interested in addressing the Board are required to sign up by visiting <http://mecknc.seamlessdocs.com/f/clerk> or calling the County Clerk's Office at 980-314-2912 no later than 3 p.m. the day of the meeting. To submit written comments for the public hearing, send your comments via email to clerk@mecknc.gov.

Mecklenburg County Government Achieves 84% Vaccination Rate

As of Oct. 11, 2021, 84% of Mecklenburg County employees are fully vaccinated. The latest data reflects a 10.2 percentage point increase in the overall vaccination rate, which was 73.8% on Sept. 16, 2021. Below is a breakdown of the rates based on employment status.

- Full-Time – 84.4%
- Part-Time – 81.0%
- Temp. – 80.5%

The County's vaccination rate is based on information taken directly from employee vaccination submissions to its Human Resources Department, not a survey. It does not include data from the Sheriff's Office or the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library.

The County continues to require proof of vaccination or testing from all employees, in its continued effort to keep employees and members of the public safe from the spread of COVID-19.

County Launches Poll to Kick Off Community Engagement Regarding Historic Latta Site

Mecklenburg County's Park and Recreation Department has launched a community poll designed to gather feedback from the community as planning gets underway on the future of the Historic Latta site. The poll is the first in a series of planned opportunities for the community to provide feedback regarding the future of the circa 1800 historic farm located in Latta Nature Preserve in Huntersville.

The Historic Latta site comprises nearly 16 acres, with a total of 19 structures on the property including a plantation house from the James Latta Plantation, cabins, outbuildings and more. The site is currently closed

and has been closed since June, after the County opted to not renew its lease with former leaseholder, Historic Latta Place Inc. (HLP).

Residents are encouraged to complete the one-question poll about community values by visiting <https://meck.co/3DsWVzL> or clicking [here](#). The poll will remain open until Oct. 21, 2021.

For more information on upcoming engagement efforts related to Historic Latta please visit www.MeckNC.gov/parkandrec.

Clerk's Office Seeks Applicants for Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee

The Mecklenburg County Clerk's Office is encouraging residents to apply to serve on the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. The Committee comprises a group of caring County residents who advocate for the rights of citizens residing in rest homes, many who are elderly and/or unable to advocate for themselves.

This important committee only requires members to commit an average of eight hours a month. In addition, applicants must be able to travel to various facilities in Mecklenburg County to complete scheduled visits.

Residents interested in serving on the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee can click [here](#) to apply or contact the Clerk's Office at 980-314-2900 for additional information.

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

Mecklenburg County Public Health and Livable Meck are collaborating to host a Community Engagement Café: *How to Talk to Youth About Vaping* on Oct. 26 from 6-7 p.m. The event is intended to address Public Health Strategic goals while helping parents, teachers, coaches, faith leaders, and others speak effectively and compassionately with youth about this issue.

This Engagement Café will be presented as a fun, high-energy game show facilitated by Queen City Quiz Show. Contestants will include six local influencers and residents, playing in-person while remaining mindful of masking and social distancing. The audience will watch and engage virtually through Facebook Live via [Livable Meck's Facebook page](#).

This event is free and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to [register here](#) or by visiting <https://meck.co/3loD52v>.

The goal of this event is to encourage viewers to commit to a conversation with youth about the dangers and impacts of vaping. The event addresses several Public Health Strategic Goals, including the goals of preventing the leading causes of death (chronic disease and injury), and reducing the use of tobacco and exposure to secondhand smoke.

If you have questions about this event please contact Rebecca Herbert, Community Engagement & Strategy Manager, at Rebecca.Herbert@MeckNC.gov.

Community Support Services Set to Release Annual Housing and Homelessness Report

On Thursday, Oct. 14, [Mecklenburg County Community Support Services](#) will release the **2021 Charlotte-Mecklenburg State of Housing Instability & Homelessness Report**. The State of Housing Instability & Homelessness Report is an annual report that provides a single, "go-to" document for all housing and homelessness-related data and information pertaining to Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

The report combines local, regional, and national data on the full housing continuum, and features data from the Point-in-Time Count; housing inventory; rental gaps; and system performance metrics. New additions to the 2021 report include data underscoring the link between housing age and affordability; new information on the systemic and structural causes of housing instability and homelessness; and the impact of COVID-19 on both the capacity of and demand for housing related services in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

The 2021 Charlotte-Mecklenburg State of Housing Instability & Homelessness Report is part of the Housing Instability & Homelessness Report Series, which is funded by Mecklenburg County Community Support Services and completed by [UNC Charlotte Urban Institute](#). The report will be available via this [link](#) or by visiting <https://meck.co/3kDwAp4>, on Thursday, Oct. 14.

For more information, please contact Stacy M. Lowry at Stacy.Lowry@MeckNC.gov.

NEWS RELEASES

- [Mecklenburg County Encourages All Residents to Complete ARPA Funding Survey](#)
- [BOCC Budget and Public Policy Meeting October 12](#)
- [Mecklenburg County Redistricting Public Hearing October 19](#)
- [2021 Community Survey Results](#)

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

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Oct. 12 - BOCC Environmental Stewardship Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 12 - Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, Budget/Policy Meeting, 2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 19 - BOCC Health and Human Services Committee meeting, 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 19 - BOCC Economic Development Committee, 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 19 - Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners meeting, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Learn about symptoms, testing, medical advice, what to do when you are feeling sick, as well as links to state and local ordinances at [MeckNC.gov](https://www.mecknc.gov).

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