

# Manager's Board Bulletin for October 25, 2021



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### COVID-19 UPDATE

As of 8:30 a.m., there were 155,289 cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) with 1,247 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](#).

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### Mecklenburg County Employees Set to Return to 100-percent In-Person Work Nov. 1

COVID-19 case rates among Mecklenburg County employees continue to decline. As of Oct. 12, 407 cases of COVID-19 were reported among staff between March 2020 and October 2021, less than 10 percent of the employee population over the 18-month period.

To help keep employees and the public safe, County employees will be required to adhere to the following requirements:

- **Face Coverings:** All County employees are required to wear face coverings indoors in all County buildings regardless of vaccination status. Individuals in their office or in a cubicle with panels do not have to wear a face covering when they are alone. Employees are also expected to wear a face covering if someone enters their office or cubicle. In addition, employees must wear face coverings outdoors on County property if unable to socially distance.
- **Vaccination Verification and COVID-19 Testing Program:** The County will continue with the Vaccination Verification and COVID-19 Testing program.
- **COVID-19 Daily Attestation:** All employees are required to complete the daily attestation ensuring that employees and everyone around them are safe from the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.

In addition to the listed requirements, new County hires will be required to be vaccinated as part of the terms for employment. The County continues to require proof of vaccination or testing from all current employees in its continued effort to keep employees and members of the public safe from the spread of COVID-19.

### County Seeks Applicants for 2023 Citizens Revaluation Advisory Committee

The Mecklenburg County Clerk's Office in collaboration with the County Tax Assessor's Office is encouraging residents to apply to serve on the 2023 Citizens Revaluation Advisory Committee.

The Committee is tasked with the responsibility of meeting with the [County Assessor](#), along with County management and staff, to review the overall operations and statistical reports related to the County's 2023 Revaluation. In addition, the Committee will be responsible for reporting updates and conclusions to the Board of County Commissioners. The deadline to apply is Nov. 30, 2021.

Residents interested in more information or serving on the 2023 Citizens Revaluation Advisory Committee can click [here](#) to apply, or may contact Brad Fowler, Assistant Assessor, at [Bradley.Fowler@MeckNC.gov](mailto:Bradley.Fowler@MeckNC.gov). Prospective applicants can also contact Kristine Smith, Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, at

980-314-2939 or [Kristine.Smith@MeckNC.gov](mailto:Kristine.Smith@MeckNC.gov), for assistance with the application process.

## **Mecklenburg County Office of Management and Budget to Hold Information Session Nov. 1 Related to County's 2023 Community Service Grants Program & Application Process**

Each year the County provides funding to nonprofits that serve Mecklenburg County. On Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, the Mecklenburg County Office of Management and Budget (OMB) will hold an information session for its Fiscal Year 2023 Community Service Grants (CSG) program. The meeting will be held virtually via Webex at 9:30 am. Participants can attend the meeting by joining online at <https://bit.ly/3ForrMH> or by phone at 408-418-9388 (access code: 23332208748).

The information session is open to all non-profit organizations that are interested in learning more about the County's Community Service Grants application process. To apply for funding, organizations must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Clearly contribute to a funding category
- Serve the residents of Mecklenburg County
- Have a 501(c)3 nonprofit designation with the IRS
- Have a policy requiring employees to be vaccinated for COVID-19 or submit regular testing
- FY2021 financial statements audited by an independent CPA
- Documentation supporting a diversified workforce (i.e., EEO policy)
- Professional membership that supports organization's sustainability efforts
- No revenue suspensions
- No overdue taxes

The CSG funding period is July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023. The grant application will be available Nov. 1 – Dec. 5, 2021. However, funding for FY2023 is not guaranteed. Any nonprofit program that has received funding for three consecutive fiscal years (FY2020 – FY2021 – FY2022) will be sunset.

The Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners will have an opportunity to receive a complete update on the CSG process during the FY2023 budget process. For more information on the CSG program and information session please click [here](#) or contact Adrian Cox, Director of Management & Budget, at 704-315-8617 or [Adrian.Cox@MeckNC.gov](mailto:Adrian.Cox@MeckNC.gov).

## **County Residents Still Have Time to Apply for the HOMES Program**

Mecklenburg County has a grant program to help homeowners and there are still a lot of funds available. The program's deadline was just extended to November 19, 2021.

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 application period for Mecklenburg County residents to apply is from **July 1, 2021 to Nov. 19, 2021**. Applications will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are exhausted. Applications must be USPS postmarked by Friday, Nov. 19, 2021.

### **Eligible homeowners must:**

- Lived in their home for the last three (3) years
- A qualifying total household income level
- No more than one delinquent tax bill in the last three (3) years

### **How to apply:**

- Complete a fillable application from [MeckNC.gov/4HOMES](https://MeckNC.gov/4HOMES)
- Print a paper application from [MeckNC.gov/4HOMES](https://MeckNC.gov/4HOMES)
- Request an application or assistance navigating the application process by calling 980-314-HOME (4663) or emailing at [4homes@mecknc.gov](mailto: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

Please share the HOMES program's new deadline with posts online, via email and one-on-one. For more information to share with County residents contact Pamela Escobar in Public Information, [Pamela.Escobar@MeckNC.gov](mailto:Pamela.Escobar@MeckNC.gov).

## **Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation Department Projects Receive Statewide Recognition**

The County's Park and Recreation staff were featured extensively in the Fall 2021 edition of "Recreat8: A Publication of the North Carolina Recreation and Park Association." Eastway Regional Recreation Center Manager Daniel Leatherman authored a feature-length article about the facility, highlighting some of its unique amenities. Liz Morrell, Senior Management Analyst, and Ariel Henderson, Senior Facility Manager, also wrote articles featuring the reopening of American Legion Memorial Stadium and the five-star results of the annual aquatics audits performed by StarGuard ELITE, respectively.

For more information regarding the highlighted County projects, please contact Liz Morrell at [Elizabeth.Morrell@MeckNC.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.Morrell@MeckNC.gov).

## County's Community Support Services Department Unveils Hope Mural During National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mecklenburg County Community Support Services (CSS) in collaboration with the City of Charlotte, and Thread Talk has installed a Hope Mural in the community as part of the County's ongoing commitment to addressing domestic violence and providing survivors with resources.

The mural is located on the Little Sugar Creek Greenway under the Charlottetowne Avenue Bridge. It is a permanent installation that will be up year-round. The public is encouraged to take pictures in front of the mural and post on social media with the hashtag #HopeMuralCLT.

The mural celebrates the strength of domestic violence survivors and reminds them along with those currently in a domestic violence situation that they are not alone. Domestic Violence Awareness Month is recognized nationwide each year during the month of October.

For more information, please contact CSS Communications Specialist, Betsy Abraham at [Betsy.Abraham@MeckNC.gov](mailto:Betsy.Abraham@MeckNC.gov).

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## NEWS RELEASES

- [Grant Funds Still Available for HOMES Program](#)
- [Mecklenburg County Public Health's Guidance for Halloween](#)
- [2020 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation and Review](#)
- [State of Housing Instability and Homelessness Report](#)
- [County Begins FY2023 Grant Application Process for Nonprofits](#)
- [Update on Blue-Green Algae \(Cyanobacteria\) Found in Lake Wylie 101521](#)
- [Weekend COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic](#)
- [BOCC Regular Meeting October 19](#)
- [Mecklenburg County COVID-19 Data for October 20, 2021](#)

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

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## CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Wednesday, Nov.3 - BOCC Economic Development Committee meeting, 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Nov 3 - Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, meeting, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, Nov.4 - BOCC Intergovernmental Relations meeting, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 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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