

## Board Bulletin for March 7, 2022



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## COVID-19 UPDATE

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

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## County Clerk's Office Seeks Applicants for the Board of Equalization and Review (BER)

The Mecklenburg County Clerk's Office in collaboration with the County Assessor's Office is encouraging residents to apply to serve on the Board of Equalization and Review (BER) Advisory Committee.

The BER is tasked with hearing appeals submitted by taxpayers regarding the valuation of their individual properties. BER members review current assessments made by the Assessor's Office and provide proper adjudication of those assessments through the appeals process. Below are some of the key eligibility requirements:

- Good moral character
- Must be a resident of Mecklenburg County, and have resided in Mecklenburg County at least two (2) consecutive years prior to the appointment
- Must show a demonstrated knowledge of Real Property and/or Personal Property valuations
- Have a general understanding of Robert's Rules of Order
- Must not have been convicted of a felony

To apply visit [MeckNC.Gov/Clerk](https://www.mecknc.gov/Clerk) or contact the County Clerk's Office, at 980-314-2939, or [clerk@mecknc.gov](mailto:clerk@mecknc.gov). Candidates are encouraged to apply by March 18, 2022.

## **Chairman Dunlap to Deliver State of the County Address March 11**

All County residents and stakeholders are invited to attend the 2022 State of the County Address presented by Chairman George Dunlap on Friday, March 11, 2022, at 10 a.m. in the Meeting Chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center.

The program will also be streamed live on the County [website](#) and the Government Channel (Channel 16 on Spectrum).

## **MECK Pre-K Now Accepting Applications for 2022-2023 School Year**

MECK Pre-K is now taking registration for the 2022-2023 School Year. Families with children who will be four years old on or before August 31 are encouraged to apply now at [MeckPreK.org](https://www.MeckPreK.org). Families whose children are too young for this year can join Meck Pre-K's [email list](#) so they can be notified about future enrollment.

MECK Pre-K is a high-quality, free pre-k education for four-year-old children in Mecklenburg County. It is administered by Smart Start of Mecklenburg County and funded by Mecklenburg County. Classes are taught by licensed teachers and highly qualified teacher assistants at four and five-star child development centers. Some offer transportation and before or afterschool care. Families can select their preferred locations when they apply.

A lifetime of learning starts at MECK Pre-K. Space is limited, so families are encouraged to apply now at [MeckPreK.org](https://www.MeckPreK.org). They can also contact MECK Pre-K at 704-943-9585 or [info@MeckPreK.org](mailto:info@MeckPreK.org). Spanish speaking staff are available.

## **Mecklenburg County Board of Elections Primary Update**

The County's Board of Elections is encouraging residents to pay close attention to key dates and deadlines related to this year's elections. Following the NC Supreme Court's denial of all parties' requests for appellate relief in the three lawsuits challenging the NC State House, NC State Senate and US Congressional districts on Feb. 23, the candidate filing period began at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 24, using the districts mandated by the trial court earlier and closed on Friday, March 4 at noon.

The primary is scheduled for May 17, 2022. Important dates for the primary are as follows:

- **April 22, 2022:** Voter registration deadline for the primary.
- **April 28, 2022:** One-stop, in-person early voting period begins for the primary.
- **May 10, 2022:** Deadline to submit an absentee ballot request for the primary.
- **May 14, 2022:** One-stop, in-person early voting period ends at 3 p.m.
- **May 17, 2022:** Primary Election Day
- **May 27, 2022:** County Canvass

For more information related to this year's voting and registration requirements please click [here](#) or call 704-336-2133.

## **Park and Recreation Department Update on Discovery Place Nature**

Mecklenburg County and Discovery Place would like to provide community residents with an update on the progress for the new Discovery Place Nature facility in Freedom Park. During the COVID-19 pandemic, work on the design for Discovery Place Nature was slowed following the completion of the Schematic Design. Work on the project resumed in the spring of 2021 and continues to progress.

The design team and contractor have recently completed design development drawings and budget estimates for the project. The site layout and building program remain the same as what was shared with residents in early 2020. The project team is now undergoing the preparation of the construction documents phase, which will lead to the bidding phase of the project.

Site construction for Discovery Place Nature is anticipated to begin in early 2023 with an anticipated construction completion and opening in the summer of 2024. In the coming months, the County and Discovery Place will provide regular updates on the project, including final facility renderings and schedule highlights.

Between now and early 2023, our design and construction team will be conducting work on the site to ensure the final design respects the site and its natural setting. This work will have minimal impact on the use of the current Discovery Place Nature site, Freedom Park and Little Sugar Creek Greenway. In mid-March, stakes and flagging will be installed on site to evaluate proposed site improvements and their relation to existing trees and site features.

To view the latest updates on the Discovery Place Nature project, please visit [www.publicinput.com/DiscoveryPlaceNature](http://www.publicinput.com/DiscoveryPlaceNature) and sign up for notifications. Project updates will be posted there periodically.

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## **NEWS RELEASES**

- [BOCC Releases Names of Eligible Applicants for Temporary At-Large Commissioner Seat](#)
- [Public Health Approves 20 COVID-19 Mini Grants for Community Organizations](#)
- [Chairman Dunlap to Deliver 2022 State of the County Address](#)
- [BOCC Regular Meeting March 1](#)
- [Latta Place Change "A Journey of Retrospection and Healing"](#)

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

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## CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, March 8 - BOCC Environmental Stewardship Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 8 - BOCC Budget/Public Policy meeting, 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 9 - Livable Meck Annual meeting, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 11 - State of the County Address, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, March 15 - BOCC Health and Human Services Committee meeting, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 15 - BOCC Economic Development Committee meeting, 3:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 15 - BOCC Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 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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