

**\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\* Latest Updates from the NCGA**



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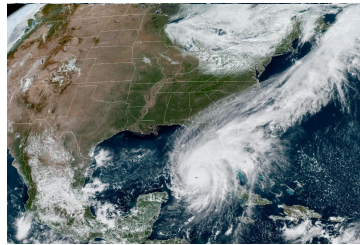


## NC Senate District 41 Newsletter

September 30, 2022

The General Assembly did not convene for session over the past 2 weeks. So there are no votes or committee meetings to report.

### Hurricane Ian Updates



For folks who are or have loved ones in Ian's path, I hope everyone is safe. While the hurricane will not be nearly as strong when it hits North Carolina, the NC Department of Public Safety still expects major rainfall today and through the weekend. Power outages are already being reported throughout Mecklenburg County and traffic lights are out too. If you lose power, report it to your provider and be patient.

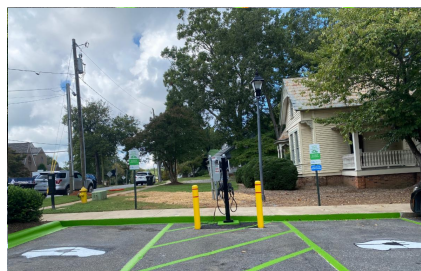
The State Emergency Response Team was activated yesterday at the State Emergency Operations Center in Raleigh and moved to 24-hour operations this morning.

These rainfall totals could lead to localized flash flooding, landslides in the mountains, and rises on main-stem rivers. Rainfall totals and the timing of the heaviest rain could be adjusted based on the eventual track of Ian.

State officials advise these tips to make sure your family is personally prepared:

- Have multiple ways to receive emergency info, including watches and warnings. Make sure emergency alerts are enabled on your cell phone and download a weather app.
- Have an emergency plan. Know where you would go if you need to evacuate. Make a plan to stay with family, friends or at a hotel. Public shelters should be a last resort.
- Gather some emergency supplies or refresh your emergency kit. Visit [ReadyNC.gov](https://www.readync.gov) for info on how to build an emergency kit.

### New Electric Vehicle Charging Stations in Davidson



**The Town of Davidson recently began installation of new public electric vehicle charging stations.** The town was a participant in the Duke Energy Park and Plug Pilot Program. The two stations will be at 568 Jetton Street near Harris Teeter and Davidson Town Hall at 216 S. Main Street.

Davidson is currently reviewing additional locations for additional charging stations and hopes to take advantage of state and utility rebate programs that are currently available.

You can visit [this link](#) to learn more about Davidson’s other sustainability efforts. **These efforts follow Governor Cooper's clean energy priorities per [Executive Order 80](#): North Carolina's Commitment to Address Climate Change and Transition to a Clean Energy Economy.**

### Senator Marcus in the Community



It was an honor to see the Kyiv City Ballet's performance at Davidson Karkiv. I was lucky to get to sit next to a family from Karkiv, Ukraine that relocated here two weeks ago, after initially fleeing to Spain. You can see NBC's story about the troupe's world tour and their stop in our area [here](#).



Last week enjoyed meeting with neighbors and hearing about all the plans Camp Greene has to improve the neighborhood, encourage affordable home ownership options, and bring the community together for fun and for volunteer work. We also heard from "Mr. IT" from [The Relatives](#) about the help they provide to homeless youth.



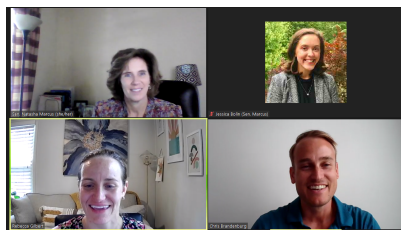
I toured the [The Relatives](#) On Ramp Resource Center on Freedom Drive in Charlotte to learn about the services they provide to young people ages 16-24 who are homeless and/or disconnected. They also operate the Youth Crisis Center for youth ages 7-17 who need a safe place to stay. They need volunteers and [donations](#) so please help if you can. They also operate a 24 hour crisis line for anyone in need (704.377.0602) and serve as a [Safe Place](#).



This week I joined the Mecklenburg Delegation for a tour of [CityBlock Health in Charlotte](#). They are a provider of primary care, behavioral health, and wrap around services for ~13,000 Medicaid patients with BCNC's Healthy Blue Plan. CityBlock uses a value-based care model under Medicaid transformation to get better, more efficient, healthier outcomes.



I joined several members of the Mecklenburg Delegation to tour the [Survivor Resource Center - Safe Alliance](#) in Charlotte, which provides comprehensive services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse and related crimes. We look forward to when they can provide even more comprehensive support when the Umbrella Center (Family Justice Center) opens in 2023. The 24 hour Greater Charlotte Hope Line is 980.771.4673.



Yesterday I held a virtual meeting with [AARP North Carolina](#) staff to learn about all the great work they are doing in Mecklenburg County. We discussed the need for more affordable housing options in the county, various volunteer opportunities they host, the importance of expanding Medicaid, and the need for safe, walkable communities.

## Updates from the CLT Airport Community Roundtable: Your Chance to Weigh In About Airport Noise



At the request of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Charlotte Douglas International Airport (CLT) convened the Airport Community Roundtable (ACR) in 2017. This broad-based community initiative **provides input into airport-related noise impacts and finds, when determining aircraft operating procedures at CLT. Membership is comprised of 25 representatives from across Charlotte, Mecklenburg County cities and towns, and Mecklenburg, Gaston and York counties.**

On July 8, 2020, the ACR voted to submit a list of recommendations (linked [here](#)) to the FAA for review and possible implementation. While the FAA is currently reviewing recommendations related to arrivals procedures, the Airport has initiated an update to its [Part 150 Noise Compatibility Program](#) to include the ACR's recommendations related to departures. The Part 150 process includes multiple public information sessions over the next year, so stay tuned for more information and we'd appreciate your help promoting those opportunities to constituents when they are scheduled.

**The ACR will be having a public hearing on Wednesday, October 12th at 6pm at 5601 Wilkinson Road.** You can sign up to speak at [this link](#).

## Financial Update on the State's General Fund

<b>Beginning Cash, Friday, September 16</b>	<b>14,323,670,097.54</b>
<b>Add Receipts:</b>	
Tax and Non-Tax Receipts	2,071,959,433.04
Coronavirus Relief Receipts	0.00
Other Receipts	600,365,414.78
<b>Less Disbursements:</b>	
Payroll	273,963,966.54
State Aid	11,578,222.57
Medicaid/Other Provider Payments	181,725,685.17
Tax Refunds/Distributions	39,080,941.64
Debt Service	0.00
Coronavirus Relief Transfers Out	0.00
General Operating	3,123,934,988.23
<b>Ending Cash, Friday, September 23</b>	<b>13,365,711,141.21</b>
<b>Less Reserved Cash:</b>	
Due to Local Governments – Sales and Use Tax Payable	881,204,485.77
Other Reserves	4,625,869.70
American Recovery Plan Act Reserve	0.00
Carry Forward Reserve	460,430,007.28
Clean Water Drinking Water Reserve	325,980,444.00
Coronavirus Capital Projects Reserve	0.00
Coronavirus Relief Reserve	0.00
Earthquake Disaster Recovery Reserve	0.00
Economic Development Project Reserve	1,066,625,000.00
Federal Infrastructure Match Reserve	10,671,358.00
Housing Reserve	205,000,000.00
Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Reserve	70,657,242.88
Information Technology Reserve	75,056,826.00
Local Fiscal Recovery Reserve-ARPA	0.00
Local Govt Coronavirus Relief Reserve	0.00
Local Project Reserve	80,114,572.00
Medicaid Contingency Reserve	175,372,673.00
Medicaid Transformation Reserve	133,353,450.00
NC GREAT Reserve	0.00
Oploid Abatement Reserve	9,306,230.02
Public School Contingency Reserve	0.00
Public School Need Based Capital Reserve	100,000,000.00
Repairs and Renovations Reserve	0.00
Retiree Supplement Reserve	35,954,763.00
SCIF General Fund Reserve	0.00
Savings Reserve	3,615,993,278.98
Stabilization and Inflation Reserve	0.00
State Emergency Response/Disaster Reserve	244,001,528.29
Unfunded Liability Solvency Reserve	40,000,000.00
Wilmington Harbor Enhancements Reserve	283,800,000.00
World University Games Reserve	0.00
<b>Unreserved Cash Balance, Friday, September 23</b>	<b>5,547,563,412.29</b>

The Office of the State Controller (OSC) released the General Fund Cash Watch numbers for the week ending September 23, 2022. OSC provides a weekly update on the State's General Fund cash position which can be found at [osc.nc.gov](https://osc.nc.gov). **The current unreserved cash balance in state coffers is \$5.547 billion.**

The State Controller is North Carolina's chief fiscal officer and serves as an independent resource to ensure the financial integrity of the State.

## Ribbon Cutting for West Charlotte High School



On September 19, the community came together to cut the ribbon for the opening of the **new West Charlotte High School**. The celebration included a vocal performance of the school song, the marching band, JROTC Cadet Lt. Col. Iyannah Cook, and a recognition of the school's long history and loyal alumni. The "Dub C Lions" have PRIDE.

## Droning On: Southern Edition Conference at NCSU



The Federal Aviation Administration Southern Region is working with other aviation and education stakeholders on an outreach effort related to the societal, economic, and educational benefits of drones for the general public.

Their Droning On: Southern Edition event will take place October 20-21, 2022 at North Carolina State University.

The event will include two days of panels, lectures, and demonstrations:

### Thursday, October 20: For Students and Educators

- Universities and colleges with UAS programs
- Companies/organizations that are looking for drone professionals
- Tools for educators

### Friday, October 21: For Public Safety and State/Local/Tribal Governments

- Public Safety training
- Agricultural uses of drones
- Local Government best practices and resources

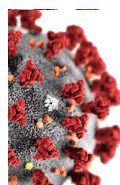
Admission to the event is free and open to the public. Please note that there may be additional costs for parking and lunch. You can register for the event [here](#).

## Mecklenburg County Waste Reduction Event



[Mecklenburg County Waste Reduction](#) is hosting a shredding event for sensitive papers in Senate District 41 at Compost Central at 140 Valleydale Road in Charlotte on October 15th. You can reserve a spot [here](#). Please do not bring materials in plastic bags, but plastic file boxes are acceptable (3 box limit per person).

## COVID-19 & Monkeypox Updates



### COVID-19 INFORMATION AND UPDATES

I got my updated booster shot last week - hardly any negative side effects, but lots of protection. I hope you will get yours too.

**An updated COVID-19 booster is available now for people 12 and older, two months after they finish their primary series or any booster dose.** It offers the most up-to-date protection against the latest Omicron variants or any booster dose. Omicron is the most common form of COVID-19. [Find a booster near you.](#)

The [DHHS COVID-19 Dashboard](#), which is updated weekly every Wednesday, shows the following data points:

- Wastewater testing has shown an **decrease** to 11.4m particles, compared to 16.7m last week.
- COVID-like illness in hospital emergency departments **have decreased**, at 4.5% this week compared to 5.4% last week.
- COVID-19 reported cases for the week **decreased**, from 18,930 to 14,938.
- COVID-19 hospital admissions of COVID-19 patients this week **remained relatively constant** at 972, compared to last week at 1,011.
- Booster rates are 60% for the total population. We have 78% of adults with at least one dose and 30% of children and teens ages 5-17 with at least one dose.

For more information about how vaccines for children work and where you can find a vaccination appointment nearby, visit [MySpot.nc.gov](#). Project ACT is also providing free COVID-19 at-home tests for certain zip codes in SD41, you can check if your home zip code is eligible [here](#).

#### **Monkeypox Updates:**

DHHS has established a [monkeypox website](#), which serves as an informational resource hub. Updates are made to this site frequently, included case counts and demographic data.

**Monkeypox vaccines** are free and available in Mecklenburg County, but currently in limited quantities. If you are experiencing symptoms or believe you have been exposed, contact your doctor or local health department to get tested. In Mecklenburg, that number is 980-314-9400.

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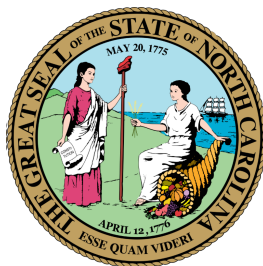
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