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Clerk's Office Seeks Volunteers to Serve on Park and Recreation Commission

The County [Clerk's Office](#) is encouraging residents to fill vacancies on the commission that serves as the recreation advisory body for the Mecklenburg [Board of County Commissioners](#) (BOCC). In particular the County is seeking applicants that reside in the 28202-zip code area.

The Commission is responsible for proposing recreation regulations, which in its judgment are necessary to support and protect the assigned responsibilities as defined in its resolution. In addition, members are tasked with advising the BOCC in all matters affecting recreation programs, and the acquisition and disposal of lands and properties related to all aspects of the County's recreation program.

Individuals interested in serving are asked to [submit an application online](#) or contact the County Clerk's Office, at 980-314-2939, or Clerk@MeckNC.gov. Applicants must reside in Mecklenburg County to qualify for an appointment.

Mecklenburg County Recognizes Overdose Awareness Day

To recognize International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, there will be purple flags on the lawn of the Valerie C. Woodard Community Resource Center representing our friends, family and neighbors impacted by overdose and overdose deaths. In 2023, there were 2,539 emergency department visits and 356 deaths related to drug overdose in Mecklenburg County.

Opioid overdose deaths can be prevented with naloxone – a medication that can save someone's life by reversing the effects of an opioid overdose. Mecklenburg County Public Health is partnering with Queen City Harm Reduction, with the support of the County's Opioid Settlement Funds, to provide free naloxone. So far in 2024, more than 4,200 doses of naloxone have been distributed in our community through this initiative. Learn more about the [Overdose Data to Action](#) program and [request free naloxone](#).

Mecklenburg County's Crisis Intervention Team Receives Health Awards

Mecklenburg County's [Crisis Intervention Team](#) (CIT) recently received awards from NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) North Carolina at their first [CIT Stars 2024 Awards Luncheon](#). Four local members were recognized in the following categories:

- CIT First Responder of the Year – Kyle Shank, Charlotte Fire Department
- CIT Volunteer of the Year – Joyce Engelmann, NAMI Charlotte
- CIT Mental Health Advocate of the Year – Allison Pastirik, Legacy Bridge Counseling & Consulting
- CIT Champion of the Year – Dr. Stephen Strzelecki, Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services

The Crisis Intervention Team is a community-based program that brings together law enforcement, first responders, mental health professionals, mental health advocates, and other partners to better respond to mental health crises in the community.

Residents Encouraged to Apply for Available Energy Assistance Funds Through Crisis Intervention Program (CIP)

Mecklenburg County is offering financial assistance to eligible households through [the Crisis Intervention Program \(CIP\)](#). CIP is a year-round County-administered program that assists individuals and families in Mecklenburg County who are experiencing a cooling- or heating-related crisis, a life-threatening or health-related emergency, and have a past due or final notice on their heating or cooling utility account.

The program will continue to accept applications until available funds have been exhausted. To qualify, households must have at least one U.S. citizen or legal resident in the household, have an income at or below 150% of Federal Poverty Level, and be in a heating or cooling related emergency. In addition, residents must meet the income guidelines, be responsible for the bill, provide their account number and show proof of income.

Interested parties can apply for funding via phone at 704-336-3000, [online](#), or by visiting one of the three locations below:

- Wallace H. Kuralt Center, 301 Billingsley Road, Charlotte, NC 28211
- Valerie C. Woodard Community Resource Center, Suite 1000, 3205 Freedom Drive, Charlotte, NC 28208
- Ella B. Scarborough Community Resource Center, 430 Stitt Road, Charlotte, NC 28213

For more information on the application process and requirements visit [MeckNC.gov/Energy](#).

District 2 and District 5 Commissioners to Host Community Events for Residents

Mecklenburg County District 5 Commissioner Laura Meier invites residents of District 5 to an Open House on Thursday, September 5, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the South Park Regional Library located at 7015 Carnegie Boulevard Charlotte, NC 28211. The Open House will include brief presentations from County staff on Park and Recreation services and projects (including pond dredging), along with information on behavioral health related resources and initiatives. Community members will also have an opportunity to speak with staff, visit resource tables, and share insights with County leaders. Please register [online](#).

On Thursday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., District 2 Commissioner Vilma D. Leake will host a Senior Day and Resource Fair event at the Valerie C. Woodard Conference Center located at 3205 Freedom Drive, Charlotte, NC 28208. The event will include presentations from County departments, community partners, and local entertainment artists. Residents will be able to interact with County staff along with representatives from partner agencies about quality-of-life issues (age-friendly resources, housing supports, etc.). Lunch will be provided. Please Register [online](#).

NEWS RELEASES

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 - [William R. Davie Self Service Recycling Center Closes Temporarily For Construction and Expansion](#)
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 - [Enhanced Recycling Program Now Includes Wood](#)
 - [Keeping You Cool: Assistance Available For High Summer Energy Bills](#)
 - [Mecklenburg County Public Health To Distribute Mpox Vaccine At Charlotte Pride](#)
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CALENDAR REMINDERS

- **Wednesday, Sept. 4,** [BOCC Economic Development Committee](#), 3:30 – 5 p.m.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 4,** [BOCC Regular Meeting](#), 6 – 9 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 5,** [Open House for County's District 5 Residents](#), 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 10,** [BOCC Environmental Stewardship Committee](#), 12:30 – 2 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 10,** [BOCC Budget/Public Policy Workshop](#), 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
- **Thursday, Sept. 12,** [Senior Day 2024](#), 10 – 2 p.m.

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