

Board Bulletin for December 2, 2024



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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).

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.

BOCC's Economic Development Committee to Meet Dec. 3

On Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024, the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners' [Economic Development Committee](#) is scheduled to meet at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend in-person or via [Zoom](#).

The Economic Development Committee, chaired by [Commissioner Susan Rodriguez-McDowell](#), is responsible for making recommendations that contribute to business and job growth in Mecklenburg County.

For presentation materials, special accommodations, or additional information, please contact Megan Witt via email at Megan.Witt@MeckNC.gov or visit [BOCC.MeckNC.gov](#) to learn more about BOCC public meetings.

Department of Community Resources Accepting Applications for Low-Income Energy Assistance Program

The Mecklenburg County Department of Community Resources ([DCR](#)), through its Low-Income Energy Assistance Program ([LIEAP](#)), is currently accepting applications from residents having trouble paying their heating bills. LIEAP is one of several programs administered by DCR to help low-income households with their immediate energy needs, so they do not need to choose between heating their homes and other basic needs.

LIEAP applicants do not have to be at risk of disconnection or delinquent to take advantage of this one-time, direct vendor payment in the amount of \$300, \$400, or \$500 based on their primary heating source.

December is application priority month for residents aged 60 or older or disabled and receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services. All other households can apply beginning Jan. 1, 2025. Assistance is available for all eligible applicants until March 3, 2025, or until funds run out. For more information on LIEAP, including eligibility requirements, please visit [MeckNC.gov/Energy](#).

Volunteers and Donations Needed for County's 'Point In Time' Count

Preparations are underway for the [2025 Point-in-Time \(PIT\) Count](#), scheduled to take place in the early morning hours of Jan. 23, 2025. Mecklenburg County is now seeking volunteers to help ensure everybody counts.

The PIT Count, coordinated nationally by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is conducted each year across the United States to gather data on homelessness. It takes place on a single night in January each year and provides a snapshot of homelessness. The key objectives of the PIT Count are to estimate the number of people experiencing homelessness and to understand their demographic characteristics and living situations. Another goal of finding unsheltered homeless individuals and families is to connect them to available resources.

The [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Continuum of Care](#) coordinates these efforts locally. Mecklenburg County Community Support Services' [Housing Innovation and Stabilization Services Division](#) and the [Hearts for the Invisible Coalition Charlotte](#) have partnered to lead the 2025 Point-in-Time Count. Residents can help by [offering time](#), [donating items](#), and raising awareness.

To learn more about the state of housing in Charlotte-Mecklenburg, visit the [Housing and Homelessness Dashboard](#).

Nominations Open for 2025 Crowns of Enterprise Awards

The annual [Crowns of Enterprise Awards](#) recognize and honor small businesses in Mecklenburg County that demonstrate exemplary leadership and sound business strategies. The awards voting committee strives to acknowledge the hard work and resilient efforts of local small businesses, illustrating the positive footprint and economic impact they have on our community. Nominations are being accepted for the following categories:

- Certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) of the Year
- Certified Woman Business Enterprise (WBE) of the Year
- Certified Small Business Enterprise (SBE) of the Year
- Prime Contractor of the Year
- Diversity Advocate of the Year
- Media Personality of the Year

The awards committee will be accepting nominations until Jan. 17, 2025. The Crowns of Enterprise Awards committee encourages the community to nominate a person or business for recognition. Self-nominations are welcomed. Additional information about the certifications is available in the [nomination form](#).

Learn more about the awards and other efforts to support small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses by visiting the [Mecklenburg County's Business Diversity and Inclusion](#) and the [Charlotte Business INclusion](#) websites.

NEWS RELEASES

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- [RXO Selects Mecklenburg County For Upcoming Expansion: Company To Bring 216 New Jobs To Charlotte](#)
- [New Families, New Beginnings: National Adoption Day In Mecklenburg County](#)
- [Crisis Intervention Team Celebrates Exceptional Service](#)
- [Nominations Open For 2025 Crowns of Enterprise Awards](#)
- [Everybody Counts Charlotte: Volunteers and Donations Needed For 'Point In Time' Count](#)
- [Help With Heating Bills: Applications For Assistance Open Dec. 1](#)

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- **Monday, Dec 2**, [BOCC Swearing-in Ceremony](#), 6 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec 3**, [BOCC Economic Development Committee](#), 3:30 - 5 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec 3**, [BOCC Regular Meeting](#), 6 – 9 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec 10**, [BOCC Environmental Stewardship Committee](#), 12:30 – 2 p.m.
- **Tuesday, Dec 10**, [BOCC Budget/Public Policy Workshop](#), 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

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