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NEWS & INFORMATION FROM THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE

City Services in Annexation Areas

On June 30, seven areas will be incorporated into the City of Charlotte. They include Caldwell, Withrow Downs, Brookshire East and West, Steele Creek North and South and Community House Road. The areas include approximately 12 1/2 square miles and encompass a population estimated at 15,000 people and 6,300 homes. North Carolina state statutes allow cities and towns to incorporate these areas within their extra-territorial jurisdiction. It encourages orderly urban development and provides more people with City services. Two of the services that the City will begin providing immediately to citizens in those areas are garbage service and fire protection.

Beginning Monday, June 13, Solid Waste Services began delivering City-issued garbage carts and recycling bins to residents in the annexation areas. Delivery will continue until June 30, and service in those areas will begin Monday, July 4. For more information, log on to <http://curbit.charmeck.org> and click the Annexation 2005 link on the homepage.

On June 30, the following Charlotte Fire Department (CFD) stations will provide fire protection to the following annexation areas:

Caldwell: Station 34 – 2824 Rocky River Road
□ Station 35 – 1120 Pavilion Boulevard
Withrow Downs: Station 35 – 1120 Pavilion Boulevard
Brookshire East: Station 33 – 2001 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Road
□ Station 25 – 6741 Pleasant Grove Road
Brookshire West: Station 33 – 2001 Mt. Holly-Huntersville Road
□ Station 25 – 6741 Pleasant Grove Road
Steele Creek North: Station 37 – 14525 Sledge Road (temporary)
Steele Creek South: Station 37 – 14525 Sledge Road (temporary)
Community House Road: Station 32 – 9225 Bryant Farms Road

Station 37 will be housed in a temporary station at 14525 Sledge Road until a permanent station at 13624 York Road is completed. To serve the area, CFD also will construct Station 38 on Shopton Road West just south of Withers Cove.

For more information on annexation, visit www.charlotteplanning.org and click on Annexation.

Get Involved!

Charlotte Engineering & Property Management is hosting public meetings to seek input on the Rea Road Improvement Project and the Central Ave. Streetscape Project:

Rea Road Improvement Project

Thursday, June 23, 7 - 9 pm
Peace Moravian Church, 4418 Rea Rd.
For more information, contact Imad Fakhreddin at 704-336-7926 or ifakhreddin@ci.charlotte.nc.us

Central Ave Streetscape Project

Tuesday, June 28, 7 pm
Eastland Mall Public Meeting Room, 5471 Central Avenue
For more information contact **Keith Carpenter**, [704-336-3650](tel:704-336-3650) or kcarpenter@ci.charlotte.nc.us.

The **Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS)** is hosting meetings to receive public input on the Center City/Streetcar Corridor Project:

Tuesday, June 21, 11:30 a.m.
Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library - St. Frances Auditorium
310 North Tryon Street

Wednesday, June 22, 6:30 p.m.
Eastland Mall Activity Room, 5471 Central Avenue

Thursday, June 23, 2005, 6:30 p.m.
Northwest School of Performing Arts
1415 Beatties Ford Road, Old Cafeteria

For more information or for special assistance, please call **704-336-RIDE** or visit www.ridetransit.org.

Helping Aging Residents Maintain Active Lifestyle

As people grow older, they often become less willing or able to drive, making it necessary to depend on alternative methods of transportation. The U.S. Census Bureau projects that the number of Americans 65 and older will increase nearly 80 percent by 2025 to more than 62 million. In North Carolina, more than 20 percent of the population will be over the age of 65 in the year 2025. Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) is leading an effort to educate aging residents in the Charlotte region in riding public transportation to wherever they want to go to ensure a healthy, active lifestyle.

"Being able to maintain your independence as one ages is an important part of one's well-being. CATS is educating older persons that using public transportation can help you remain very active without driving," said Ron Tober, CATS' Chief Executive Officer. "We currently provide service locally and to the five counties surrounding Charlotte. The 2025 Corridor System Plan includes several forms of rapid transit and a network of neighborhood buses that will connect residents to wherever they want to go."

CATS created this award-winning passenger education program for seniors to ensure customers of all ages have transportation choices.

As part of the program, CATS' staff teaches seniors how to ride public transportation, read transit schedules, transfer to other CATS' vehicles and return home again.

To learn more about CATS and its services or to inquire about this passenger education program, call **704-336-RIDE** or visit us on the web at www.ridetransit.org.



CATS is educating aging residents on the use of public transit.

Keeping Safe During Storms

With summer storms emerging frequently, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services (SWS) advises citizens to be aware of the impacts these heavy rains can cause.

Citizens can call **704-336-RAIN** to request service regarding drainage, flooding and erosion concerns. Of course, in an emergency situation where waters are over-topping streets and making their way into living spaces, citizens should call **911**.

There are some tips citizens should remember when dealing with heavy rains:

- Drowning in a car is the most common cause of death during storms and flood events. Don't walk, play or drive through flowing water.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.
- Know where to cut off the electricity, gas and water should the need arise.
- Keep a supply of fresh water on hand.
- Check flashlights, portable radio and buy extra batteries for each.
- Stay tuned to a radio or TV for updates on weather conditions.

Besides calling **704-336-RAIN** citizens can help alleviate drainage problems:

- Never dump leaves, branches and other yard waste down storm drains or in creeks. These items can quickly become blockages.
- Keep storm drains in your neighborhood clear of debris and litter.
- Volunteer to mark the storm drains in your neighborhood with the message "Do Not Dump - Drains to Creek"

For more information on Pollution Prevention and Flood Safety, citizens can visit <http://stormwater.charmeck.org>.



Heavy rains can have severe impacts such as flooding and soil erosion.