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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Sun (3/6)	Mon (3/7)	Tues (3/8)	Wed (3/9)	Thurs (3/10)	Fri (3/11)
National League of Cities Congressional City Conference Washington DC					

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Saturday, March 5 – Wednesday, March 9

National League of Cities Congressional City Conference, Washington DC

March and April calendars are **attached**.



March-April

INFORMATION:

March 17 – Youth Summit Hosted by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council

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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council leaders invite City Council members to join them at a Youth Summit on March 17, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. This engaging, youth-led dialogue will focus on community issues, leadership, and opportunities. The meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center Room 280. Council members should RSVP by contacting Amy Farrell at amy@generationnation.org or 704-343-6999.

The Youth Summit is an opportunity for elected officials to meet the community's emerging leaders, discuss issues facing area youth by those most affected, and gather input from young people on their concerns, ideas, and solutions. This year's event will include participation from City Council, Mecklenburg County Board of County Commissioners, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Board of Education, and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Opportunity Task Force.

The Youth Council continues to be a resource for Council and staff. They are able to offer valuable perspectives and feedback on issues impacting children and youth in the Charlotte community. Requests for the Youth Council to review topics may be forwarded to Amy Farrell at amy@generationnation.org or Steve Wood at swood@charlottenc.gov.

City of Charlotte Sponsoring Bike Share Grant on Behalf of Charlotte B-Cycle

Staff Resource: Ben Miller, CDOT, 704-432-1535, bgmiller@charlottenc.gov

Charlotte B-Cycle was launched in 2012 by Charlotte Center City Partners with support from the City of Charlotte and funding from private sponsors. Since then, the bike share system has expanded from 20 to 24 stations in and around Center City.

A station expansion project requested by Charlotte B-Cycle has been tentatively selected by the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) to receive up to \$675,000 in Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funding. The TAP funds would be used to

expand the number of bike share stations from 24 to approximately 44 stations. The CRTPO is expected to endorse this grant application on March 16.

The City is in discussions with Charlotte B-Cycle and CRTPO for the City to become the sponsoring agency for this project. Non-profit organizations such as Charlotte B-Cycle are not eligible to be the sponsoring agency or receive TAP funds directly. The City would enter into an interlocal agreement with Charlotte B-Cycle to operate and maintain these stations. Ownership of the stations would be transferred to Charlotte B-Cycle over a period of time, consistent with federal requirements. Charlotte B-Cycle will provide the commercial insurance liability for the operation of these bike share stations, and will indemnify the City from all claims and liabilities that may arise in the operation of a public bike share service.

New stations are anticipated to follow City investments in transportation infrastructure, such as the Cross Charlotte Trail, Lynx Blue Line Extension, and the CityLynx Gold Line. Charlotte B-Cycle will work in consultation with City staff for the location and permitting of new stations. Charlotte B-Cycle will provide the funds for the up-front capital purchase and proposed 33 percent local match for this grant. No City funding will be needed to advance this project.

Charlotte Water Recently Added 440 Customers

Staff Contact: Barry Gullet, Charlotte Water, 704-336-4962, bgullet@charlottenc.gov

A few years ago, Charlotte Water was approached by residents of three private community well systems in the Mint Hill area to purchase their systems. In one of the systems, residents were concerned about water quality due to episodes of brown water, and in all three systems high monthly water bills were a concern. On June 22, 2015 City Council approved the purchase of these systems. The switch from community wells to tap water included extending pipes to serve the neighborhood, decommissioning wells, testing water quality, and taking over the operation of a wastewater treatment plant and wastewater lift station. Going forward Charlotte Water will be changing out water meters and evaluating the installation of fire hydrants in the neighborhoods.

Advance preparation from more than 50 Charlotte Water staff ensured a smooth transition for new customers on February 23. Charlotte Water received more than twenty emails complimenting staff. New customers are encouraged to call 311 if they have a billing question, water or sewer emergency, or to change account information.

Neighborhoods now served by Charlotte Water are Ashe Plantation, Oxford Glen, Reigate, Farmwood East, Meadows at Cheval, Woodlands at Cheval, and Pleasant Valley. All of these locations are in the Town of Mint Hill.

Keep Charlotte Beautiful Kicks Off 2016 Great American Cleanup, Awards Beautification Grants

Staff Resource: Denise Coleman, NBS, 704-353-1235 drcoleman@charlottenc.gov

Keep Charlotte Beautiful (KCB), a national affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, will kick off the 2016 Great American Cleanup, which is March 1 – May 31, with a tree planting in partnership with TreesCharlotte at Polo Ridge Elementary School, 11830 Tom Short Rd. The event is 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, March 5. Council members are invited to participate and help promote all Great American Cleanup events to community residents and interested volunteers.

The following events are scheduled as part of the Great American Cleanup season, and KCB is encouraging neighborhoods and community groups to conduct their own litter cleanup events and supporting them with cleanup materials. Information on volunteering at an event or requesting supplies is available at <http://kcb.charmeck.org>.

Council District	Project	Date/Time	Meetup Location
7	Great American Cleanup Kickoff Event tree planting in partnership with TreesCharlotte	Saturday, March 5 9 am—Noon	Polo Ridge Elementary School 11830 Tom Short Rd
3	Historic Camp Greene Neighborhood’s Clean Your Block Party	Saturday March 12 9 am – Noon	EMCO, Inc. 2318 Arty Ave
1	Dairy Branch Stream Cleanup in partnership with Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation	Saturday, April 9 9 am – Noon	TBD
2	Beatties Ford Rd/LaSalle Rd Area Clean Your Block Party	Saturday April 30 9 am—Noon	TBD
5	Pence Rd Area Cleanup	Saturday, May 7 9 am—Noon	Hickory Grove Elementary School 6709 Pence Rd
4	District 4’s Clean Your Block Party	Saturday, May 14 9 am—Noon	TBD

Additionally, KCB recently awarded two KCB Beautification Grants, as part of Great American Cleanup. The two neighborhoods were chosen from 31 applications for their projects that will create lasting impacts in their communities. Non-selected neighborhoods have been referred to the Neighborhood Matching Grants program and TreesCharlotte.

Council District	Neighborhood	Project Description	Grant Amount
4	Brownes Ferry	Landscape improvements to Brownes Ferry Rd median, tennis court and playground areas	\$2,500
6	Stonehaven	Pillar repairs along Thermal Rd	\$2,500

March

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20	21 12:00pm Council Agenda Briefing (optional), Room 886 12:00pm Intergovernmental Relations Committee Mtg., Room 280 1:30pm Budget Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Zoning Meeting, Room CH-14	22	23 12:00pm ED & Global Competitiveness Committee Mtg., Room CH-14 5:30pm MTC Meeting, Room 267	24	25 Good Friday	26
27	28 12:00pm Governance & Accountability Committee Mtg., Room 280 5:00pm Citizens' Forum/Council Business Mtg., Room 267	29	30	31		

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April

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