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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (July 14)	Tues (July 15)	Wed (July 16)	Thurs (July 17)	Fri (July 18)	Sat (July 19)
					9:00 AM District 4 Community Shred Event, IKEA Parking Lot 8300 Ikea Blvd.

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Saturday, July 19

9:00 AM District 4 Community Shred Event, IKEA Parking Lot 8300 Ikea Blvd.

ATTACHED: [July and August calendars](#)

INFORMATION:

July 11 State Legislative Update

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Since the Week 8 Legislative Report was submitted to Mayor and Council last week, the House and Senate have been focused upon resolving differences in the FY 2015 State Budget bill (SB 744) surrounding K-12 education funding. The budget conference committee met several times this week and made some progress but not enough to commend a conference report to the members. The next budget conference committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 14 at 4:30 p.m. The City is following public transportation funding, which the City supports maintaining at currently appropriated levels, and film production issues in the budget.

The Senate will reportedly vote Monday evening to reject the House amendments to the Coal Ash Management Act of 2014 (SB 729) and send it to a committee of conference to resolve the differences. Apparently, Senators are concerned with several changes in the House version including one that provides more time for cleanup of coal ash ponds. The City is following this issue due to the discussions over the feasibility of repurposing coal ash from the Riverbend Steam Plant at Charlotte Douglas International Airport.

The Senate announced that its Rules Committee will be meeting next week, which may be a sign that legislation being held in committee is ready to be sent to the floor for voting. Among the legislation being held in Senate Rules that is of interest to the City is Zoning / Design and Aesthetics Control (HB 150), which the City opposes, and local legislation requested by the Metropolitan Transit Commission to allow Charlotte Area Transit System to use longer buses under specified circumstances (HB 375), which the City supports.

Other pending legislation the City is following includes the Regulatory Reform Act of 2014 (SB 734) and Amends Environmental Laws 2014 (SB 38), both of which were sent to the Senate from the House for votes of concurrence. The City is very concerned with the provision in SB 734 that expands the conditions under which attorney's fees could be awarded in "quick take" condemnations. The legislation that would prohibit local governments from regulating the "removal, replacement, and preservation of trees on private property within its jurisdiction" (HB 1191) has not moved since the beginning of session. The City opposes provisions in HB 1191 that preempt local authority over trees.

Dialing 311 from AT&T U-verse

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AT&T U-verse users have historically been unable to dial “311” to reach the CharMeck311 call center. Although all citizens can dial 704-336-7600 to access the call center from any telephone, this has not always been well-understood. AT&T has agreed to re-program their U-verse network to route all 311 calls made from area codes 704 and 980 to the CharMeck call center. The change should be effective by August 1, 2014, and will come at no cost to the City and County.

Some users of other “Voice over IP” telephone systems (like Skype) or out-of-area cell phone users may still be unable to reach CharMeck311 directly by dialing “311”. The ten-digit dial number 704-336-7600 continues to be available for those citizens to access CharMeck311.

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