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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (July 8)	Tues (July 9)	Wed (July 10)	Thurs (July 11)	Fri (July 12)

CALENDAR DETAILS:

ATTACHED: [July and August calendars](#)

INFORMATION:

Communications Support for July 4 Uptown Celebration

Staff Resource: Kim McMillan, Corporate Communications & Marketing, 704-336-2643, kcmillan@charlottenc.gov

The City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County will operate a Mobile Joint Information Center (JIC) from 5 p.m. until midnight at the Fourth of July event scheduled for Memorial Stadium at 310 North Kings Drive.

Representatives from Corporate Communications & Marketing, Charlotte Fire Department, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities Department, Shared Services and Engineering & Property Management are staffing the Mobile JIC.

The Presbyterian Hospital July 4 Spectacular is scheduled to occur from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. with a fireworks show at 9:30 p.m., weather permitting. Charlotte City Manager Ron Carlee has declared the Spectacular an Extraordinary Event based on Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department's determination that this event meets the criteria as defined in City Ordinance No. 4814. For details on Extraordinary Event criteria, visit UptownEvents.CharlotteNC.gov

The Mobile JIC will provide information via the media to the public. 311 will also be operating until 1:00 a.m. on July 4 to assist the public.

Promotion of District 1 Vacancy Application Process

*Staff Resources: Stephanie Kelly, City Clerk, 704-336-4615, skelly@charlottenc.gov
Kim McMillan, Corporate Communication & Marketing, 704-336-2643, kcmillan@charlottenc.gov*

The City Clerk's Office and Corporate Communications & Marketing are implementing measures to promote the application process for the vacant District 1 City Council seat. A webpage for accepting applications has been developed. By clicking on a promotional graphic at charlottenc.gov and charmeck.org, interested citizens can apply by completing a brief questionnaire and submitting additional material such as resumes and biographies listing their qualifications. The web page will forward applicant information to the City Clerk staff, who will verify the qualifications of each candidate before providing applications to Council members for review. The GOV Channel, charlottenc.gov, charmeck.org, the City's Twitter and Facebook sites, and the City's electronic newsletter will promote the vacancy and the application process.

2013 Mayor and Council Election Website Launches

Staff Resource: Kim McMillan, Corporate Communications & Marketing, 704-336-2643, kcmillan@charlottenc.gov

In preparation for candidates filing for office, which begins Friday, July 5, Corporate Communications & Marketing has launched the City's website for information at <http://candidates.charlottenc.gov>. Attached below is a flyer promoting the site.

This year, the City has produced a flyer to help inform candidates about proper placement of signage and the associated fine schedule if the sign ordinance is violated. The sign ordinance, along with a memo concerning usage of the City's crown and protocol for requesting public information, is also on the website. Staff will continue to populate the website with information from City departments.

Any inquiry from a candidate, including incumbents, must be tracked and shared with all candidates. The City will post all requests for information and how it responded on the website.

ATTACHED: [Campaign sign flier](#)

July 16 and 18 – LYNX Blue Line Public Meetings

Staff Resource: Judy Dellert-O'Keef, CATS, 704-432-0477, jdellert-okeef@charlottenc.gov

CATS will hold two public meetings related to the LYNX Blue Line in the coming weeks. Information on each meeting is below.

Tuesday, July 16 – LYNX Blue Line Capacity Expansion Public Meeting (South Corridor):

This meeting will provide information and provide attendees and opportunity to give feedback on the Blue Line Capacity Expansion (BLCE) Project. The BLCE project will lengthen the I-485/South Boulevard and Stonewall station platforms to fit three-car trains and add additional power supply substations to operate longer trains and more frequent service. The project is funded through a federal grant.

6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
South Boulevard Light Rail Facility
3200 South Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28209

Attendees can use the LYNX Blue Line and exit at the New Bern Station to get to the meeting location.

Thursday, July 18 – LYNX Blue Line Extension Public Meeting (Northeast Corridor):

Demolition is underway along the LYNX Blue Line Extension (BLE) and soon crews will be in the field relocating utilities. This work is in preparation for construction of the BLE that begins in 2014. CATS invites citizens to an update on the LYNX BLE light rail project to find out what to

expect in their area during this preliminary work. Staff will also share ways citizens can stay connected with the latest information throughout the construction phase.

6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
IKEA Community Room, 2nd Floor
8300 IKEA Boulevard
Charlotte, NC 28262

City to Receive 2013 Justice Assistance Grant

Staff Resource: Darrellyn Kiser, CMPD, 704-336-7736, dkiser@cmpd.org

Each year, the City of Charlotte receives a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the U.S. Department of Justice. The funds are intended for use by law enforcement agencies to address public safety concerns in their communities. The enabling legislation for the JAG grant requires that Council receive prior notice of the grant budget before the application is filed.

This year, Charlotte and Mecklenburg County are to receive \$460,447. The Sheriff's Office will receive 25% of the funds (\$115,112), leaving \$345,335 for CMPD. CMPD plans to spend its funds as follows:

- \$200,000 – overtime for officers working on enforcement initiatives and neighborhood problem solving project
- \$77,500 – funding for one year of the Police Cadet program
- \$67,835 – funding for Neighborhood Security Camera program

City Source Tells Stories of Citizen Service

Staff Resource: Nancy Ryan, Corporate Communications & Marketing, 704-336-3969, nryan@charlottenc.gov

City Source is the City of Charlotte's unique 30-minute program for citizens to learn about the City's services as well as how its employees serve the community. The program airs the first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. on Cable 16 (Time Warner Cable), AT&T U-verse and is streamed LIVE online at www.charlottenc.gov.

The July 4 – 17 episode is a two-hour special that takes viewers on a tour of all 13 Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Divisions. Viewers will meet courageous women working to make our community safer.

This information is also promoted in CMail, the City's electronic newsletter emailed to more than 1,100 subscribers and distributed by City departments whose services, programs and employees are featured in an upcoming episode.

ATTACHED: [CitySource flier](#)

July 3 State Legislative Update

Staff Resource: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office, 704-336-2009, dfenton@charlottenc.gov

Below is the Week 23 State Legislative Report. Both the House and Senate will be in session the week of July 8 as the leadership aims for adoption of conference reports on comprehensive tax reform and the state budget.

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ATTACHMENTS:

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