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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Mon (Aug. 4)	Tues (Aug. 5)	Wed (Aug. 6)	Thurs (Aug. 7)	Fri (Aug. 8)

CALENDAR DETAILS:

ATTACHED: [August and September calendars](#)

INFORMATION:

August 2 – Students Working to Achieve Greatness Back-to-School Event

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A reminder to Mayor and City Council that Students Working to Achieve Greatness will hold a back-to-school event on Saturday, August 2 at BB&T Ballpark from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The event, co-sponsored by Neighborhood & Business Services, will provide information to students and families about local schools, after school programs, a family assistance programs to help prepare students for academic success. Backpacks with school supplies will be distributed to a complete a comprehensive tour of family assistance programs that educate participants about health, wellness, and academic programs.

A parking pass is included in Mayor and City Council's packets.

August 5 – National Night Out

Staff Resources: Nick Pellicone, CMPD, 704-432-2010, dpellicone@cmpd.org

National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday August 5. The event has been held annually since 1984 and is sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch in the United States and Canada.

National Night Out brings neighborhoods together to build camaraderie and stress the importance of working with police in crime prevention efforts. Neighborhoods organize events ranging from cookouts and/or neighborhood walks to simply turning all neighborhood porch lights on during designated hours.

Attached: [List of National Night Out events](#)

Internal Audit Report – Payroll PeopleSoft Data Accuracy

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Council's Governance and Accountability Committee is charged with reviewing all internal reports. Since May 2014, audit reports have also been distributed to all Council members.

Staff completed an audit which evaluated the accuracy of selected data fields in PeopleSoft records maintained by Human Resources. The data included employee master files and the

payroll earnings primarily for calendar year 2013.

ATTACHED: [Full PeopleSoft audit report](#)

Sidewalk & Pedestrian Safety Program

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In response to recent citizen requests and media interest regarding pedestrian safety, CDOT staff is providing Council with an update on upcoming pedestrian projects and initiatives. Staff have also included a brief history of the City's Sidewalk & Pedestrian Safety Program.

For most of Charlotte's history, sidewalks were not required as a component of new development. From 1950 to 2000, Charlotte experienced dramatic growth, increasing from a City of 134,000 people to a city of 570,000 people. Charlotte is now a city of over 790,000 people. It wasn't until 1998, however, that the City began requiring the installation of sidewalks on both sides of the street in all new development. Without comprehensive sidewalk requirements in place for most of the post-WWII development boom, Charlotte was left with a legacy of streets, shopping centers, and neighborhoods designed primarily for access by vehicles and an overall lack of pedestrian connectivity and accessibility. The City currently has over 146 miles of thoroughfares from that era without sidewalks. The Sidewalk & Pedestrian Safety Program was created in 1999 to address that issue, and has worked to make Charlotte's streets and neighborhoods safer and more attractive for walking over the past 15 years.

There are 19 active sidewalk projects within the Sidewalk & Pedestrian Safety Program. (*Table 1 in the [attachment](#)*) In the future, CDOT will continue to build sidewalks in accordance with the Sidewalk Retrofit Policy adopted by City Council. Assuming the bond referendum is approved in November, CDOT staff estimate that the Sidewalk & Pedestrian Safety Program will be able to build over 25 miles of new sidewalks over the next two bond cycles (4 years). (*Tables 2 & 3 in the [attachment](#)*) CDOT will continue to improve roadway crossings along thoroughfares, to make it easier for pedestrians to cross the street. CDOT's goal is to construct 15 new pedestrian crossings per year. Those projects, that may include pedestrian refuge islands and/or special traffic signals, will be constructed with Sidewalk and Pedestrian Safety Program funds.

In addition to the Sidewalk & Pedestrian Safety Program, the Cross Charlotte Trail and the Comprehensive Neighborhood Improvement Projects (CNIP) will contribute significant improvements to the pedestrian experience in Charlotte. The Cross Charlotte Trail is a major project that has the potential to become a transformative investment for walking and bicycling in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. The project is in the initial planning phase and is proposed for funding in the 2014 and 2016 bonds. Sidewalks, intersection improvements, crosswalks and pedestrian refuge islands could also be installed as part of future CNIP projects. The CNIP projects are currently being defined and will be prioritized over the next year.

ATTACHED: [Pedestrian & Sidewalk Safety program info](#)

ATTACHMENTS:

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