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WEEK IN REVIEW:

Sun (10/21)	Mon (10/22)	Tues (10/23)	Wed (10/24)	Thurs (10/25)	Friday (10/26)
North Carolina League of Municipalities Conference Charlotte Convention Center			5:30 PM Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267		
		Charlotte Chamber Inter City Visit New York City			

CALENDAR DETAILS:

Sunday, October 21 – Tuesday, October 23
North Carolina League of Municipalities Conference, Charlotte Convention Center

Tuesday, October 23 – Thursday, October 25
Charlotte Chamber Inter City Visit, New York City

Wednesday, October 24
5:30 PM Metropolitan Transit Commission, Room 267
AGENDA: Red Line Task Force update; Advertising review

October and November calendars are attached (see "2. Calendar.pdf").

INFORMATION:

Source Waters and Drinking Water Quality in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County
Staff Resource: Barry Gullet, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department, 704-336-4931, bgullet@charlottenc.gov

Duke University recently released a report concerning the water quality of Mountain Island Lake. The watershed along the Catawba River supports many uses, one of which is supplying drinking water for municipalities up and down the lake chain. Fortunately, many organizations closely monitor those uses and the impact they can have on the quality of the water in the lakes to ensure public safety and public health. This is a tremendous benefit to these communities, including Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

CMUD's latest annual water quality report found that the drinking water treated by CMUD meets or exceeds the EPA safe drinking water requirements. More than 150,000 tests are conducted to reach these results each year. Attached to this memo **(see "3. Non-detected contaminants.pdf")** is the list of substances that are monitored but not found in CMUD's drinking water.

The results of CMUD's tests show that its water treatment plants, which are there to ensure that contaminants in source water do not enter the drinking water delivered to customers, are doing their job and doing it well. Maintaining and investing in those treatment plants over time is a strong contributor to their successful performance, and over the last several decades the community has chosen to make those investments to ensure the safety of their water.

November 17 – Creek ReLeaf Tree Planting Event

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Last week's listing of upcoming TreesCharlotte planting events omitted an important date. On Saturday, Nov. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon, Creek ReLeaf will be planting 1,900 trees along Irwin Creek and its buffer. This event will reforest an area of floodplain where structures were purchased and removed.

Creek ReLeaf is a collaborative effort of the Charlotte Public Tree Fund, Charlotte Mecklenburg Storm Water Services, City of Charlotte Landscape Management, Central Piedmont Community College and the Sierra Club (www.creekreleaf.com). This program over the last five years has planted more than 12,000 trees along Mecklenburg stream corridors, improving air and water quality and habitat. For the second year, the City has purchased the seedlings and trees for the event.

More than 500 volunteers are expected to gather at the intersection of Andrill Terrace and Oaklawn Avenue near the McCrorey Heights neighborhood, disperse to plant trees along Irwin Creek (identified as an impaired stream in watershed studies) and return for a group lunch and celebration.

Council members are invited and asked to encourage constituents to participate.

ATTACHMENTS:

City Council Follow-Up Report **(see "4. Council follow-up.pdf")**

Contents include
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