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## **INFORMATION:**

### **November 15 TreesCharlotte Event Changed to MLK Middle School**

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This Saturday's tree-planting event scheduled for Madison Park at Wallace Farms Neighborhood has been rescheduled to the spring when more neighbors can attend. In its place will be an all-tree workday event at Martin Luther King Middle School, 500 Bilmark Avenue, Charlotte, NC 28213. The event will run from 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Volunteers will tend (mulch and stake) all trees on the school grounds, as well as plant new trees to replace those that died. Council members are invited to attend.

TreesCharlotte is the civic/private collaborative that supports Council's goal of "50% Tree Canopy by 2050." Using Council's tree planting budget and the work of dedicated volunteers who have coalesced under the Foundation for the Carolinas umbrella, TreesCharlotte is raising private dollars to plant trees, educate and energize the community and the benefits of trees.

TreesCharlotte and the City partner for these events. Typically, the City pays for incidentals including mulch and provides expertise in neighborhood outreach, tree selection and creation of planting plans. TreesCharlotte manages logistics for community events and raises capital to purchase trees and to provide meals, tools and t-shirts for volunteers.

### **Chief Information Officer Jeff Stovall Selected as NC Public Sector CIO of the Year**

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The North Carolina Technology Association (NCTA) selected City of Charlotte Chief Information Officer Jeff Stovall as the 2014 Public Sector CIO of the Year at the recent NC Tech Awards. Winners were recognized at the annual awards gala on Thursday, November 6, 2014 at the Raleigh Convention Center. This year's event was attended by over 700 leaders from across the state.

NCTA is a not-for-profit association focused on advancing the state's tech industry by connecting technology providers, consumers and stakeholders, providing the voice for the technology industry, and promoting lifelong learning and a world-class workforce. NCTA has 700+ member companies, organizations and institutions representing more than 100,000 North Carolina based employees.

The NC Tech Awards is North Carolina's only statewide technology awards program, recognizing companies and individuals who have characterized excellence, innovation and leadership in 25 categories.

"Since 1995, the NC Tech Awards (formerly the NCTA 21 Awards) has honored excellence and

innovation throughout North Carolina, representing the best and brightest,” said Brooks Raiford, president and CEO of NCTA. “As a winner, Jeff has distinguished himself as a peer-leader and we are proud to recognize him as a 2014 NC Tech Awards winner.”

**Neighborhood Matching Grants Recognizes September Cycle Grantees**

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The Neighborhood Matching Grants Program awards funds up to \$25,000 to eligible neighborhood-based organizations to complete projects that will improve their community’s quality of life. Neighborhood Matching Grants accepts applications four times per year: February 15, April 15, June 15 and September 15. Organizations can submit applications in six different categories for projects ranging from gardens and bike racks to Little Free Libraries and playgrounds.

The NMG program would like to recognize the thirteen neighborhoods that were approved during the September 15 cycle.

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Council District</b>	<b>Amount Awarded</b>
<b>Druid Hills</b>	Youth Community Leadership Academy	1	\$10,000
<b>Village of Rosedale</b>	Street lights	1	\$1,222
<b>Cedar Mill</b>	Street lights	2	\$2,403
<b>Genesis Park</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual NW Community Day	2	\$9,563
<b>Reid Park</b>	Mosaic Benches	3	\$25,000
<b>Becton Park At Lynton Place</b>	Fence	5	\$8,000
<b>Coventry Woods</b>	Neighborhood signage	5	\$3,037
<b>Firethorne</b>	Parking lot safety improvements	5	\$4,919
<b>Ravenwood</b>	Neighborhood signage	5	\$6,833
<b>Hamlin Park</b>	Irrigation & landscaping	6	\$12,749
<b>Madison Park</b>	Little Free Library	6	\$606
<b>Quail Run</b>	Garbage compactor site prep & central mailbox unit site prep	6	\$25,000
<b>Southwood</b>	Sidewalk hazard improvements & landscaping	6	\$17,342

### **News Story on Airport's Wildlife Hazard Management Program**

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WCNC News Channel 36 aired a story Monday night about the Wildlife Hazard Management Program at Charlotte Douglas International Airport. The Airport facilitated a request last month from reporter Rad Berky to see how the Airport manages birds and other wildlife that may interfere with a plane. The story focused on bird strikes and how new technology may help mitigate bird strike issues.

The Airport works to implement the most effective control methods that target identified hazardous wildlife species within the Airport's environment. Wildlife control policies and procedures are outlined in the Airport's FAA approved Wildlife Hazard Management Plan. Understanding what hazardous wildlife species are within the Airport area and the surrounding skies and what wildlife is commonly involved in aircraft/wildlife strikes is the cornerstone of the program. This knowledge is gained by data gathering from daily wildlife patrols, wildlife strike information, and other reports of hazardous wildlife activity.

Qualified Airport personnel use a variety of methods to mitigate hazardous wildlife. Methods are classified as either indirect control or direct control. Indirect control methods include identifying hazardous wildlife attractants/habitats and modifying them to reduce their attractiveness, exclusion of hazardous wildlife (i.e. perimeter fencing, anti-perching devices), vegetation and food/prey-base management and water management. Direct control methods include harassment, trapping, and lethal removal of hazardous wildlife from the Airport's environment as needed.

The story can be found at: <http://www.wcnc.com/story/news/local/2014/11/11/bird-strikes-still-concern-for-airports-across-the-country/18840001/>.

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