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**WEEK IN REVIEW:**

Mon (May 13)	Tues (May 14)	Wed (May 15)	Thurs (May 16)	Fri (May 17)
3:30 PM Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280  5:00 PM Council Business Meeting, Room 267  7:00 PM Budget Public Hearing, Meeting Chamber		3:00 PM Budget Adjustments, Room 267	12:00 PM Economic Development Committee, Room CH-14  6:30 PM District 4 Town Hall Mtg, IKEA Community Room 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl., 8300 IKEA Blvd.	

## CALENDAR DETAILS:

### **Monday, May 13**

- 3:30 pm      Transportation and Planning Committee, Room 280  
**AGENDA:** 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update
- 5:00 pm      Council Business Meeting, Room 267
- 7:00 pm      Budget Public Hearing, Meeting Chamber

### **Wednesday, May 15**

- 3:00 pm      Budget Adjustments, Room 267

### **Thursday, May 16**

- 12:00 pm     Economic Development Committee, Room CH-14  
**AGENDA:** CityLYNX Gold Line Economic Development Study Update; Overview of U.S. Streetcar Systems; CIAA Update; Youth Council; Discuss Meeting Schedule for June
- 6:30 pm      District 4 Town Hall Meeting, IKEA Community Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor 8300 IKEA Blvd.

**May and June calendars are attached.**

[Click Here to View the May and June Council Calendars](#)

## AGENDA NOTES:

### **May 13 Council Agenda Addition for Awards & Recognitions**

*Staff Resource: Tracy Montross, Mayor's Office, 704-336-4332, [tmontross@charlottenc.gov](mailto:tmontross@charlottenc.gov)*

At Monday's Council meeting, Mayor Foxx will recognize Rebuilding Together of Greater Charlotte during Awards & Recognitions. Rebuilding Together recently partnered with Lowe's Inc. and Habitat for Humanity of Charlotte for a neighborhood revitalization effort in the Smallwood Community that provided streetscape and safety improvements to 36 homes and critical home repairs to five homes. The effort, which occurred during the week of May 6, utilized over 250 volunteers. Rebuilding Together Executive Director Amy Gough will receive the proclamation on Monday night. Members of Lowe's Inc. will also be in attendance.

## **INFORMATION:**

### **Flood Debris Removal Update**

*Staff Resource: Victoria O. Johnson, Solid Waste Services, 704-336-3410, [vjohnson@charlottenc.gov](mailto:vjohnson@charlottenc.gov)*

Solid Waste Services continues to provide debris removal assistance to the areas on Riverside Drive that were impacted by the recent flooding. On Thursday, May 9, crews collected curbside debris. Collection service is only being provided to residents within city limits. Those residents outside city limits are advised to contact their waste haulers for assistance.

Solid Waste crews will provide additional waste collection for the impacted area on Monday, May 13 and on their regularly scheduled collection day of Thursday, May 16. Supervisors will monitor the area to determine if additional assistance is needed. Staff anticipates providing debris removal assistance during the next few weeks or until all debris is removed curbside.

To communicate the special collection services for the impacted area, staff attended the town hall meeting on May 7 to provide residents with detailed information. Information regarding collection service is also on the City's website and has been shared via local media outlets.

### **Small Business Week Activities**

*Staff Resource: Jerriane Jackson, N&BS, 704-432-1311, [bjackson@charlottenc.gov](mailto:bjackson@charlottenc.gov)*

In celebration of Small Business Week, the Mayor and Council are invited to attend the below Small Business Week activities:

#### **Monday, May 13**

##### **City Council Recognitions**

- Youth entrepreneurs will set up a lemonade stand for Council members and guests at the Council Dinner Meeting.
- The Small Business Week proclamation will be read at the Council Business Meeting, along with recognitions of
  - o Charlotte Venture Challenge winner
  - o Turner School of Management 2013 graduates
  - o Lemonade Day participants
  - o Charlotte International Cabinet International Entrepreneur of the Year

#### **Tuesday, May 14**

##### **Charlotte Small Business Week Conference**

*Hosted by the Charlotte Business Resources Consortium at Harris Conference Center*

*7:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

- Businesses will participate in networking, engage in inspirational pitches, and partake in a series of engaging and interactive breakout sessions.

- The keynote speaker is Chef Jeff Henderson, an award-winning chef, motivational speaker, best-selling author and Food Network personality. Henderson uses “reality-based education” to inspire audiences to take charge of their lives.

### **Wednesday, May 15**

#### **Building Wealth for Minority Business - Luncheon with Dennis Kimbro**

*Hosted by the City of Charlotte’s Business INClusion Program, Chamber of Commerce and Black Chamber of Commerce at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church*

*11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.*

- Author Dennis Kimbro will provide a keynote speech followed by a roundtable discussion about building wealth in the minority business community.

### **Thursday, May 23**

#### **Charlotte-Mecklenburg Crowns of Enterprise Awards**

*Hosted by the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County at the Palmer Building*

*6:00 – 8:00 p.m.*

- A reception honoring the successes and achievements of small, minority and woman-owned businesses.

For a full listing of Small Business Week events, visit [charlottesmallbusinessweek.com](http://charlottesmallbusinessweek.com).

### **Goose Creek Basin Water/Sewer Moratorium Lifted**

*Staff Resource: Barry Gullet, Utilities, 704-336-4962, [bgullet@charlottenc.gov](mailto:bgullet@charlottenc.gov)*

The N.C. Environmental Management Commission rendered a decision Thursday that will lift a longstanding moratorium on new water lines in the Goose Creek basin / Mint Hill area. Removal of this moratorium is a positive step that will allow Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utility Department (CMUD) to provide service to more citizens and ensure protection of the environment in the newly served areas.

For several years this moratorium has been a condition tied to a 33 million gallon per day Interbasin Transfer (IBT) Certificate awarded to CMUD in 2002. The IBT allows the utility to withdraw drinking water from the Catawba River Basin for use in the Yadkin River/ Rocky River Basin.

The certificate excluded an area in and around Mint Hill, specifically the Goose Creek Basin, due to concerns about the environmental impacts of growth and development (including additional water connections) and how those impacts would negatively affect the Carolina heelsplitter mussel, a federally-listed endangered species. Since 2002, the Town of Mint Hill and Mecklenburg County have implemented storm water and land development requirements to protect the endangered species, and those changes prompted the state to lift the moratorium.

The moratorium removal does not change the amount of water approved for interbasin transfer, but would allow for new water service connections in that eastern portion of

Mecklenburg County. Additionally, future infrastructure projects will trigger further environmental analysis and impact studies, ensuring the health of the watershed is considered before major construction occurs in the basin.

**Blue Line Extension Public Meetings for Business Owners**

*Staff Resource: Kelly Goforth, CATS, 704-336-3513, [kgoforth@charlottenc.gov](mailto:kgoforth@charlottenc.gov)*

The Charlotte Area Transit System (CATS) Blue Line Extension team is hosting a series of meetings to update business owners and the general public about the project and upcoming construction activities. Two meetings will be held for business owners along the alignment. They will have the opportunity to meet the BLE Business Liaison and see samples of the temporary signage that will be provided during construction. This will be an opportunity for business owners to share their concerns before construction begins and for the project team to demonstrate the communications avenues that have been put into place. There will be several project team members at the meetings, representing various city departments and NCDOT. Following a presentation, there will be breakout groups with information about advanced utility relocation work, real estate acquisitions, transit station area plans, art in transit, DBE/SBE contract opportunities, neighborhood and business services and NCDOT. CATS will also hold two general public meetings covering similar information.

**Business Owners Meetings:**

Tuesday, May 14, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Boardwalk Billy's

The Shoppes at University Place

9005 J M Keynes Drive

Charlotte, NC

Thursday, May 16, 2013, 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Amelie's NoDa

2424 North Davidson Street

Suite 102

Charlotte, NC

**Public Meetings:**

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Oasis Shriner's Center

604 Doug Mayes Place

Charlotte, NC

Thursday, May 30, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church

101 W. Sugar Creek Road

Charlotte, NC

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### **Independence Boulevard Improvements Public Meeting- May21 ‘**

*Staff Resources: Stuart Basham, CDOT, 704-336-4695, [sbasham@charlottenc.gov](mailto:sbasham@charlottenc.gov)  
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The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a Citizen’s Informational Workshop to describe construction that is underway on Independence Boulevard (US 74) between Albemarle Road (NC 27) and Wallace Lane. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 21 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Library’s Independence Branch located at 6000 Conference Drive. Interested citizens may attend at any time during the hours noted above.

The purpose of the meeting is to present information on the project’s schedule, final design, construction phasing and pedestrian access. NCDOT representatives will be available at the meeting to answer questions and receive comments.

NCDOT is widening Independence Boulevard (U.S. 74) to a median-divided, eight-lane roadway and is building interchanges at Sharon Amity and Idlewild Roads. The project also includes construction of a bridge to carry Conference Drive over Independence Boulevard and then continue north toward Idlewild Road. Existing signals at Sharon Amity Road, Idlewild Road and Conference Drive will be removed. The proposed project is approximately 1.6 miles long.

The map that will be presented at the workshop is also available on the project website: <http://www.ncdot.gov/projects/US74WideningImprovements>

### **Cankerworm Infestation**

*Staff Resource: Don McSween, E&PM, 704-336-5752, [dmcsween@charlottenc.gov](mailto:dmcsween@charlottenc.gov)*

This spring’s outbreak of cankerworms has generated concern from neighborhoods across Charlotte. The City’s Landscape Management division, and specifically the City Arborist staff, is primarily responsible for the health of City-owned trees and advising Council on issues that affect all Charlotte trees, both on public and private property. This spring the issue of the cankerworm infestation has become more widespread than in recent years, with many neighborhoods having a larger infestation than previously recorded.

Generally, the infestation will not directly kill the trees, but repeated defoliation weakens and makes them more susceptible to wind throw (toppling) and root rot. The defoliation is most noticeable for about four to six weeks in the spring when cankerworms are actively feeding. When finished feeding, cankerworms lower to the ground on silk threads, burrow into the ground and form cocoons. The wingless female moths emerge around mid-December and climb tree trunks to reach the canopy, lay eggs and repeat the cycle.

City Arborists monitor tree health throughout the city. With cankerworms, this is done visually and in the fall by recording female cankerworm moth counts on banded city trees. A large, city-wide aerial spray is only recommended to Council when canopy health is threatened by long-term defoliation. Procedures to obtain permission to spray are extensive and must be well-documented. The 2008 spraying cost \$1.5 million and covered about 65,000 acres, most of it in the tree canopy to the south and east of center city. Control spraying needs to be done after the cankerworms hatch, usually around the first of March. Aerial spraying does not eliminate the cankerworm, it only temporarily reduces the numbers.

Homeowners can spray small ornamental trees and large trees with BT (*Baccillus thuriangiensis*) in the early spring. For large trees, homeowners are advised to use a pesticide-licensed professional tree or landscape maintenance company. It is recommended the company have a certified arborist on staff.

Most cankerworms have now finished feeding and dropped to the ground. For property owners and neighborhood organizations, the next critical time to attack cankerworms will be in November when “sticky” bands needs to be placed around tree trunks to trap the emerging females before they can reach the canopy. This is particularly important in neighborhoods that suffered infestation this spring.

Beginning in the early fall there will be a City-wide communication campaign on combatting the cankerworm by tree banding. City Arborist staff members are also glad to meet with neighborhood associations to discuss control measures to protect the tree canopy. Neighborhood representatives may call the City Arborist Office at 704-336-5752 to set up a meeting.

### **Zoning Regulations for Restaurants, Nightclubs and Bars**

*Staff Resource: Debra Campbell, Planning Department, 704-336-2671*

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In January of this year, the Planning Department reconvened a Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) to review and discuss the current zoning regulations for nightclub, bars, restaurants and lounges. The purpose of this effort is to clarify the difference between the uses and review the existing standards for nightclubs, bars, restaurants and lounges. Currently the Zoning Ordinance does not allow restaurants to provide entertainment. Nightclub, bars and lounges are allowed to have entertainment, but in most zoning districts, these establishments currently must be located a minimum of 400 feet from a residential use or residential district.

At our meeting on May 9, 2013, staff presented draft recommendations to the CAG. Generally, the recommendations were positively received so much so that several of the attendees thanked staff for listening and responding to both the business and neighborhood concerns that were identified through the process.

It appears, however, that from the press coverage of this effort, the reporters confused this

effort with an evaluation of the Noise Ordinance. While the Noise Ordinance and the zoning regulation of nightclubs, bars, restaurants and lounges are related, the current effort does not recommend any changes to the Noise Ordinance. Instead, this effort has remained focused on definitions of nightclubs, bars, restaurants and lounges as well as regulations for these uses.

The next meeting of the CAG is tentatively scheduled for May 30, 2013. At this meeting we will provide responses to feedback we received from the CAG at our May 9 meeting and discuss any proposed changes. Staff doesn't anticipate any Council action needed on this text amendment until late fall or early winter.

**May 10 State Legislative Update**

*Staff Resource: Dana Fenton, City Manager's Office, 704-336-2009, [dfenton@charlottenc.gov](mailto:dfenton@charlottenc.gov)*

Attached is the Week 15 Legislative Report, which includes updates on bills of interest to the City of Charlotte.

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