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INFORMATION:

Mayor/Council Group Photograph

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Corporate Communications & Marketing staff has scheduled an official group photograph of the Mayor and Council at 4:45 on Monday, October 7, prior to the Council Workshop at 5 pm.

As mentioned earlier in a previous memo, the last photograph was taken at the 2011 swearing-in and does not reflect recent transitions. Staff requests that Council meet in the Corporate Communications & Marketing lobby (2nd floor) promptly at 4:45 p.m. The photo session will be conducted as quickly as possible in order to keep the workshop on schedule. Please remember to prevent a “vertigo” effect in the photograph, Council members should refrain from wearing apparel (mainly suits/jackets/dresses) with bold patterns and stripes.

Power2 Celebrate Event

Staff Resource: Nicole R. Storey, N&BS Community Commerce, 704-336-2929, nrstorey@charlottenc.gov

Neighborhood & Business Services is hosting Power2 Celebrate on Saturday September 28, 2013. The event will be held at Byron’s South End, 101 W. Worthington Avenue, Suite 110, from 9 am until noon. The event will celebrate the efforts of 17 neighborhoods who participated in Charlotte’s Neighborhood Energy Challenge. City Council members are invited to attend.

Participating communities include:

- Belmont
- Commonwealth/Morningside
- Enderly Park
- Graham Heights
- Grier Heights
- Merry Oaks
- NoDa
- Northwood Estates
- Oaklawn Park
- Optimist Park
- Park Crossing
- Queens Tower
- Revolution Park

- Spring Park
- The Avenue Condominium
- Villa Heights
- Washington Heights
- Wilmore

These neighborhoods collectively implemented sustainability initiatives that included bicycle infrastructure, energy efficiency retrofits, off-grid community shelter, LED holiday display, lighting improvements, and more. Speakers at the event include Charlotte City Manager Ron Carlee, international sustainability consultant Greg Searle, local celebrity chef Cassie Parson, and neighborhood representatives.

Big Sweep

Staff Resource: Jennifer Frost, Storm Water Services, 704-432-0970, jfrost@charlottenc.gov,

Big Sweep, a one-day cleanup of Charlotte-Mecklenburg creeks and lakes, takes place this Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Storm Water Services has been taking volunteer registration information for the past month and the number of volunteer registrations is up significantly this year.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services organizes the annual cleanup at six staffed locations. This year, Storm Water Services has partnered with Solid Waste Services to try recycling at each of the Big Sweep locations. If recycling of glass, plastic bottles and aluminum cans turns out to be easily accomplished by the volunteers, the recycling efforts will be expanded for future events.

Trash in creeks and lakes isn't just ugly. It can cause blockages, threaten wildlife and impact water quality of our creeks and lakes. Storm Water Services encourages citizens to be Water Watchers year-round by calling 311 to report pollution.

Volunteers can register to participate at a staffed site by calling Charlotte-Mecklenburg Storm Water Services at 311 or at <http://stormwater.charmeck.org>.

Staffed locations:

Site	Meeting Place	Get Directions
Campbell Creek Greenway	Margaret Wallace Rd. Parking Lot	Get Directions
Irwin Creek Greenway	Ray's Splash Planet	Get Directions
Latta Plantation Nature Preserve	Picnic Area	Get Directions
Mallard Creek Greenway	210 East Mallard Creek Church Rd (Kirk Farm Fields)	Get Directions

McMullen Creek Greenway	8135 Pineville-Matthews Rd Parking Lot	Get Directions
Stewart Creek	2617 Roslyn Ave.	Get Directions