

Domestic Violence Memorial Tree Ceremony

Join members of Mecklenburg County's Community Support Services and the Domestic Violence Advocacy Council as they remember the lives lost to domestic violence. The Domestic Violence Advocacy Council (DVAC) is hosting its annual Domestic Violence Memorial Tree Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 12.

During the ceremony, ribbons will be placed on trees in memory of the lives lost to domestic violence in Mecklenburg County in 2019.

The ceremony will close with the lighting of the trees to symbolize shedding a light on the issue of domestic violence. The ceremony is free and open to the public.

Event Details:

- DVAC Domestic Violence Memorial Tree Ceremony
- Thursday, Dec. 12
- 6 7 p.m.
- Children & Family Services Center 601 E 5th St., Charlotte, NC 28202

For more information on the Domestic Violence Advocacy Council or the memorial, contact DVAC Chair <u>Rienna Nuber</u> at 980-314-8942.

S.T.E.P. Program Hosts 'Holiday Court' Session

Mecklenburg County's STEP Program (Supervision, Treatment, Education and Prevention) wants to show Recovery Court participants how they can maintain their sobriety during the holiday season. The S.T.E.P. Program is hosting its annual Holiday Court Session on Friday, Dec. 13 in the chamber of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center. The annual court session is designed to encourage program participants to remain substance-free during the holiday season through testimonials from program alumni. Research shows that the holiday season can be the source of increased stress and triggers for many battling addictions.

Participants from five adult courts are invited to attend. During the event, program alumni, S.T.E.P. team members and recovery court judges will share tips on how to celebrate the holidays in a safe and sober manner.

Event Details:

- Holiday Court Session
- Friday, Dec. 13
- 3:30 5:00 p.m.
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center, 600 East 4th Street, Charlotte

For more information on the Holiday Court Session or the S.T.E.P. Program, contact Program Manager <u>Janeanne Gonzales</u> at 980-314-1966.

Mecklenburg County Emmy Nominations

Mecklenburg County's Public Information Department is again being recognized for its video projects. The department recently received two Mid-South Regional EMMY Award nominations for projects produced this year.

The EMMY-nominated <u>Recycling Woes</u> video is part of the Land Use and Environmental Services Agency's (LUESA) campaign to teach residents how to recycle properly. The EMMY-nominated project <u>Animation Composite</u> features highlights from several of the County's public education campaigns including back to school safety, recreation information, and the Assessor's Office tax revaluation process.

Public Information's Creative Media Team has been using animated videos to help promote County programs and services.

Winners will be announced Feb.15, 2020 at the Mid-South Regional EMMY Awards banquet in Nashville.

For more information, contact Public Information Director Danny Diehl.

2019 NCAAO Assessor of the Year

Mecklenburg County Assessor Ken Joyner has received an award from the North Carolina Association of Assessing Officers for his leadership during the 2019 revaluation. Joyner was named Assessor of the Year by NCAAO on Nov. 19.

For the last three years, Joyner led his team of over 120 people through the successful launch and completion of the 2019 revaluation. Their hard work, dedication and transparency resulted in the completion of the revaluation in a timely manner, with the review of more than 380,000 parcels.

Joyner was appointed Mecklenburg County Assessor in October 2013 by the Mecklenburg County Board of Commissioners.

Prior to his appointment, Ken spent six years as a faculty member at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the School of Government, and previously served as the Tax Administrator in Chatham, Onslow, and Durham counties.

For more information on the award or the 2019 revaluation, contact Ken Joyner.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

- Tuesday, Dec. 10, BOCC Environmental Stewardship Committee CMGC 11th Floor Large Conference Room
- Tuesday, Dec. 10, BOCC Budget & Public Policy Meeting CMGC 2nd Floor, Room 267

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