



WSOC-TV
(WSOC Television, LLC., Charlotte, NC)

QUARTERLY PROBLEMS/NEEDS
PROGRAM REPORT

July 1- September 30, 2021

TELEMUNDO CHARLOTTE

WSOC-TV is proud to carry Telemundo programming on digital subchannel 9.2 of WSOC-TV. Telemundo's programming includes several national news programs that are of interest to WSOC viewers. Further information on those programs can be found in program guides.

WSOC-TV/WAXN-TV
SPECIAL SEGMENTS OF NEWSCASTS
July-September 2021

CONSUMER NEWS: 5:30P NEWS Four days per week, 2:00 in length. Consumer reporter acts as an advocate for consumers who are not getting satisfaction from businesses or government. Tries to help them solve their own problems or encourage the two parties to work out a solution.

FAMILY FOCUS: One report, two minutes in length, and each week focusing on family and children issues. Reports are part of WSOC-TV's station community campaign: Family Focus, which includes PSA's, events, programs, community projects. Also repeats on Saturday mornings.

TRAFFIC REPORTS: Nine times daily during **EYEWITNESS NEWS DAYBREAK** and once each during 7:25 AM and 8:25 AM breaks. Includes alternate route information. Also, half hour in midday if there is breaking traffic news. Traffic Reports air every 9 mins from 7a-9a on TV64.

Eyewitness News – Talking About Race: In Schools: Thursday September 2nd from 7:30-8p. As part of WSOC-TV's ongoing 'Talking About Race' initiative, we dive into how local school districts are teaching and discussing race. This also aired simultaneously on WAXN-TV.

While this list contains a brief description of WSOC-TV's and WAXN-TV's most significant and frequently covered programs and program segments, it doesn't include all programs and program segments broadcast during the Third Quarter, 2021. More information about the station's programming is available by contacting the station directly.

WSOC-TV/WAXN-TV NON-BROADCAST COMMUNITY EFFORTS

9 FAMILY FOCUS: Covering Communities in the Carolinas. For over 25 years, 9 Family Focus, a Channel 9 project has been serving the community through special programs, projects and events. Detailed information on 9 Family Focus is located on our website, www.wsoc.tv - link to <http://www.wsoc.tv/community/family-focus/>

9 SCHOOL TOOLS: Part of the Channel 9 Family Focus brand and was introduced in 1997. Covering 22 counties, this is the largest school supply drive in the Carolinas and has served over 3 million children to date. In partnership with Communities in Schools Charlotte-Mecklenburg and Classroom Central, WSOC-TV collects school supplies, which are then distributed to students in grades K – 12 by Classroom Central and Communities in School coordinators in each county. These items play a big role in preparing students to be successful in the upcoming school year.

REAL-TIME CLOSED CAPTIONING: Is available for all Channel 9 Eyewitness News programs seven days a week.

TELEVISION STATION WSOC-TV CHARLOTTE
QUARTERLY LISTING OF LOCAL PROGRAMS REFLECTING
CONCERNS AND NEEDS FACING THE COMMUNITY

THIRD QUARTER 2021

JULY 1, 2021 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

PROGRAMS LISTED BELOW ARE PUBLIC AFFAIRS UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED AND ARE LOCALLY PRODUCED. WE ALSO CARRY ABC NETWORK AND SYNDICATED PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMS.

Mini-Series Documentaries are produced by **WSOC-TV** News Department and appear within the newscasts as a public service to the community. The News mini-series are aired one to four times daily.

Monday-Friday: Eyewitness News 4:30am-7am; 12-1pm; 5-6:30pm; 11-11:35pm

Saturdays: Eyewitness News 5am-8am; 12-1pm; 6-6:30pm; and 11-11:35pm

Sundays: Eyewitness News 5am-8am; 11am-1pm; 6-6:30pm; and 11-11:35pm

Unless otherwise noted in the report, all segments listed in the report are :05-:90 in duration. While this list contains a brief description of WSOC-TV's most significant and frequently covered programs and program segments, it doesn't include all programs and program segments broadcast during the Third Quarter, 2021:

- GOVERNMENT
 - CRIME
 - ECONOMY
 - EDUCATION
 - HEALTH

JULY 10, 2021 11:00PM

NC LEADERS TALK ABOUT END OF “DREAMER” STATUS

A RECENT COURT RULING MEANS DREAMER STATUS FOR MILLIONS OF IMMIGRANTS BROUGHT HERE AS CHILDREN COULD END ANY DAY. TODAY, A VIRTUAL PANEL OF BUSINESS, COMMUNITY LEADERS AND DREAMERS URGED NORTH CAROLINA SENATORS TOM TILLIS AND RICHARD BURR TO SUPPORT THE NEW BIPARTISAN “DREAMS ACT OF 2021.” FORMER BANK OF AMERICA CEO HUGH MCCOLL WAS AMONG THEM. HE’S NOW THE CO-CHAIR OF THE AMERICAN BUSINESS IMMIGRATION COALITION. “AS CITIZENS, THEY ARE GOING TO PAY TAXES, BUILD BUSINESSES, RAISE CHILDREN AND EDUCATE CHILDREN,” MCCOLL SAID. THE PANEL SAYS THERE ARE MORE THAN 30,000 DACA-ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS IN NORTH CAROLINA. DREAMERS PAY NEARLY \$140 MILLION IN STATE AND FEDERAL TAXES.

JULY 12, 2021 5:00PM

SC LAWMAKER PROPOSES LEGALIZING MARIJUANA

A FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA LAWMAKER WANTS TO LEGALIZE MARIJUANA IN THE STATE. FORMER REPRESENTATIVE JOE CUNNINGHAM PLANS TO ROLLOUT HIS PLAN TODAY. HE SAYS IT WOULD OFFER HEALTH CARE OPTIONS AND SPIN OFF MILLIONS IN TAX REVENUE. CUNNINGHAM SAYS IT WOULD EXPUNGE CRIMINAL RECORDS FOR LOW-LEVEL MARIJUANA-RELATED CRIMES. CUNNINGHAM IS TRYING TO UNSEAT CURRENT GOVERNOR HENRY MCMASTER.

JULY 13, 2021 6:00AM

CHARLOTTE OFFICIALS UPDATE PROGRESS ON CATS GOLD LINE PROJECT

CHANNEL 9 HAS LEARNED THE CATS GOLD LINE IS STILL ON TRACK TO OPEN BY AUGUST. THE EXPANDED LINE WILL RUN FROM JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY TO PLAZA MIDWOOD. A CITY SPOKESPERSON HAS SAID AUGUST IS THE FINAL DEADLINE ESTABLISHED BY THE FEDERAL GRANT USED TO PAY FOR PART OF THE PROJECT. MEANWHILE, THE SILVER LINE ISN'T EXPECTED TO START RUNNING IN GASTON COUNTY UNTIL 2037, BUT PEOPLE IN BELMONT HAD THE CHANCE TO GIVE THEIR INPUT ON THE PLANS. CATS HELD A COMMUNITY MEETING LAST NIGHT TO TAKE PUBLIC INPUT ON THE PROJECT AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

JULY 20, 2021 6:00AM

FORMER CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCILMAN LEAVES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

A PROMINENT LOCAL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IS GOING THROUGH SOME MAJOR CHANGES. FORMER CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCILMAN JAMES MITCHELL IS NO LONGER PRESIDENT OF RJ LEEPER CONSTRUCTION. MITCHELL RESIGNED FROM THE COUNCIL TO TAKE THIS POSITION AND DID NOT ADDRESS WHY HE IS LEAVING THE COMPANY IN A STATEMENT RELEASED MONDAY. HE SAYS HE STILL OWNS 25% OF THE COMPANY AND POINTS OUT THAT DURING HIS TENURE HE HELPED SECURE 12 PROJECTS WORTH MORE THAN \$265 MILLION FOR THE COMPANY.

AUGUST 6, 2021 11:00PM

MATTHEWS TOWN LEADERS TO TALK ABOUT BRINGING E-SCOOTERS TO TOWN

THOSE ELECTRIC SCOOTERS YOU SEE ALL OVER UPTOWN CHARLOTTE ARE STARTING TO MAKE THEIR WAY TO OTHER TOWNS IN OUR AREA. BIRD WANTS TO EXPAND OUT TO MATTHEWS. THE COMPANY APPROACHED TOWN OFFICIALS ABOUT THIS IDEA BACK IN MARCH, SAYING IT COULD REDUCE TRAFFIC BY OFFERING MORE OPTIONS FOR PEOPLE TO GET AROUND TOWN. THE MATTHEWS TOWN COUNCIL WILL TALK ABOUT STARTING A PILOT PROGRAM AND THE POTENTIAL SAFETY ISSUES AT MONDAY'S MEETING.

AUGUST 9, 2021 6:00AM

CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL TO GET FEEDBACK ON NON-DISCRIMINATION PROPOSAL

TONIGHT, YOU'LL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO LET CHARLOTTE CITY LEADERS KNOW WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT THE PROPOSED NON-DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE. CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING, THEN VOTE ON THE ORDINANCE. THIS ORDINANCE WOULD BAN EMPLOYERS FROM DISCRIMINATING AGAINST SOMEONE BASED ON THEIR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION. IT INCLUDES PROTECTIONS FOR PEOPLE WHO WORK AT BUSINESSES WITH UNDER 14 PEOPLE. ANY WORKER OF A BUSINESS LARGER THAN THAT ALREADY HAS FEDERAL PROTECTIONS, EXCEPT FROM NATURAL HAIR DISCRIMINATION. SO, COUNCIL WILL OFFER NATURAL HAIR PROTECTIONS REGARDLESS OF EMPLOYER SIZE.

AUGUST 25, 2021 5:00PM

CHARLOTTE FACES ANOTHER DEADLINE TO HAVE STREETCAR UP AND RUNNING

THE CLOCK IS TICKING FOR CREWS WORKING ON THE CHARLOTTE STREETCAR. THEY'VE BEEN TESTING IT FOR MONTHS AND THE DEADLINE TO OPEN IT UP FOR PASSENGERS IS NEXT WEEK. THE PROJECT HAS BEEN RIDDLED WITH MISSED DEADLINES, BUT ONE CITY LEADER IS PROMISING THEY'LL HIT THIS ONE. "WE WILL HAVE PASSENGER SERVICE UP AND RUNNING NEXT WEEK," SAYS COUNCILMAN LARKEN EGLESTON. THE \$150 MILLION PROJECT HAS FACED COMPLAINTS AND CONTROVERSIES FROM CONCEPTION. THE PROJECT WAS EXPECTED TO LAST 12 TO 18 MONTHS, BUT IT ENDED UP TAKING 2.5 YEARS. PROJECTED OPENING DATES OF SUMMER 2020, FEBRUARY 2021, LATE APRIL AND EARLY MAY WERE MISSED. COUNCILMAN EGLESTON PROMISES A POST-MORTEM ANALYSIS BEFORE THE CITY COMMITS TO EXPANDING THE LINE FARTHER. THE FINAL ITEMS THAT NEED TO BE FINISHED INCLUDE SIDEWALK WORK, COMPLETION OF RAMPS AND PLATFORMS, AND MINOR ROADWAY WORK.

AUGUST 26, 2021 6:00PM

CITY EXTENDS LEASE FOR OPEN-AIR MARKET AT OLD EASTLAND MALL SITE

THE OPEN-AIR MARKET AT THE EASTLAND MALL SITE IN EAST CHARLOTTE WILL STAY A LITTLE LONGER. THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE SAYS IT WILL EXTEND THE LEASE UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER. WE REPORTED EARLIER THIS SUMMER THE MARKET WILL HAVE TO VACATE SOON TO MAKE WAY FOR EASTLAND REDEVELOPMENT.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2021 5:30PM

CHARLOTTE LEADERS TO DISCUSS ENDING HOMELESSNESS

MORE THAN 3,000 PEOPLE IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA HAVE NO PLACE TO CALL HOME, BUT THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ON THE BRINK IS MUCH LARGER. THIS WEEK, WE'LL GET A LOOK AT HOW CITY, COUNTY AND BUSINESS LEADERS HOPE TO END HOMELESSNESS IN CHARLOTTE BY 2025. FOR MONTHS, MORE THAN 50 OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN GATHERING INFORMATION AND LISTENING TO REAL STORIES TO CREATE A STRATEGIC PLAN TO STOP THE CRISIS. THEY'VE ALSO EXAMINED HOW 20 OTHER CITIES ARE MAKING NAVIGATING HELP EASIER, INCREASING ACCESS TO TEMPORARY SHELTERS AND FOCUSING ON PREVENTION. THE GROUP WILL PRESENT THEIR PLAN, INCLUDING HOW MUCH THIS COULD COST, TO MECKLENBURG COMMISSIONERS ON WEDNESDAY AND CITY COUNCIL NEXT MONDAY.

SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 5:30PM

NEW NC LAW CHANGES HOW PEOPLE IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA DRINK ALCOHOL

A NEW BILL SIGNED INTO LAW BY NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR ROY COOPER MEANS YOU COULD SOON CARRY A DRINK OUTSIDE IN SO-CALLED SOCIAL DISTRICTS AROUND TOWN. THE BILL WOULD ALLOW BUSINESS WITH THE APPROPRIATE PERMITS TO SELL YOU DRINKS AND HAVE YOU GO OUTSIDE NORMAL DRINKING BARRIERS.

JULY 2, 2021 11:00PM

POLICE INVESTIGATE MURDER IN EAST CHARLOTTE

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING A MURDER IN EAST CHARLOTTE. THEY SAY SOMEONE WAS SHOT JUST BEFORE 6:30 TONIGHT ALONG CREEKRIDGE ROAD NEAR EAST INDEPENDENCE BOULEVARD. POLICE HAVE NOT RELEASED THE VICTIM'S NAME AND SO FAR NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

JULY 5, 2021 6:00AM

TEEN SHOT IN CHARLOTTE'S SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD

WE'RE WORKING TO LEARN MORE ABOUT A JUVENILE WHO WAS SHOT IN CHARLOTTE'S SOUTH END NEIGHBORHOOD SUNDAY AFTERNOON. POLICE SAY HOMICIDE INVESTIGATORS WERE SENT TO THE SCENE AFTER SUSPECTS OPENED FIRE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET. IT HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 4 P.M. ON SOUTH BOULEVARD NEAR REMOUNT ROAD. THE ROAD WAS SHUT DOWN WHILE OFFICERS INVESTIGATED. MEDIC SAYS THE VICTIM WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL WITH LIFE-THREATENING INJURIES. POLICE TELL US THIS WAS NOT A RANDOM SHOOTING.

JULY 15, 2021 5:00PM

SHOTS FIRED INTO SOUTH CHARLOTTE HOME

SOMEONE FIRED SHOTS INTO ANOTHER CHARLOTTE HOME EARLY THIS MORNING. WE FIRST REPORTED ON TUESDAY POLICE HAVE BEEN RESPONDING TO MORE CRIMES LIKE THIS RECENTLY. THIS LATEST SHOOTING HAPPENED JUST BEFORE 6 A.M. IN SOUTH CHARLOTTE ON MERRIMAN AVENUE. NO ONE WAS HURT. THERE WERE 11 SHOOTINGS INTO HOMES JUST BETWEEN SATURDAY AND MONDAY. WE SPOKE WITH ONE VICTIM WHO TOLD US ONE BULLET WAS JUST INCHES FROM HER HEAD. YESTERDAY, POLICE TOLD US SHE IS JUST ONE OF 2,100 VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE THIS YEAR.

JULY 19, 2021 5:00AM

POLICE IDENTIFY VICTIM OF DEADLY SHOOTING IN NORTH CHARLOTTE

POLICE JUST IDENTIFIED THE MAN KILLED IN A SHOOTING IN NORTH CHARLOTTE LATE LAST NIGHT. CMPD SAYS JOSHUA BULLOCK WAS SHOT AROUND 10:30 P.M. ON WEST SUGAR CREEK ROAD, JUST SOUTH OF REAGAN DRIVE. POLICE HAVEN'T SAID WHAT LED TO THE SHOOTING AND THEY HAVEN'T MADE ANY ARRESTS. WE'LL LET YOU KNOW AS SOON AS THEY GIVE US ANY NEW INFORMATION.

AUGUST 6, 2021 6:00AM

HICKORY COUPLE CHARGED IN MURDER EXTRADITED TO NORTH CAROLINA

A HICKORY COUPLE WHO SPENT MONTHS ON THE RUN AND EVEN CHANGED THEIR NAMES AND APPEARANCE TO EVADE POLICE ARE BACK IN NORTH CAROLINA. TANGELA AND ERIC PARKER WERE EXTRADITED FROM ARIZONA TO FACE CHARGES IN THE WORKPLACE SHOOTING OF MICHELLE MARLOW BACK IN JANUARY. TANGELA FACES A MURDER CHARGE, WHILE ERIC IS FACING A CHARGE OF ACCESSORY AFTER THE FACT. INVESTIGATORS SAY TANGELA SHOT AND KILLED MARLOW AT TCS DESIGN IN HICKORY. THEY DID NOT RECEIVE BOND AND ARE BEING HELD AT THE CATAWBA COUNTY JAIL.

AUGUST 9, 2021 6:00PM

MONROE POLICE SEARCH FOR HOMICIDE SUSPECT

MONROE POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE PERSON WHO SHOT AND KILLED SOMEONE. IT'S THE THIRD STRAIGHT WEEKEND MONROE POLICE HAVE INVESTIGATED A HOMICIDE. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE MOST RECENT SHOOTING HAPPENED ON SOUTH JOHNSON STREET. THEY FOUND DESHA FRANKLIN AT THE HOSPITAL YESTERDAY MORNING. THEY WERE AIRLIFTED TO ATRIUM IN CHARLOTTE, WHERE THEY DIED.

AUGUST 12, 2021 6:00AM

MOORESVILLE POLICE INVESTIGATE HOMICIDE

WE'RE FOLLOWING BREAKING NEWS NOW IN MOORESVILLE, WHERE POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING AN OVERNIGHT HOMICIDE. A MAN WAS FOUND DEAD AT MAGLA PARK, NEAR SELMA DRIVE AND HIGHWAY 150. POLICE GOT THE CALL AROUND 1 A.M. AND HAVE BEEN ON THE SCENE SINCE. WE'RE ASKING FOR MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT LED UP TO THE CRIME AND IF POLICE HAVE ANY SUSPECTS.

AUGUST 14, 2021 11:00PM

MALL EVACUATED AFTER SOMEONE HEARS NOISE THAT SOUNDS LIKE GUNSHOT

YOU MAY HAVE HEARD ABOUT A POLICE SITUATION AT THE CAROLINA PLACE MALL IN PINEVILLE THIS AFTERNOON. PINEVILLE POLICE TELLS US IT WAS ALL A BIG MISUNDERSTANDING. A BALLOON POPPED IN THE FOOD COURT, WHICH CAUSED PEOPLE TO PANIC AND RUN. THE MALL WAS EVACUATED, BUT THANKFULLY NO ONE WAS HURT.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2021 6:00PM

WOMAN ACCUSED IN DEADLY SHOOTING TO MAKE FIRST COURT APPEARANCE

A WOMAN IN CATAWBA COUNTY WILL FACE A JUDGE TOMORROW MORNING. SHE'S ACCUSED IN A DEADLY SHOOTING INSIDE HER HOME NORTH OF CONOVER. POLICE CHARGED BRITTNEY MCCLEAVE WITH MURDER AFTER THE SHOOTING OF DANTA BROOKE AT THE LYLE HAVEN MOBILE HOME PARK AROUND MIDNIGHT. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE TWO LIVED TOGETHER AND THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF TEN INSIDE THE HOME. POLICE SAY MCCLEAVE CALLED 911 AND TOLD THE DISPATCHER SHE HAD SHOT SOMEONE BUT DIDN'T SAY WHY.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 11:00PM

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG POLICE FIND BODY DURING WELFARE CHECK

CPMD IS INVESTIGATING A HOMICIDE AFTER FINDING SOMEONE DEAD DURING A WELFARE CHECK IN SOUTHWEST CHARLOTTE. AROUND 11 THIS MORNING, POLICE SAY THEY WENT TO A HOME ON MANCHESTER DRIVE. WHEN THEY GOT THERE, THEY FOUND A MALE VICTIM DEAD ON SCENE. HIS IDENTITY HASN'T BEEN RELEASED. NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE.

SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 6:00PM

MAFIA LEADER ARRESTED IN WAXHAW

POLICE SAY HE'S A LEADER IN NEW YORK'S FIVE LA COSA NOSTRA MOB FAMILIES AND YESTERDAY, HE WAS ARRESTED BY POLICE IN WAXHAW. HE WAS ONE OF A MORE THAN A DOZEN PEOPLE ARRESTED IN CONNECTION TO THE COLOMBO CRIME FAMILY. FEDERAL PROSECUTORS SAY THE ENTIRE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLOMBO CRIME FAMILY WERE INDICTED YESTERDAY. MOST OF THE MEN WERE ARRESTED IN EITHER NEW YORK OR NEW JERSEY. BUT VINCENT RICCIARDO, ALSO KNOWN AS "VINNY UNIONS," A REPORTED CAPTAIN WITH THE FAMILY, WAS ARRESTED HERE IN WAXHAW. PROSECUTORS SAY RICCIARDO AND THE FAMILY USED A LONGSTANDING RUTHLESS PATTERN OF EXERTING CONTROL OVER A LABOR UNION BY THREATENING TO HARM ITS LEADERS UNLESS THEY SELECTED VENDORS FOR CONTRACTS WHO WERE ON THE TAKE. THEY SAY A JUNE 21 RECORDING SHOWS RICCIARDO THREATENING TO KILL A LABOR UNION LEADER SAYING, QUOTE, "I'LL PUT HIM IN THE GROUND RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIS WIFE AND KIDS, RIGHT IN FRONT OF HIS HOUSE, YOU LAUGH ALL YOU WANT PAL, I'M NOT AFRAID TO GO TO JAIL, LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING." THE FBI SAYS THESE ARRESTS SHOW "THE UNDERBELLY OF THE CRIME FAMILIES IN NEW YORK CITY IS ALIVE AND WELL." THE DEFENDANTS COULD EACH FACE UP TO 20 YEARS IN JAIL, ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 6:00AM

POLICE: STUDENT BROUGHT GUN TO SCHOOL

OFFICIALS AT MYERS PARK HIGH SCHOOL PLAN TO HAVE ENHANCED SECURITY WHEN STUDENTS RETURN TO CLASS THIS MORNING. THAT'S AFTER THEY SAY A STUDENT BROUGHT A GUN TO SCHOOL AND ON THE BUS WEDNESDAY. ADMINISTRATORS SAY THEY FOUND OUT ABOUT THE GUN AFTER RECEIVING A TIP. POLICE WERE CALLED, AND OFFICERS FOUND THE WEAPON INSIDE THE STUDENT'S BACKPACK ALONG WITH AMMO. SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY THE STUDENT FACES CHARGES AND SCHOOL-BASED CONSEQUENCES. MYERS PARK STUDENTS WEREN'T IN SCHOOL YESTERDAY BECAUSE IT WAS A WORKDAY.

JULY 2, 2021 5:00AM

CHARLOTTE MAYOR SPEAKS OUT ABOUT POTENTIAL EPICENTRE BANKRUPTCY

IN UPTOWN CHARLOTTE, THE EPICENTRE APPEARS HEADED FOR FORECLOSURE OR BANKRUPTCY. WHAT COULD BE NEXT FOR THE UPTOWN LANDMARK? MAYOR VI LYLES SAYS SHE ISN'T COMPLETELY SURPRISED BY THE NEWS AND SAYS THE EPICENTRE HAS BEEN "QUESTIONABLE FOR YEARS." WITH THE FORMER HOTSPOT SEEMINGLY HEADING FOR BANKRUPTCY, LYLES SENSES OPPORTUNITY. THE CALIFORNIA COMPANY THAT OWNS THE EPICENTRE HAS MISSED MONTHS OF MORTGAGE PAYMENTS ON ITS \$85 MILLION LOAN. THE BANK IS ASKING A JUDGE TO PUT A RECEIVER IN CHARGE OF COLLECTING RENT DIRECTLY FROM EPICENTRE TENANTS WHILE THE BANK PURSUES FORECLOSURE. SITTING ON THREE ACRES IN THE HEART OF UPTOWN, THE LAND IS PRIME FOR REDEVELOPMENT. WHILE THE PANDEMIC DIDN'T HELP, THIS ISN'T A COVID CASUALTY. MAYOR LYLES SAYS THE DESIGN OF IT MADE THE SITE HARD FOR CMPD TO POLICE. SHE ALSO POINTED OUT THE NUMEROUS RECENT CRIMES. IN RECENT YEARS, A DOCTOR WAS SHOT OUTSIDE THE EPICENTRE AND A WOMAN WAS DRUGGED AT ONE OF THE NIGHTCLUBS, PROMPTING CHANGES IN STATE LAW. IF IT WAS UP TO LYLES, SHE SAYS SHE WOULDN'T MIND OPEN SPACE AT THE SITE, BUT ACKNOWLEDGES THE LAND IS WORTH TOO MUCH FOR THAT. INSTEAD, SHE SAYS THE CITY WILL LOOK AT HOW PEERS ARE HANDLING SIMILAR SITES ACROSS THE COUNTRY. "THE BEST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN AS A RESULT OF THIS IS THAT WE GET TOGETHER, HAVE A PLAN AND TALK WITH THE COMMUNITY ABOUT WHAT WORKS BEST," LYLES SAID. IT'S NOT JUST THE EPICENTRE THAT COULD BE CHANGING IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. ITS NEIGHBOR, THE TRANSIT CENTER, IS PRIME FOR REDEVELOPMENT. THE CITY STARTED EXPLORING THOSE POSSIBILITIES IN 2019.

JULY 12, 2021 6:00AM

FRITO-LAY EXPANDING IN CHARLOTTE

SNACK FOOD GIANT FRITO-LAY IS EXPANDING ITS FOOTPRINT IN THE CHARLOTTE AREA. OUR PARTNERS AT THE CHARLOTTE BUSINESS JOURNAL REPORT THE COMPANY SIGNED A LEASE ON A 243,000-SQUARE-FOOT BUILDING ON GENERAL DRIVE. THAT'S NOT FAR FROM CAROWINDS. THE JOURNAL ALSO REPORTS FRITO-LAY EXTENDED ITS EXISTING LEASE AT A NEIGHBORING BUILDING.

JULY 14, 2021 6:00AM

CHARLOTTE 20TH BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN U.S., BASED ON AFFORDABILITY, JOB PROSPECTS

SOME TOWNS HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA ARE GETTING SOME MAJOR PRAISE. U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT SAYS CHARLOTTE IS THE 20TH BEST PLACE TO LIVE IN THE COUNTRY. RALEIGH AND DURHAM CAME IN AT NUMBER TWO OVERALL. THE REGION WAS 11TH IN LAST YEAR'S RANKINGS, WHICH TAKE AFFORDABILITY, JOB PROSPECTS AND DESIRABILITY INTO ACCOUNT. BOULDER, COLORADO FINISHED NUMBER ONE FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW.

JULY 23, 2021 6:00AM

LONGTIME CHARLOTTE GROCERY STORE TO CLOSE FOR GOOD

A LOCAL GROCERY STORE IN ELIZABETH WILL CLOSE ITS DOORS FOR THE FINAL TIME TOMORROW. EARL'S GROCERY ANNOUNCED EARLIER THIS MONTH THAT THEIR LAST DAY WILL BE JULY 24. SISTERS BONNIE WARFORD AND TRICIA MADDREY OPENED THE STORE IN 2014 AND NAMED IT AFTER THEIR FATHER. THEY SAID THEY'RE CLOSING BECAUSE THEY WEREN'T MAKING ENOUGH MONEY TO BE SUSTAINABLE.

AUGUST 10, 2021 6:00PM

JOBS AVAILABLE AT UPTOWN BUSINESSES

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A JOB, THERE ARE THOUSANDS AVAILABLE IN THE TOURISM AND HOTEL INDUSTRY. THIS WEEKEND, 14 HOTELS AND TOURISM SPOTS LIKE THE SPECTRUM CENTER, BOJANGLES COLISEUM AND NASCAR HALL OF FAME WILL HOLD A JOB FAIR AT THE CONVENTION CENTER UPTOWN. THE HIRING EVENT IS SATURDAY FROM 9:30 A.M. TO NOON. WE'VE TOLD YOU THERE ARE ROUGHLY 10,000 JOBS OPEN IN THE INDUSTRY RIGHT NOW IN THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY REGION.

AUGUST 19, 2021 NOON

COAL ASH SETTLEMENT WILL SAVE DUKE ENERGY CUSTOMERS SOME MONEY

GOOD NEWS FOR DUKE ENERGY CUSTOMERS. NORTH CAROLINA ATTORNEY GENERAL JOSH STEIN SAYS A RECENT COAL ASH SETTLEMENT WITH DUKE WILL SAVE CUSTOMERS ON FUTURE ENERGY COSTS. UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, DUKE ENERGY WILL PUT MONEY COLLECTED FROM COAL ASH LITIGATION AND SETTLEMENTS TOWARD REDUCING CLEAN UP COSTS. STEIN SAYS THE MONEY WILL SAVE CUSTOMERS MORE THAN \$1 BILLION ON UTILITY BILLS OVER THE NEXT 10 YEARS.

AUGUST 24, 2021 6:00AM

FOOD LION STORES IN OUR AREA ARE HIRING

FOOD LION IS HOPING TO FILL OPEN POSITIONS AT THEIR STORES. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A JOB, EVERY LOCATION IN THE STATE WILL HAVE WALK-IN INTERVIEWS TODAY FROM 9 A.M. TO 7 P.M. ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS GO TO YOUR NEAREST STORE TO FIND AVAILABLE POSITIONS. 8,000 PEOPLE WERE HIRED AFTER THE COMPANY HOSTED A SIMILAR EVENT IN JULY.

AUGUST 30, 2021 6:00AM

GAS PRICE AVERAGES AT LOCAL AND STATE LEVEL

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE CHEAPEST GAS PRICES HERE AT HOME. ACCORDING TO GAS BUDDY, RIGHT NOW THE CHEAPEST GAS IN CHARLOTTE IS \$2.85. IN SOUTH CAROLINA, GAS IS ALSO IN THE \$2.50 RANGE. THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS AROUND \$3.10.

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 6:00AM

PREPARING TO TRANSITION CHARLOTTE'S HOMELESS OUT OF HOTELS

MECKLENBURG COUNTY IS PREPARING TO TRANSITION THE REMAINING RESIDENTS WHO LIVED IN CHARLOTTE'S HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT INTO NEW HOMES. LEADERS SAY 88 PEOPLE REMAIN IN THE HOTELS. 56 HAVE BEEN CONNECTED TO A PERMANENT HOUSING RESOURCE. 10 WILL GO TO TRANSITIONAL HOUSING. 16 ARE STILL AWAITING A NEW HOUSING SOLUTION. 2 HAVE TURNED DOWN HOUSING. THE COUNTY HAS THE HOTELS UNTIL THE END OF THE MONTH.

SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 11:00PM

WALMART HIRING IN SHELBY

IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A JOB, WALMART IS HOSTING A JOB EVENT TOMORROW TO FILL MORE THE 50 POSITIONS. THEY HAVE OPENINGS FOR CDL-A DRIVERS AND DIESEL TRUCK AND TRAILER MAINTENANCE TECHNICANS. THE HIRING FAIR WILL BE FROM 2 TO 6 P.M. AT THE WALMART DISTRIBUTION CENTER ON WALMART DRIVE IN SHELBY. DRIVERS AVERAGE A SALARY OF \$87,500 AND TECHNICANS START AT \$23 AN HOUR.

SEPTEMBER 28, 2021 5:30PM

CORNING TO EXPAND IN CATAWBA COUNTY, BRING JOBS TO THE AREA

A MAJOR JOBS ANNOUNCEMENT THIS AFTERNOON IN CATAWBA COUNTY BY ONE OF HICKORY'S LARGEST EMPLOYERS. CORNING ANNOUNCED THAT IT PLANS ON SPENDING 150-MILLION DOLLARS TO EXPAND ITS OPTICAL CABLE MANUFACTURING. WE'RE HEARING AS MANY AS 200 JOBS WILL COME TO THE AREA. CORNING INCORPORATED ANNOUNCED THAT IT IS EXPANDING ITS LONGTIME COLLABORATION WITH AT&T. THE TWO COMPANIES WILL WORK TOGETHER TO EXTEND INVESTMENTS IN FIBER INFRASTRUCTURE, EXPAND U.S. BROADBAND NETWORKS AND ACCELERATE 5G DEPLOYMENT. CORNING'S PROJECT FALLS UNDER THE STATE'S JOB INVESTMENT GRANT, PROVIDING THE COMPANY MORE THAN \$2 MILLION IN INCENTIVES OVER 12 YEARS. THE COUNTY AND CITY HAVE AGREED TO \$7 MILLION IN TAX INCENTIVES OVER 7 YEARS. WE ASKED ABOUT THE AVERAGE WAGES OF THE NEW JOBS AND WERE TOLD \$55,000, WHICH IS MORE THAN \$10,000 HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE SALARY IN CATAWBA COUNTY.

SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 6:00AM

CAREER FAIR TODAY IN SOUTHWEST CHARLOTTE

WE KNOW SO MANY OF OUR NEIGHBORS ARE STRUGGLING TO FIND WORK, SO WE WANT TO LET YOU KNOW ABOUT A CAREER FAIR HAPPENING TODAY. CHOICE CAREER FAIR IS HOLDING A HIRING EVENT FROM 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M. TODAY AT THE EMBASSY SUITES ON AYRESLY TOWN BOULEVARD IN SOUTHWEST CHARLOTTE. JOBS ARE AVAILABLE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE, ENGINEERING, I-T AND SALES. APPLICANTS SHOULD BRING THEIR UPDATED RESUMES AND PREPARE TO MEET FACE TO FACE WITH EMPLOYERS.

JULY 8, 2021 5:00PM

FUNDING FIGHT BETWEEN MECKLENBURG COUNTY, SCHOOLS ENDS

THE FIGHT OVER \$56 MILLION IN LOCAL FUNDING BETWEEN CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS AND MECKLENBURG COUNTY IS DONE. THE COUNTY WILL RELEASE THAT MONEY TO CMS. THE RESTRICTIONS HAVE BEEN DROPPED, SO THE FUNDING IS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT. PLUS, THE COUNTY IS GIVING AN ADDITIONAL \$11 MILLION IN OPERATING FUNDS FOR THE COMING SCHOOL YEAR. AS PART OF THE AGREEMENT, THE CMS BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL PROVIDE CERTAIN REPORTS AND INFORMATION TO THE COUNTY RELATED TO INSTRUCTION, IMPROVING STUDENT SUCCESS AND EQUITY. CMS WILL ALSO BE POSTING ALL INDIVIDUAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE IN ONE LOCATION WHERE THE COMMUNITY CAN SEE THE GOALS, ACTIONS AND PROGRESS FOR LOW-PERFORMING SCHOOLS. THE TWO BOARDS WILL ALSO COME TOGETHER FOR A WORKSHOP AND AN ADDITIONAL JOINT MEETING EACH YEAR.

JULY 12, 2021 5:00PM

PLANS APPROVED FOR MEDICAL SCHOOL IN CHARLOTTE'S ELIZABETH NEIGHBORHOOD

NOVANT HEALTH AND UNC CAN MOVE FORWARD WITH THEIR TWO-YEAR MEDICAL SCHOOL IN ELIZABETH. THE CHARLOTTE BUSINESS JOURNAL REPORTS THE LIAISON COMMITTEE ON MEDICAL EDUCATION RULED NOVANT HAS THE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES NEEDED. THE MEDICAL SCHOOL WOULD BE AT PRESBYTERIAN MEDICAL CENTER.

JULY 14, 2021 6:00AM

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY CLEARS STUDENT DEBT

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY IS CLEARING STUDENT DEBT FOR MORE THAN 2,500 STUDENTS AT A COST OF NEARLY \$10 MILLION. THE SCHOOL'S ACTING PRESIDENT SAYS THE MOVE WILL HELP STUDENTS WHO COULDN'T RETURN TO SCHOOL BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL HARDSHIPS CAUSED BY THE PANDEMIC. THE MONEY TO COVER THOSE DEBTS COMES FROM CARES ACT FUNDING AND THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT. HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA, FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY MADE A SIMILAR MOVE, WIPING OUT THE DEBT OF STUDENTS WHO WERE ENROLLED DURING THE PANDEMIC.

JULY 30, 2021 6:00AM

UNC TRUSTEES APPROVE TENURE FOR INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST

TRUSTEES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA CHAPEL HILL VOTED 9 TO 4 TO APPROVE TENURE OF INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALIST NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES. JONES IS THE PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING WRITER BEHIND THE 1619 PROJECT, THE NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE SERIES THAT EXPLORED THE BITTER LEGACY OF RACISM. CRITICS CALL IT AN INACCURATE REVISION OF THE NATION'S HISTORY. THE UNIVERSITY HIRED HER TO TEACH IN THE JOURNALISM DEPARTMENT, BUT INITIALLY DENIED HER TENURE, SOMETHING THAT TYPICALLY COMES WITH THE POSITION. HANNAH-JONES RELEASED A STATEMENT SAYING THE FIGHT IS ABOUT ENSURING THE JOURNALISTIC AND ACADEMIC FREEDOM OF BLACK WRITERS, RESEARCHERS, TEACHERS AND STUDENTS, AND ENSURING THEIR WORK IS PROTECTED.

AUGUST 5, 2021 5:30PM

BARBER-SCOTIA COLLEGE STILL HASN'T APPLIED FOR ACCREDITATION

BARBER-SCOTIA COLLEGE STILL HASN'T APPLIED FOR ACCREDITATION, DESPITE WORKING WITH THE CITY OF CONCORD TO GET BACK ON TRACK. THE COLLEGE LOST ACCREDITATION IN 2004 AFTER DEFAULTING ON A FEDERAL LOAN. IN MARCH 2020, CHANNEL 9'S SUSANNA BLACK LEARNED THE COLLEGE STILL HADN'T APPLIED FOR ACCREDITATION. RECENTLY, SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVES HAVE SAID THEY'RE TWO YEARS AWAY FROM GETTING IT. BUT THE ASSOCIATION FOR BIBLICAL HIGHER EDUCATION TOLD THE INDEPENDENT TRIBUNE THE COLLEGE STILL HASN'T STARTED THE PROCESS. IT TAKES 8 TO 10 YEARS TO COMPLETE. EARLIER THIS YEAR, CHANNEL 9 LOOKED INTO THE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF CONCORD AND THE COLLEGE. THEY'RE WORKING TOGETHER TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO REJUVENATE THE COLLEGE TO BETTER SERVE THE COMMUNITY.

AUGUST 7, 2021 11:00PM

GIVEAWAYS FOR LOCAL TEACHERS, STUDENTS

SOME TEACHERS ARE ALREADY BACK TO WORK AND OTHERS ARE GETTING READY FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR. SO ONE NONPROFIT WANTED TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE TAKEN CARE OF. "THE TEACHER'S RESOURCE" GAVE TEACHERS SELF-CARE ITEMS. ORGANIZERS TELL US IT'S ALL ABOUT MAKING SURE TEACHERS KNOW THEY'RE APPRECIATED. 'THE TEACHER'S RESOURCE' WILL ALSO HOST ANOTHER EVENT LIKE THIS IN RALEIGH. THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE WANT TO MAKE SURE EVERYONE HAS THE SUPPLIES THEY NEED AHEAD OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. IN NORTH CHARLOTTE THIS MORNING, DEPUTIES GAVE AWAY BACKPACKS FILLED WITH SCHOOL ESSENTIALS FOR STUDENTS.

AUGUST 11, 2021 6:00AM

CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG SCHOOLS LAUNCH TITLE IX AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

CMS IS LAUNCHING AN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN ON HOW TO REPORT TITLE 9 VIOLATIONS. THIS COMES AS THE DISTRICT AND MYERS PARK LEADERSHIP FACE HEAT OVER THEIR HANDLING OF REPORTED SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES. THE DISTRICT SAYS ANTI-HARASSMENT POSTERS WILL BE DELIVERED TO ALL SCHOOLS. ALL STUDENTS WILL ALSO GET A LETTER DETAILING HOW TO REPORT SEXUAL MISCONDUCT AND DISCRIMINATION. SCHOOL-BASED STAFF WILL RECEIVE TITLE IX TRAINING FROM NOW UNTIL AUGUST 24. LAST WEEK, SUPERINTENDENT EARNEST WINSTON ANNOUNCED THE CREATION OF A TITLE IX TASK FORCE.

AUGUST 21, 2021 11:00PM

SCHOOL STARTS MONDAY FOR MANY DISTRICTS

MONDAY IS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR MANY OF OUR NORTH CAROLINA DISTRICTS. THAT INCLUDES UNION AND GASTON COUNTIES, AS WELL AS IREDELL-STATESVILLE SCHOOLS. CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG STUDENTS GO BACK WEDNESDAY.

SEPTEMBER 3, 2021 6:00AM

IREDELL-STATESVILLE SCHOOLS SHIFT TO ONLINE LEARNING

IREDELL-STATESVILLE SCHOOLS JUST BECAME THE FIRST DISTRICT IN OUR AREA THIS SCHOOL YEAR TO SWITCH SEVERAL SCHOOLS TO REMOTE LEARNING. IT'S BEEN A WHIRLWIND OF POLICY CHANGES FOR THE DISTRICT THIS WEEK. ON MONDAY I-S-S WAS MASK OPTIONAL. ON TUESDAY THE SCHOOL BOARD HELD AN EMERGENCY MEETING TO MANDATE MASKS. YESTERDAY THAT MANDATE TOOK EFFECT. THIS COMES DAYS AFTER GOVERNOR COOPER SIGNED A BILL ALLOWING FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING. AT AN EMERGENCY MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT, SUPERINTENDENT DR. JEFF JAMES SAID ALMOST 1,400 STUDENTS WERE IN QUARANTINE AT THE TIME, WITH THE NUMBER OF CONFIRMED CASES BEING A FRACTION OF THAT. NOW THOUSANDS WILL BE ONLINE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 10TH.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 6:00PM

UNION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD MEETS TONIGHT

TONIGHT, THE UNION COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD WILL MEET TO REVIEW ITS MASK OPTIONAL RULE. STATE LAW REQUIRES DISTRICTS DISCUSS FACE COVERING POLICIES EVERY MONTH. THE BOARD WILL ALSO GET A COVID-19 UPDATE, AS WELL AS DISCUSS QUARANTINE GUIDELINES. THE LAST UPDATE SHOWED MORE THAN 350 POSITIVE CASES AND MORE THAN 5,000 PEOPLE QUARANTINED.

SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 11:00PM

NC COLLEGES RANK AMONG THE BEST IN THE COUNTRY

NORTH CAROLINA'S COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES ARE SOME OF THE TOP IN THE COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, DUKE TIED FOR 9TH PLACE. FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS, UNC CAME IN 5TH PLACE AND NC STATE JUMPED TO 32ND. HERE IN CHARLOTTE, UNCC WAS IN 112TH PLACE AND UNCC WAS RANKED 70TH FOR 'MOST INNOVATIVE' SCHOOL. THAT RATING WAS FOR COLLEGES THAT MADE IMPROVEMENTS IN THINGS LIKE CURRICULUM, CAMPUS LIFE, AND TECHNOLOGY.

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021 6:00PM

LOCAL SCHOOLS FACING STAFF AND FOOD SHORTAGES

SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND HERE IN THE CHARLOTE AREA ARE DEALING WITH STAFF AND FOOD SHORTAGES. IT AFFECTS EVERYTHING FROM SCHOOL LUNCHES TO SCHOOL BUS RIDES. FOR MANY DISTRICTS, THE PROBLEM COMES DOWN TO A SHORTAGE FROM VENDORS WHO ARE RUNNING LOW ON DRIVERS TO DELIVER SCHOOL MEALS. LAWMAKERS INTRODUCED A BILL MEANT TO FILL OPEN POSITIONS IN SCHOOLS, ESPECIALLY IN RURAL COMMUNITIES.

JULY 5, 2021 6:00PM

NATIONAL COVID VACCINATION RATES LEAD THE CAROLINAS

THE CAROLINAS ARE TRAILING BEHIND NATIONAL VACCINE RATES. IN NORTH CAROLINA, 56% OF PEOPLE HAVE GOTTEN AT LEAST ONE DOSE AND 53% ARE FULLY VACCINATED. IN SOUTH CAROLINA, 48% HAVE GOTTEN ONE DOSE AND 42% HAVE GOTTEN BOTH DOSES.

JULY 8, 2021 6:00AM

U.S. HEALTH SECRETARY, GOVERNOR COOPER VISIT CHARLOTTE VACCINE CLINIC

PART OF THE EFFORT TO FIGHT COVID-19 IN OUR AREA INCLUDES NATIONAL HEALTH LEADERS COMING INTO OUR COMMUNITY TO SPREAD WORD ABOUT THE VACCINE. U.S. HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY XAVIER BECCERA AND GOVERNOR ROY COOPER CAME TO THE QUEEN CITY TO TOUR A VACCINE CLINIC AT THE CHARLOTTE TRANSIT CENTER. IN NORTH CAROLINA 43% OF PEOPLE ARE FULLY VACCINATED AND BOTH LEADERS HAVE IDEAS ON HOW TO GET THAT NUMBER UP. ONE THING THE STATE IS DOING IS HOLDING VACCINE CLINICS IN COMMUNITIES WHERE PEOPLE ARE MOST AT RISK.

JULY 9, 2021 5:00PM

SOUTH CAROLINA'S GOVERNOR WANTS DOOR-TO-DOOR COVID VACCINATIONS BANNED

SOUTH CAROLINA'S GOVERNOR WANTS TO BAN DOOR-TO-DOOR COVID VACCINATIONS IN SOME OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES. TODAY, GOVERNOR HENRY MCMASTER TOLD THE STATE HEALTH DEPARTMENT TO BAN THEM. HE SAYS IT'S A PERSONAL DECISION AND NOT UP TO THE STATE OR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SAYS IT HAS NEVER DONE ANY UNSOLICITED DOOR-TO-DOOR VISITS. IT OFFERS IN-HOME VACCINES WHEN REQUESTED BY THE PERSON GETTING THEIR SHOT.

JULY 13, 2021 5:00PM

NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN GETS THIRD DOSE OF PFIZER COVID VACCINE

HERE IN NORTH CAROLINA, ONE WOMAN HAS GOTTEN A THIRD DOSE OF THE PFIZER VACCINE. JOY MACH IS AN ORGAN DONOR RECIPIENT AND CANCER PATIENT, WHICH PROMPTED HER DOCTORS TO AGREE SHE NEEDED A BOOSTER. NOW SHE'S ABLE TO FINALLY SPEND TIME WITH HER GRANDKIDS. "WHAT I STOPPED DOING IS WEARING A MASK WHEN I'M WITH THEM," MACH SAID. "I HAVE ANTIBODIES NOW SO I DON'T HAVE TO WEAR A MASK WHEN I'M INSIDE." PFIZER AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS ARE STILL DISCUSSING WHETHER IMMUNOCOMPROMISED PEOPLE NEED A BOOSTER SHOT. NO VACCINE MAKER HAS GOTTEN FDA APPROVAL FOR A THIRD DOSE YET.

AUGUST 4, 2021 6:00PM

MEDIC IN CHARLOTTE TO REQUIRE ALL EMPLOYEES TO GET COVID VACCINE

TODAY WE LEARNED ALL EMPLOYEES OF "MEDIC" IN CHARLOTTE ARE REQUIRED TO BE FULLY VACCINATED BY OCTOBER 22. EMPLOYEES WHO WANT A RELIGIOUS OR MEDICAL EXEMPTION MUST SUBMIT A REQUEST BY SEPTEMBER 30.

AUGUST 11, 2021 11:00PM

COVID MEASURES TO BE IN PLACE AT CHARLOTTE CONCERN NEXT MONTH

IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND THE MAROON 5 CONCERT AT PNC MUSIC PAVILION IN NORTHEAST CHARLOTTE NEXT MONTH, SPECIAL COVID-19 SAFETY MEASURES WILL BE IN PLACE. AN ALERT ON TICKETMASTER SHOWS A REQUIRED HEALTH CHECK FOR THE CONCERT ON SEPTEMBER 8. OFFICIALS TOLD US THE BAND REQUESTED ATTENDEES SHOW PROOF OF VACCINATION OR A NEGATIVE COVID TEST WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE CONCERT. ATTENDEES ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED TO WEAR A MASK.

AUGUST 13, 2021 6:00AM

COVID OUTBREAK IN LOCAL MATERNITY WARD

CHANNEL NINE IS INVESTIGATING DOZENS OF WORKERS AT ATRIUM HEALTH IN PINEVILLE WHO HAVE NOW TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19. OFFICIALS TELL US THERE ARE 50 WORKERS AND 9 PATIENTS WHO HAVE TESTED POSITIVE. NOW THEY ARE WORKING ON A PLAN TO HANDLE AN INCREASE IN COVID HOSPITALIZATIONS WHILE ALSO WORKING WITH A SHORT STAFF. NORTH CAROLINA REPORTED YESTERDAY 2,409 PEOPLE ARE IN THE HOSPITAL FROM COVID. THAT'S 100 MORE THAN WEDNESDAY. OUR TINA TERRY SPENT ALL DAY THURSDAY DIGGING INTO THIS AND A NURSE SHE SPOKE WITH SAYS THE POSITIVE CASES ARE COMING FROM THE MATERNITY FLOOR. THE HOSPITAL WOULD NOT CONFIRM WHAT THE NURSE IS SAYING. BUT AFTER THE STATE CONFIRMED 35 OF THE 50 EMPLOYEES ARE VACCINATED, A DOCTOR DID NOTE GETTING THE SHOT COULD BE KEY TO KEEPING THIS FROM BECOMING A MUCH WORSE SITUATION. ALL OF THE POSITIVE TESTS SEQUENCED SO FAR ARE CONFIRMED TO BE THE DELTA VARIANT. THE HOSPITAL IS TRACKING WHO MAY HAVE BEEN A CLOSE CONTACT TO THE CLUSTER AND GOING TO PEOPLE'S HOMES TO TEST THEM SAFELY.

AUGUST 16, 2021 6:00AM

CHARLOTTE HEALTH CARE WORKERS SPEAK OUT AGAINST VACCINE MANDATES

IN CHARLOTTE, A GROUP OF HEALTH CARE WORKERS MARCHED IN FRONT OF NOVANT HEALTH SUNDAY TO SPEAK OUT AGAINST VACCINE MANDATES. THEY SAY THEY JUST WANT THEIR VOICES HEARD. "WE HAVE RESEARCHED THIS, WE ARE NURSES," SAID NURSE CARYN HELMS. "THERE ARE REASONS WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE THIS." BOTH ATRIUM AND HEALTH ARE REQUIRING EMPLOYEES BE VACCINATED IN THE NEXT TWO MONTHS.

SEPTEMBER 7, 2021 5:00PM

CHARLOTTE CITY WORKERS, STATE EMPLOYEES OPPOSE COVID VACCINE MANDATE

GROUPS REPRESENTING THOUSANDS OF STATE AND CITY WORKERS TOLD THE CHARLOTTE MAYOR AND CITY LEADERS THEY ARE OPPOSED TO A COVID VACCINE MANDATE. CHANNEL NINE RECEIVED THE LETTER WRITTEN LAST WEEK BY CHARLOTTE-MECKLENBURG FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE, CHARLOTTE FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION, AND THE UE150 CHARLOTTE CHAPTER, WHICH REPRESENTS CITY WORKERS. THE LETTER SAYS, IN PART, "WE UNDERSTAND HOW COVID HAS IMPACTED CHARLOTTE, BUT BELIEVE ALL MEDICAL DECISIONS SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL CHOICE." THE LETTER ALSO READS "GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES THAT IMPOSE MANDATES THAT GO AGAINST INDIVIDUAL BELIEFS AND RIGHTS ARE DANGEROUS AND SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED."

SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 6:00AM

RALEIGH PUTS PROMOTIONS ON HOLD FOR WORKERS WHO DON'T GET COVID VACCINE

IN OUR STATE CAPITAL, SOME WORKERS ARE BEING TOLD THEY WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR PROMOTIONS UNTIL THEY GET VACCINATED. RALEIGH HAS A VACCINE MANDATE FOR ALL WORKERS WHICH GOES INTO EFFECT THIS FRIDAY. IF THOSE WORKERS AREN'T VACCINATED, THEY HAVE TO SUBMIT TO WEEKLY TESTING. BUT OUR PARTNERS AT WTVD ARE REPORTING PROMOTIONS WILL ALSO BE PUT ON HOLD FOR THOSE WHO CHOOSE NOT TO GET THE SHOT.

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 6:00AM

MASK MANDATE NOW IN EFFECT FOR CHARLOTTE INDOOR WORSHIP SERVICES

IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO GO TO WEDNESDAY NIGHT WORSHIP IN CHARLOTTE, A MASK MANDATE IS NOW IN EFFECT FOR MECKLENBURG COUNTY. IT REQUIRES MASKS TO BE WORN INDOORS FOR ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES. YESTERDAY, GOVERNOR COOPER SAID HE PLANS TO REACH OUT TO ALL FAITH LEADERS ACROSS THE STATE, TO ASK THEM TO ENCOURAGE CHURCH MEMBERS TO GET THE VACCINE AND TO FIGHT MISINFORMATION.

SEPTEMBER 24, 2021 5:00PM

MECKLENBURG COUNTY LEADERS MAKE PLANS TO OFFER COVID-19 VACCINE BOOSTERS

MECKLENBURG COUNTY PLANS TO START GIVING OUT COVID VACCINE BOOSTER SHOTS TO THOSE ELIGIBLE ON MONDAY. THEY'LL BE AVAILABLE AT ALL PUBLIC HEALTH VACCINE SITES. MECKLENBURG COUNTY'S LATEST COVID DATA IS ENCOURAGING. THE NUMBER OF CASES, HOSPITALIZATIONS AND THE PERCENT OF POSITIVE TESTS HAVE ALL DROPPED OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS. THE PERCENT POSITIVE IS NOW 10.1%. THAT'S DOWN FROM 15.4% TWO AND A HALF WEEKS AGO. EARLIER THIS WEEK WE TOLD YOU MECKLENBURG COUNTY IS NOW REQUIRING UNVACCINATED COUNTY WORKERS TO UPLOAD PROOF THEY GOT A COVID-19 TEST AND NOT THE TEST RESULTS THEMSELVES. THIS COMES AFTER NEARLY 600 COUNTY WORKERS WERE SUSPENDED LAST WEEK FOR FAILING TO FOLLOW THE ORIGINAL GUIDELINES. AS OF TUESDAY, 86 WORKERS WERE STILL OFF THE JOB BECAUSE THEY HADN'T SUBMITTED ANY TESTING DOCUMENTATION. THE NEXT TESTING PERIOD IS FROM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, TO SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2.