

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

THE 26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA NCCOURTS.GOV

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26TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (MECKLENBURG COUNTY) CELEBRATES JURY SERVICE WITH ANNUAL JUROR APPRECIATION MONTH AND WEEK

Charlotte, NC – North Carolina Chief Justice Paul Newby has declared the month of July as Juror Appreciation Month in North Carolina. July is set aside each year to encourage all residents to applaud the efforts of jurors and raise awareness of the importance of jury service. Jurors support the justice system and fulfill this important civic responsibility on a daily basis. In Mecklenburg County, we are celebrating the Twenty-Third Annual Juror Appreciation Week on July 10th through July 14th. Several events will be held at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse in the Jury Assembly Room (5450) throughout the week.

Jury Appreciation Week will begin with an opening ceremony on <u>Monday, July 10th at 9:30 a.m.</u> and the reading of a Proclamation declaring July as the official Juror Appreciation Month. Court officials and personnel from different agencies in the Courthouse will serve as guest speakers during the week.

Food will be provided for jurors, as well as drawings for door prizes. Multiple drawings will be held each day during the week. Prizes have been donated from the following local businesses:

Andy's Frozen Custard Aveda Arts & Sciences Institute - Charlotte Backyard Birds Canteen Vending Crumbl Cookies – Midtown Fairfield Inn by Marriott, Q Tavern Food Lion – Mint Hill Harris Teeter – Matthews & Park Road Krispy Kreme Doughnuts – Cotswold Le Méridien – Charlotte Legion Brewing – West Morehead Little Village Grill – 4th Street Nothing Bundt Cakes – Matthews Park Road Books Southern Grace Distilleries, Inc. The Olde Mecklenburg Brewery (OMB) Tieks by Gavrieli Topgolf Charlotte Total Wine & More – Park Towne Village Trader Joe's – Charlotte (744) U.S. National Whitewater Center

"On behalf of the Branch, I want to express my appreciation to everyone who has served or is currently serving as a juror," said Chief Justice Newby. "We know that North Carolinians have very busy lives and that performing jury service involves sacrifice. But jury service allows citizens to directly participate in the administration of justice and provides a critical safeguard in a system dedicated to fair and impartial justice."

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