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**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

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I mentioned various transportation funding needs in my last email and it looks like we may be in for some good news on that front. When the North Carolina Board of Transportation meets on Thursday February 7, 2008, they will consider funding our highway lighting problems on I-77, I-85, I-277, and I-485. Hopefully, this funding will be allocated and we will get these much needed repairs done.

As for the drought, we were blessed with more rain than expected for December and January, but we are still in an extreme drought condition. Every little bit that you can save now will help when demand escalates in the spring. Please do your part to conserve. I recently bought rain barrels through the county and thought I would pass along information on the next sale.

Saturday, April 19, 2008: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Pick up: Ray's Splash Planet - 215 N. Sycamore Street  
Deadline to order: Monday, April 7, 2008

Customers are welcome to access Mecklenburg Soil and Water Conservation District's website at <http://www.charmeck.org/rainbarrelsale>

Finally, I will be participating in the Emerging Issues Forum conference on North Carolina's Energy Futures: Realizing a State of Opportunity later in the month. This is a unique and timely forum to discuss the economic development opportunities before us as North Carolina and the world adjust to a new energy economy. If you are interested in attending go to <http://www.ncsu.edu/iei/forum/2008/>

Please feel free to contact us with any concerns or comments you may have. We look forward to hearing from you. You can reach us at our Raleigh number at

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Best wishes,  
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"The charity that is a trifle to us can be precious to others."  
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