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March 10th

Please join us for our Monthly Business Meeting
on **Thursday, March 10th**

GUEST SPEAKER: John Moll
Crystal Stream Technologies

John will be discussing
the short-term and long-term use of MTD's
(Manufactured Treatment Devices)
as storm water treatment systems

www.crystalstream.com

Thursday, March 10, 2016

Market on Main
535 Main Ave SW
Hickory, NC 28602

Social Hour: 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Dinner & Meeting: 6:30 PM

Dinner Menu: *TBD*

**PLEASE REGISTER/RSVP NO LATER
THAN TUESDAY, March 8th!**

**Bring a guest/potential member
and let them see the benefits of PCEA! ****
(Guest Registration is FREE)

Register online at:
www.pcea-catawbavalley.org

UPCOMING PCEA EVENTS

**March 10th –Monthly
Business Meeting**

**April 14th–Monthly
Business Meeting**

**May 12th- Monthly
Business Meeting**

**June 9th- Monthly
Business Meeting**

**July—Annual Family
Day Outing**



HEALTH & HAPPINESS

If YOU Would like to volunteer for 2016-17 Board of Directors or an officer position please contact a Board Member today.

Please send any Health & Happiness to
Teresa Cottrell,
Catawba County Building Inspections



North Carolina Economic Forecast Looks Positive For 2016

By [Leoneda Inge](#) • Jan 7, 2016

Business leaders, bankers and policy-makers gathered in Research Triangle Park for the annual Economic Forecast Forum sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association and the North Carolina Chamber.

Economists say North Carolina has a lot to be proud of. It no longer has one of the highest unemployment rates in the country or the highest income tax and corporate tax in the southeast.

Governor Pat McCrory told the crowd of 800 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel, wages are up and so is job growth.

Leoneda Inge reports on North Carolina 2016 Economic Outlook.

"We've seen an incredible rebound in the economy in North Carolina. In almost every sector of business we have seen almost double digit increases," said McCrory.

The state economy has also experienced an eight percent increase in manufacturing and a six percent jump in construction.

"Which we would have never dreamed of three or four years ago," said McCrory.

Like in previous years, most of the good news is in large metro areas, except for Hickory and Fayetteville, which lost jobs.

McCrory said one of the challenges facing the economy in struggling parts of the state is a "skills shortage," especially in IT, construction, welding, electricians and in health care.

Still economists say 2015 was a banner year for the state and they expect even better economic results in 2016.

NC State Economist Mike Walden says North Carolina's job growth numbers out-paced the nation. And the labor force grew dramatically.

"We grew six times faster in terms of our labor force, which means people coming in looking for work. People moving from other states here. That is one of the reasons our unemployment rate actually went up for a while in summer and fall. But overall we moved ahead," said Walden.

Walden says he sees "no" recession for 2016, better jobs, and continued economic growth.

"The main reason I'm saying that is a technical point called household formation," said Walden. All of those young people that graduated from college and did not get a job and lived in their parent's basement, I think they are going to start to get jobs and increasingly move out."

Harry Davis is chief economist for the North Carolina Bankers Association and Professor of Finance at Appalachian State University. He says the jobs will come.

"We'll grow around 90,000 to 100,000 jobs this year. That will push the unemployment rate down to the lower 5.2, 5.3 percent, something like that, which is a much better rate than we've got right this minute," said Davis.

For more details this article was found on [wunc.org](#) website.

PLEASE COME OUT TO THE MONTHLY
BUSINESS MEETING & LEARN FROM OUR
GUEST SPEAKER: JOHN MOLL
CRYSTAL STREAM TECHNOLOGIES



CrystalStream Technologies

<http://crystalstream.com/>

CrystalStream Technologies is an innovator in the field of structural best management practices (or BMPs). Using sound engineering principles and common sense, practical approaches to problem-solving, CrystalStream has created a cost-effective BMP that scales to virtually any site. Whether your flows are 1 CFS or 100 CFS, CrystalStream can design a solution that fits. Our products are customized to each location to ensure your stormwater runoff is clean to the standards of the local jurisdiction.

Extensive third-party testing has shown CrystalStream Technologies to be effective for handling non-point source (NPS) pollutants. The EPA's Environmental Technology Verification (ETV) unit has published data that many jurisdictions rely on for approving our device. Learn more about our company, products, and customers using the menus below, and contact us to discuss your upcoming projects.

Our customers are not just engineers looking for a solution to code requirements. We believe in an end-to-end approach from municipal permitting to engineer understanding to contractor acceptance to end-user maintenance. With all parties involved with the selection and installation of a structural BMP, long-term pollution control can be achieved.

Board of Directors Meeting Dates
(Please Save these Dates)

March 30th
April 27th
May 25th
June 29th
July 27th
August 31st



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