**THE CITY OF WILMINGTON IS EXTENDING THE "DOWNTOWN ALIVE" INITIATIVE FOR THE SECOND TIME.**

 **THE OUTDOOR ON-STREET DINING END DATE IS NOW MID-October.**

 **EXTENDING THE PROGRAM WILL COST MORE... SO AT LAST NIGHT'S CITY COUNCIL MEETING..... ORGANIZERS PROPOSED USING FUNDS ORIGINALLY MEANT FOR THE CITY'S CANCELED FOURTH OF July FIREWORKS DISPLAY.**

 **THAT MONEY -- ALONG WITH FUNDS FROM THE DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ALLIANCE AND DONATIONS FROM PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS -- WILL FUND THE PROGRAM THROUGH October 18TH AND POSSIBLE FUTURE EXTENSION.**

 **IT WAS ORIGINALLY SUPPOSED TO END ON LABOR DAY.**

**NEW HANOVER COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES HAS A NEW PERSON IN CHARGE.**

 **THE COUNTY APPOINTED Donna Fayko AS ITS AGENCY DIRECTOR.**

 **FAYKO WILL BE THE FIRST AGENCY DIRECTOR SINCE THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENTS CONSOLIDATED LAST July.**

 **FAYKO COMES TO NEW HANOVER COUNTY BY WAY OF ROWAN COUNTY..... WHERE SHE'S BEEN THE DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE PAST EIGHT YEARS.**

 **BEFORE THAT--- SHE SERVED MECKLENBURG COUNTY'S YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES.**

 **FAYKO STARTS October SIXTH.**

**STARTING TODAY -- TRYON PALACE IS EXTENDING ITS HOURS.**

 **VISITORS WILL NOW BE ABLE TO VISIT THE GARDENS SEVEN DAYS A WEEK.... FROM TEN IN THE MORNING TO FIVE EVERY EVENING.... Monday THROUGH Saturday.... AND NOON TO FIVE ON Sunday.**

 **THE HISTORIC HOMES-- THE NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY CENTER AND THE PALACE WILL REMAIN CLOSED TO FOLLOW THE GOVERNOR'S REOPENING ORDERS OF CONTINUING PHASE TWO.**

 **TO KEEP THE HISTORY ALIVE-- THE PALACE HAS OUTDOOR HISTORIC INTERPRETERS TO GIVE DEMONSTRATIONS OF COLONIAL LIVING.**

 **THE STAFF IS WORKING ON ADDING NEW EXPERIENCES FOR GUESTS.**

 **TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE WAYSTATION OR ONLINE.**

**THE F-D-A GIVES THE GO AHEAD FOR A NEW... INEXPENSIVE WAY OF PROCESSING COVID-19 TESTS.**

 **HOW THE NON-INVASIVE POSSIBLE BREAK-THROUGH COULD HELP IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE VIRUS.**

**AND DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE LATEST EPISODE OF "TYING IT TOGETHER WITH TIM BOYUM".**

 **TIM AND PRODUCER BEN MCNEELY SIT DOWN WITH U-S REPRESENTATIVE DAVID PRICE.**

**PRICE TALKS ABOUT HELPING LEAD THE TEAM THAT CREATED THE 'SUPERDELEGATE' SYSTEM IN DEMOCRATIC POLITICS..... AND PLAYING A ROLE IN DECIDING WHICH STATES GO FIRST IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES.**

 **THEY DISCUSS WHETHER IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE IN CONVENTIONS..... AND HOW NOMINEES ARE PICKED.**

 **YOU CAN FIND THE CONVERSATION -- AND ALL PREVIOUS EPISODES -- BY SEARCHING "TYING IT TOGETHER WITH TIM BOYUM" ON SPECTRUM LOCAL NEWS DOT COM OR ANY PODCAST APP.**