



Dear Stephen,

The word is out – the [Knight Cities Challenge](#) will open for ideas on Oct. 10! The challenge seeks ideas that make Charlotte and the other 25 communities where Knight invests more vibrant places to live and work. What’s your best idea to make Charlotte more successful? Applicants can win a share of \$5 million for innovative projects that answer that question. Learn more on how to submit at upcoming [local information sessions](#).

Save the date for:

- [Knight Cities Challenge](#): Open for submissions Oct. 10 to Nov. 3. Local information sessions will take place Oct. 13, Oct. 19, Nov. 1
- [Open Streets 704](#): Second edition will take place on Oct. 23

Check out these upcoming events:

- **September 1, 19:** [OnQ Productions](#) features [an evening with Paul Carter Harrison](#), Black theater legend, and continues its new monthly series “[Mo Betta](#).”
- **September 2-3:** Charlotte Lit presents [Fall into the Words](#), a conference featuring a community conversation, writing workshops and a celebration/poetry reading.
- **September 3:** Are you a music lover? Join [Hip Hop Orchestrated](#) at their first interest meeting to help create shared experiences that bridge the divide between the audiences of hip hop and orchestral music.
- **September 6, 13, 20, 27:** Help code your way to a better Charlotte every Tuesday evening at Code for Charlotte’s [Hack Night Meetup](#).
- **September 7:** At the [Digital Charlotte Meetup](#), come meet the NTEN Digital Inclusion Fellows of past (2015) and present (2016) and interact with the Charlotte Digital Inclusion community.
- **September 7, 21:** Meet and greet local Charlotte artists and 2016 winners of [ArtPop](#) at [Art + Aperitif](#) each first and third Wednesday.
- **September 9:** Share a Southern-style community table dinner at [ASC’s](#)

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- **September 14:** [Sustain Charlotte's monthly mixer](#), featuring guest speakers including [Pop Up Produce](#).
- **September 16-17:** [SOUL JUNCTION](#), an inaugural musical festival in Historic West End produced by Charlotte Center City Partners and OnQ Productions.
- **September 16-25:** Welcoming America celebrates [Welcome Week](#), an annual series of events to bring together immigrants and U.S. born residents.
- **September 17:** Enjoy a family friendly bike ride with [Queen City Joyride](#) from Frazier Park to Blue Blaze Brewery and King of Pops.
- **September 20:** Attend the [Urban Forestry Summit](#), a reception and interactive discussion hosted by UNC Charlotte Urban Institute and TreesCharlotte.

Continue to stay connected to our newsletter to learn of upcoming opportunities to submit your ideas, find ways to collaborate and to ignite positive change in Charlotte.

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