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## Coming together as a community in Charlotte

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Dear Sarah,

The killing of George Floyd, who was born in Fayetteville, has resonated across the country, including here in Charlotte. His death was a violent injustice — one that is all too common in America. We're saddened, heartbroken, and painfully reminded of the continuing impact of racism in the places we live. As a foundation committed to helping build equitable and inclusive communities, Knight Foundation stands in solidarity with the people of Charlotte and of cities across the country as they work to fight racism and build communities where everyone can engage, prosper and thrive.

Participating in the civic life of Charlotte can take many forms. Here are some opportunities we've heard about to safely engage and advance Charlotte.

### Funding Opportunity

The COVID-19 Response Fund application is open for the next round of funding. Eligibility information and the application can be [found here](#).

### Programming and Events

#### Joyride: A Drive for Goodyear Arts

*Saturday, June 6 and Sunday, June 7*

*\*Note: This event is currently full to capacity, but you can join a waitlist*

To join the waiting list for the Joyride experience, you can donate to Goodyear Arts. If additional spaces become available, the organizers will reach out to donors. The event allows guests of Camp North End to experience art activations from local artists from the Goodyear Arts Collective from the safety of their cars. Learn more and [join the waitlist here](#).

#### JazzArts Charlotte: Conversations with Curtis — Hoffman and Kriss

8:00 p.m. ET, Tuesday, June 9

[Register here.](#)

Hosted by Curtis Davenport, this weekly conversation features interviews and performances with internationally renowned Israeli jazz musicians Amos Hoffman and Itai Kriss. Learn about their latest musical projects during these ever changing times.

### **Virtual Workshop: Bringing Protected Bike Lanes to Charlotte**

5:00 p.m. ET, Wednesday, June 10

[Register here.](#)

Join [Sustain Charlotte](#) for its first virtual Shifting Gears session. Participants will learn more about plans to build the Uptown CycleLink, a network of bike lanes for people of all ages and abilities.

### **On The Table CLT - Community Check In/Check Out**

5:30 p.m. ET, Wednesday, June 10

[Register here.](#)

On the Table CLT is a community-wide civic engagement initiative comprised of dialogues aimed at connecting individuals, identifying community goals and effectuation positive change. Each year, community input is recorded to help inform next steps.

### **Knight School Teaching Academy discussion groups**

Multiple times, Wednesday, June 24

[See times & register here.](#)

The Knight School of Communication and its [Digital Charlotte](#) initiative are hosting these discussion groups to help recruit teachers from Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Lincoln, Union and Gaston Counties. The academy provides an opportunity to share online teaching experiences (from Spring 2020) and to foster digital literacy skills of K-12 educators.

**The City of Charlotte** has launched a [Training On Demand](#) page to provide communication strategies for neighborhood organizations, including sessions centered on COVID-19. Additional trainings include:

- [How to Start a Neighborhood Association](#)
- [Digital Communications for Neighborhood Groups](#)
- [Digital Meetings for Neighborhoods](#)

### **Take the 2020 Census**

Your voice matters and needs to be counted. Please remember to complete the [U.S. Census](#).

Continue to stay connected to our newsletter to learn of upcoming opportunities to submit ideas, find ways to collaborate and to ignite positive change in Charlotte. Invite your friends and colleagues [to sign up](#) for this monthly email.

Stay safe,

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