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Healing through art

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TOP STORY



'Beauty for Ashes': Artists seek to honor 4 killed in shooting on Beatties Ford Road

As families began to bury those killed in last week's shooting on Beatties Ford Road, local artists gathered near the scene on Friday to brainstorm ways to honor those who died.

They spoke of creating artistic projects – planters, mosaics or murals – that would be inspired by the lives of the four young victims.

J'Tanya Adams, who heads Historic West End Partners, said she hopes the artwork will speak not only of the lives needlessly lost but also of “the strength of our culture and our community.”

“Somebody didn’t have the right heart motives, and they took some lives. We’re going to overcome hate with some love,” she said.

[Read our full article.](#) [Glenn H. Burkins]

ASKED & ANSWERED



Can individuals contribute to Crime Stoppers reward?

In the wake of Monday's mass shooting, where four people died and at least 10 others were injured, police investigators are still trying to reconstruct the sequence of events and identify suspects.

A reader wrote to West Side Connect asking whether individuals can contribute to the \$5,000 reward offered by Crime Stoppers:

Yes, you can, say CMPD detective Adrian Johnson, who coordinates Crime Stoppers.

1. Via the [Crime Stoppers](#) website.

2. By mail: Checks can be made out to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Crime Stoppers and sent to P.O. Box 34392, Charlotte, NC 28234-4392.

3. By PayPal: Donations should be entered as a gift and not a payment for services. Also, if the payment is for a particular case:

Indicate which case in the notes;

The amount for the reward;

How long you want the reward to last;

Plans for the reward money if no arrest is made. For example, donate the money to Crime Stoppers, extend the reward time frame, or return the donation.

Need help? Contact Crime Stoppers treasurer Nic Mathias at Nic.Mathias@CohnReznick.com.

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[Center City Small Business Innovation Fund grant application process is open](#)

Small businesses in Historic West End impacted by the pandemic can now apply for grants up to \$40,000. The fund is designed to help small businesses in and around Uptown innovate and adapt to the new economic realities. Priority for grants will be given to businesses owned by minorities, women and veterans.

Businesses that received funds from Covid-19 relief programs are still eligible for this fund. The **deadline** to apply for this first round is July 10; applicants will be notified of their status by Aug. 1.

ICYMI

[City of Charlotte donates \\$2M to YMCA summer programs for teens](#)

The money will fund the YMCA's Level Up program, which supports kids aged 13 to 18, at McCrorey YMCA, Keith Family YMCA, Simmons YMCA, and Stratford Richardson YMCA. The program is free. A portion of the money will go to My Brother's Keeper, an organization that mentors young black men. (WSOC)

[Preservationists help save 'very important component' of Black history in Charlotte](#)

A former Black-owned grocery store in Washington Heights that dates to the 1920s is slated to be sold to a local preservation group, which will then sell it with preservation easements so future owners cannot destroy the historic building. (Charlotte Observer)

[Touting self-sufficiency, Ben Carson adds west Charlotte nonprofit to federal program](#)

HUD Secretary Ben Carson visited Charlotte on Thursday to designate Renaissance West Community Initiative a member of his administration's economic self-sufficiency program. (WBTV)

EVENTS

Due to North Carolina's stay-at-home order, many in-person events have been postponed or canceled. If you have virtual events to share, please submit them to our [events calendar](#).

MONDAY, 6 p.m.

[Voters & Floaters](#): A virtual voter registration drive that also features a conversation with current and former athletes Muggsy Bogues, Isaiah Thomas, Spudd Webb and Kyle Lowry. Moderated by CNN political commentator Bakari Sellers.

TUESDAY, 7 p.m.

[Unmasked: A Future With Defunded Police](#): Join panelists representing local government, activism and public safety to examine the meaning of defunding and how it will impact the city of Charlotte.

JULY 9, 8 p.m.

[Keep Jazz A-Live-Streaming Live from Crown](#): Join JazzArts Charlotte's virtual live music series with the Lovell Bradford Trio, playing their version of some favorite jazz standards plus a few of their own compositions.

JULY 23

[Virtual Volunteer Open House](#): Join West Charlotte Land Trust for a virtual volunteer open house to see how you can be apart of developing permanently affordable housing.

Got an event you'd like to post? [Click here to get started](#).

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