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TOP STORY

City leaders explore ways to curb violence on Beatties Ford Road

Malcolm Graham, who represents Historic West End on the Charlotte City Council, said he has grown impatient with the crime and violence on Beatties Ford Road.

A last week's city council meeting, he demanded that city officials take immediate action.

"We only expect one thing on Beatties Ford Road, and that is to protect and serve everybody and treat the corridor as though it was SouthPark," he said.

In the last month, five people -- including a 14-year-old boy -- have lost their lives to gun violence on the corridor.

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At tomorrow's council meeting, CMPD Chief Johnny Jennings and City Manager Marcus Jones are expected to address Graham's concerns.

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

Also read: [A father's pain: Two men speak out after losing their only sons in Beatties Ford Road shooting](#)

DEVELOPMENT



Black architects, interior designers sought for Excelsior Club redevelopment

The new owners of the historic Excelsior Club are seeking Black architects and interior designers to help redevelop and revive the historic site.


In January, California-based Kenwood Investments paid \$1.35 million to purchase the building, with an [additional \\$250,000 kicked in](#) from the city, county, the Knight Foundation and Foundation For The Carolinas.

On Tuesday, CEO Darius Anderson said the project will hire a “dream team” of Black architects over the next two months to develop concepts for the remodeling of the Excelsior Club. Plans also include building a boutique hotel on the property.


[Read our full story.](#) [Katrina Louis]

HEALTH


If you leave home, know your Ws !



WEAR
a cloth face covering.



WAIT
6 feet apart and
avoid close contact.



WASH
your hands often or
use hand sanitizer

How is Covid-19 impacting your neighborhood?

African Americans account for 14.5% of confirmed coronavirus cases in Mecklenburg County, according to [health department data](#) reported on July 8.

In west Charlotte, 21% of Mecklenburg's confirmed cases on Friday (14,157) were in these four zip codes based on [state data](#).

28208: 664 cases | **28214:** 574 cases
28216: 681 cases | **28217:** 1,059 cases

Play it safe: Face coverings are now required indoors and outdoors where 6-foot physical-distancing is not possible. Free masks are being provided at locations around town, thanks to a private-public partnership lead by Atrium Health. The [list](#) is updated as locations are added. Below are some neighborhood locations:

Stratford Richardson YMCA, 1946 West Blvd., Monday-Saturday: 6 to 11:30 p.m.

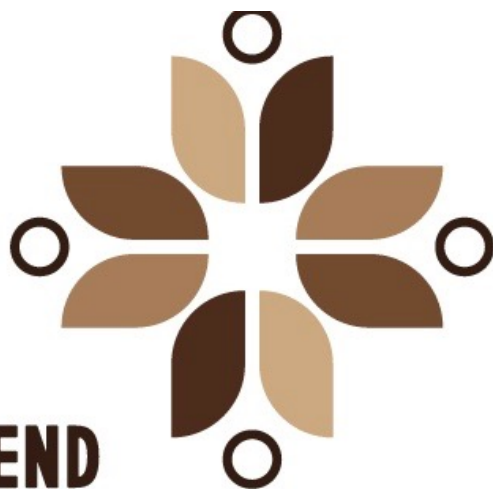
McCrorey YMCA, 3801 Beatties Ford Road, Monday-Friday: 7 a.m. to noon, 5 to 11:30 p.m., Saturday: 6 to 11:30 p.m.

Brewers at 4001 Yancey, 4001-A Yancey Road, Monday-Thursday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday-Saturday: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday: Noon to 8 p.m.

Olde Mecklenburg Brewery, 4150 Yancey Road,, Sunday-Thursday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday-Saturday: 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Find a testing site: [By address or zip code](#) | [Pop-up events](#)

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WEST END HUETIFUL CELEBRATION

[Huetiful Celebration brings West End together to celebrate the Black community.](#)

The festival, from 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Saturday, celebrates the community in all of its beautiful hues. The event is designed to empower Historic West End communities and fellow Charlotteans to stand in solidarity against racial injustice and inequity. (Historic West End)

[JCSU cancels in-person homecoming due to coronavirus concerns](#)

School officials point to negative Covid-19 trends and data as reason. Rescheduled in-person commencement for Class of 2020 is also canceled.

[New flex development in west Charlotte to recall 'Little Pittsburgh'](#)

The site of what was once known as "Little Pittsburgh" in west Charlotte will soon have new development that intends to recall its steel manufacturing history. (Charlotte Business Journal)

[Crosland Southeast, Barings to develop affordable housing in west Charlotte](#)

The firms will build a 156-unit development called Evoke Living at Westerly Hills. (Charlotte Business Journal)

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, 6.30 p.m.

[Virtual Pride Week 2.0](#): Get Your Body Right! with sound therapy,

meditation & cardio exercise. Enjoy more events celebrating Charlotte's Black LGBTQ community though July 18.

THURSDAY, 1 p.m.

[“Baldwin & Wilson” Black Playwrights – Theatre Workshop](#): A free online workshop using the plays of African American playwrights James Baldwin and August Wilson takes place Tuesdays and Thursdays through Aug. 13.

FRIDAY, 6 p.m.

[Beatties Ford Mural Installation Celebration](#): The first [#WeStrong](#) Beatties Ford Mural art installation celebration! Expect KNOWLEDGE, creatives, activist, LOVE, free music, food and fam! Bring a chair and a mask!

FRIDAY, 7 p.m.

[Jazz at the Bechtler](#): This live streamed concert by Ziad Jazz Quartet is free of charge to watch, but you need to RSVP by Thursday and then you'll receive the link at noon, Friday.

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

We're listening

Who's doing good work along the West End corridor? [Drop us a line](#). We love to spotlight people who are making a difference.

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