

HNS Newsletter - Training & Engagement Opportunities: 05/27/2021



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Upcoming Events and Engagement Opportunities

Police-Community Relations Awards Watch Party - May 28, 7 p.m.

Grab your popcorn and join the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department on Friday, May 28 at 7 p.m. for the official Police-Community Relations Awards Watch Party. Established in 1979, this awards program promotes and expresses the community's appreciation for police officers who have made an outstanding contribution to the improvement of police-community relations. The 41st annual awards ceremony will be streamed on the City's [GOV Channel](#) and [YouTube](#). It's sure to be a great event for the entire family! For questions, please contact Donna Murrell at Donna.Murrell@charlottenc.gov.

Neighborhood Board Retreat - Apply by June 18

Applications are now open for our next Neighborhood Board Retreat! The purpose of the Neighborhood Board Retreat is to help neighborhood and business associations assess the current state of their community, identify and prioritize strategic goals, create action plans and improve quality of life in Charlotte's neighborhoods. The retreat is an opportunity for you to connect with your neighbors and work together to bring about positive change.

While we do hope to be back in-person soon, retreats will be virtual. Each neighborhood will receive a customized, interactive workshop delivered via Zoom to help support your efforts and

help facilitate conversations around topics that are important to you and your neighborhood. You must have at least five (5) participants from your neighborhood or business association register in order for your application to be considered. In addition to current board members, participating organizations are encouraged to invite neighbors, business owners, school representatives and nonprofit partners that may help you achieve your goals. Each participant should complete a separate application.

The [application](#) is available online and will only take a few minutes. Capacity for the retreat is limited and neighborhoods will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis with priority given to first-time attendees. The deadline to apply is June 18. Individual neighborhood retreats will begin mid-July at a date and time agreed upon by the group.

Visit our [website](#) to learn more about the Neighborhood Board Retreat. You can also view past [neighborhood summaries](#) to learn what other Charlotte neighborhoods have identified as priorities for their communities.

Get up to 25K for your neighborhood – Apply by June 1

The Neighborhood Matching Grants Program (NMG) awards up to \$25,000 to eligible, neighborhood-based organizations to complete projects, including art, beautification, signage, festivals, sustainability, safety improvements, community gardens, recreational features and more. Over 97% of requests are funded - your neighborhood could be next! Organizations match funds received with at least 50% volunteer labor. The remaining match may be in the form of more volunteer labor, cash, or in-kind donations.

To get started, review program guidelines, eligibility requirements and workshop presentations [online](#). For questions, contact Jackie Clare at jackie.clare@charlottenc.gov or 704-336-7846.

Conflict Management Workshop Series

Conflict is all around us -- in our relationships, on the job, at school, and in our neighborhoods. How we choose to deal with conflict often reflects our life experiences. Effective conflict management is an essential skill needed to navigate challenging conversations and situations. In this workshop series, you'll learn personal, professional, and intercultural conflict management strategies.

Building your Conflict Resolution Toolbox (June 3) – During this training, a compilation of tools, techniques, best practice and professional knowledge will be presented. You'll learn how to use these tools to diffuse difficult situations and have effective conversations so all individuals involved can be heard and understood.

A High-level Introduction to Mediation (June 10) – Mediation is a process where participants communicate and discuss possible resolutions to resolve a conflict that may be causing elevated

tension or miscommunication. Participants will be using their conflict resolution toolbox in combination with mediation skills to find a win-win solution. NOTE: This training is not the full certified training module to become a CRC Volunteer mediator.

Do you know your neighbor? (June 17) – Charlotte has rich culture and diversity in its community. Participants will learn how to embrace this diversity and develop partnership relationships with fellow community members.

All workshops will be held from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. and will take place via Zoom. [Registration](#) is required. All registrants will receive login information via email by noon the day of the training.

Charlotte City Walks

Charlotte City Walks has returned for their ninth year, offering people the chance to get back outside in the Queen City and learn about Charlotte's history, architecture and more through more than 15 free, self-guided walks. This year's walks are flexible, allowing people to explore the city on their own timeline with self-guided tours. Unlike previous City Walks, there's no need to register and no limits on ticket availability. City Walks encourages people to follow safety precautions, including wearing masks and staying six feet away from people outside their group while touring.

In a city growing by 44 residents a day, Charlotte City Walks give newcomers and long-time residents alike the chance to learn about their community and explore issues affecting it, including equity, affordable housing, development and transportation.

Surveys from past Charlotte City Walks show that participants often change their attitudes and behaviors after attending a walk, including being inspired to explore other neighborhoods, returning to a neighborhood they'd never visited before the walk and patronizing businesses they learned about through a walk.

To see the full list of Charlotte City Walks and access free walk guides, visit the [Charlotte City Walks website](#). Follow Charlotte City Walks on Twitter at [@unccui](#) and on Facebook at [@citywalksclt](#).

For your consideration

[Amid Pandemic, Gracious Hands Still Helps Charlotte Women Find New Homes](#)

[City, Mecklenburg County Launch Alternatives to Violence Program](#)

[17 Graduates of Charlotte's RENEW HVAC Program Quickly Find Jobs and Interviews](#)



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