

## HNS Newsletter: Training & Engagement Opportunities: 08/10/2021



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### Upcoming Events and Engagement Opportunities

#### Could Your Neighborhood Use \$25k? Apply for a Neighborhood Matching Grant by September 1st!

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 and eligibility requirements [online](#) and register for an upcoming pre-application workshop (workshop participation is required):

- Friday, August 13, 12 - 1 p.m.
- Monday, August 16, 6 - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, August 18, 12 - 1 p.m.

Workshops will be presented using the Zoom online meeting platform. Access instructions will be provided to registered attendees prior to the workshop. [Register](#) to attend a workshop.

Questions? Please contact Jackie Clare at [jackie.clare@charlottenc.gov](mailto:jackie.clare@charlottenc.gov) or 704-336-7846.

#### Eviction Moratorium: Updates and Resources

On August 3, the CDC reinstated the [eviction moratorium](#) for areas with "high" and "substantial" community transmission of COVID-19. This includes Mecklenburg County. Although this new order temporarily halts evictions in these hotspots, on August 23, Mecklenburg County Courts plan to resume hearings for the backlog of some eviction cases. See below for a list of City resources and additional local resources available to those who need rental, mortgage, and/or utility assistance.

#### RAMP CLT

Households at risk of eviction and that otherwise need help with rent, mortgage or utilities due to a COVID-19 hardship are encouraged to apply for assistance through the City's emergency housing assistance program, RAMP CLT, by visiting [rampclt.com](http://rampclt.com).

- All RAMP CLT applicants who have an eviction court date scheduled within 90 days of their application are placed in the Priority 1 category, which is the highest priority.
- DreamKey Partners has increased staff in order to accommodate the increased volume of application activity. RAMP CLT representatives will also be at the courthouse to assist those facing eviction when hearings resume.
- To assist as many households as possible, the maximum amount of assistance available will cover any arrears and up to three months' rent forward.

#### Community Relations Dispute Settlement Program

The City's [Dispute Settlement Program](#) (DSP) offers free mediation services with a trained, neutral third party (mediators) who work with landlords and tenants to reach an agreement. This provides an opportunity to express concerns, interests and needs in a confidential setting, and provides an avenue for paying restitution for damages, losses or rent, with the goal of helping tenants avoid eviction.

- Tenants and Landlords can call the Landlord-Tenant Line at (704) 336-5330 or [visit the Dispute Settlement Program website](#) for more information.
- When eviction hearings resume, DSP staff and volunteer mediators will attend court in-person to provide mediation and conciliation services.

#### Additional Community Resources

- Legal Aid of North Carolina has updated their website to include [additional information and resources](#) regarding the eviction moratorium.
- Additional assistance information is available on [rampclt.com](#), including mediation and legal services, non-COVID related rent and utility assistance, food and nutrition, childcare assistance, public health WIC, child support, and general health and human services information.
- Crisis Assistance Ministry is using their [housing navigators](#) to help connect at-risk households to available community rental assistance.

#### **Charlotte Needs Your Input on its New Citywide Transportation Plan**

The City of Charlotte is preparing a Strategic Mobility Plan to support and implement the "safe and equitable" mobility goal from the recently adopted 2040 Comprehensive Plan. The Charlotte Strategic Mobility Plan team is hosting a series of Neighborhood Listening Sessions to collect public input on the development of the plan. The Neighborhood Listening Sessions will begin on August 16th. All listening sessions will be virtual and are intended to collect early public input for the Strategic Mobility Plan process.

Visit the [Charlotte Strategic Mobility Plan](#) for more details and information. We're looking forward to learning more from you about your vision for the future of transportation in Charlotte!

#### **Free Recycling Educational Presentations for Residents**

Wishful recycling (placing items in recycling that is actually garbage) costs Mecklenburg County over \$1.9M per year. Those costs arise from the special processing cost that the County pays to separate the unacceptable materials out of the recycling stream and then the cost to transport and dump the ill-placed objects (trash) into the landfill. Unfortunately, wishful recycling is growing each year and more contaminants are entering our local recycling stream. Every household in Mecklenburg county is encouraged to be familiar with this [Recycling Mini Guide](#) to ensure only the correct items are placed in curbside recycling bins.

In addition, [Mecklenburg County Solid Waste Program](#) is offering *FREE* recycling educational presentations. The interactive virtual presentations are typically 45-60 minutes in length. There is always ample time for discussion and questions at the end. Please register for an upcoming presentation and share these registration links with your networks widely:

Tuesday, September 28 at 12 p.m.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/RecycleRightSept28>

Thursday, October 21 at 4 p.m.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/RecycleRightOct21>

Monday, November 15 at 12 p.m. to celebrate America Recycles Day

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/RecycleRightNov15>

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#### **For your consideration**

[Animal Care & Control Implements a New Pet License Program](#)

[Charlotte to Use Job Survey Data to Increase Employment Opportunities](#)



**Housing & Neighborhood Services**

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