

# HNS Newsletter: Training and Engagement Newsletter

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**HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES**

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## Upcoming Events and Engagement Opportunities

### Job & Career Readiness Training

The Youth Programs team at Housing & Neighborhood Services provides 16 to 24 year old residents with the opportunity to participate in career readiness training free of charge. This virtual experience covers job readiness, interview preparation and essential skills. This training is the first required step an interested student must take in order to pursue Mayor's Youth Employment Program (MYEP) eligibility.

To attend Job & Career Readiness Training, students must:

- Be 16 on or before April 15, 2022
- Be enrolled as a current student in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools or reside in the City of Charlotte
- Be available on the training date that is specified for your school

Youth Programs has also partnered with Central Piedmont Community College to provide participants with the opportunity to earn one free college credit for completing training.

Students must [register](#) to participate. The deadline to register is September 24.

If you have questions, please contact Omar Crenshaw, Youth Programs Specialist, at [omar.crenshaw@charlottenc.gov](mailto:omar.crenshaw@charlottenc.gov).

### **Apply to Join the Mayor's Mentoring Alliance Advisory Board**

The Mayor's Mentoring Alliance (MMA) is currently accepting applications for prospective members to join the MMA Advisory Board for fiscal year 2022. The application will remain open until August 30, at 11:59 p.m.

This position is a two-year term and may be appointed to serve a second term at the discretion of the City of Charlotte and the MMA Executive Committee, not to exceed three consecutive terms. Board members must commit at least two to four hours a month to attend the Advisory Board and Committee meetings, and events as needed and abide by the MMA Advisory Board Attendance Policy.

For your application to be considered, you must complete the [application form](#) and attach your resume by Monday, August 30, by 11:59 p.m. The application is powered by Google and may require a Gmail account. If you experience any technical difficulty, please email [mentoring@charlottenc.gov](mailto:mentoring@charlottenc.gov) for assistance.

### **Could Your Neighborhood Use \$25k? Apply for a Neighborhood Matching Grant by September 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 and eligibility requirements [online](#).

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

### **Tree Care Grant Workshop - Wednesday, September 1 | 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

Charlotte takes pride in having one of the most expansive tree canopies in the country. We couldn't achieve this without the hard work of Charlotte residents like you! In order to celebrate

the rich biodiversity found in our urban forests, educate the public on how to take action to maintain our canopy, and protect our forest for years to come, Landscape Management and Housing & Neighborhood services are proud to present this year's [Tree Care Grant](#). Eligible organizations citywide can apply for matching grants of up to \$3,000 for tree care initiatives including canopy assessment, ivy removal, small tree/ sapling pruning, and tree focused education and community events. To learn more about the ins and outs of the grant and how to apply, please join us for this workshop.

This workshop will take place via Zoom. [Registration](#) is required. Online and call-in access instructions will be emailed to registered participants prior to the workshop.

There will be an optional Q&A immediately following the presentation.

### **Pandemic Housing Assistance Available Through RAMP CLT**

Throughout the pandemic, the City of Charlotte has provided emergency mortgage, rental and utility assistance for those facing COVID-19 hardships through the RAMP CLT program, which is administered by DreamKey Partners on the City's behalf. To date, the city has provided \$33.7M in rent, mortgage and utility assistance to support more than 11,400 families. If you need assistance with rent, mortgage, or utilities, visit [rampclt.com](http://rampclt.com). You can also find additional resources, including information for those facing eviction, at [rampclt.com](http://rampclt.com).

### **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 16. 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](#) 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**

[City of Charlotte Seeks Candidates for Job Training Program](#)

[Masking Mandate Returns to Charlotte: What You Should Know](#)

[How Charlotte is Tackling Traffic Congestion](#)



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Best,  
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