

## How transit, design and development are related



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Data and maps: How development patterns help transit  
succeed — or fail

**By Nathan Griffin**

Walkability, density, land use patterns and street layouts are all key factors in whether transit works or not. And not all Charlotte neighborhoods are equally set up for success.



With homeless numbers rising, Charlotte-Mecklenburg works on a new plan

**By Ely Portillo**

The number of people experiencing homelessness increased more than 50% over the past year, to more than 3,100. And there are signs more could be coming. Eviction protections and enhanced uninsured payments put in place during the pandemic have expired, meaning vulnerable tenants — who are more likely to be in low-wage industries like hospitality and restaurants devastated by COVID-19 — could soon face the loss of their homes.



## Want to help? Use native plants for native bees in the Charlotte region

**By Ruth Ann Grissom**

Climate change and environmental challenges can feel overwhelming. But there are some simple steps you can take to help, right at home — and add some beauty to your yard along the way.





## Catch up on the 'Future Charlotte' podcast: Preserving the past while embracing change

**By Ely Portillo**

Charlotte has a reputation as a shiny new city, one that tears down grand old buildings to replace them with bland new apartments and historic marker plaques. But that's not the whole truth, and the guests on this episode of "Future Charlotte" are devoted to preserving and promoting more of Charlotte's history. Historian Dan Morill, longtime director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission, launched Preserve Mecklenburg after retiring in 2019.

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