

# HNS Newsletter: Training & Engagement Opportunities: 09/16/2021



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## Upcoming Events and Engagement Opportunities

### Emergency Preparedness Workshops

Life can be unpredictable; unfortunately, disaster can strike at any time. There are, however, steps you can take to be better prepared. The Housing & Neighborhood Services Community Engagement Training team has partnered with the American Red Cross to help you and your neighbors become "Red Cross Ready." This three-part workshop series will help you understand, prepare for and respond appropriately to disasters. Join us as we learn lifesaving emergency preparedness skills.

Workshop schedule:

- Emergency Preparedness (September 23, 6 - 7:30 p.m.) - Learn general emergency preparedness to include how to develop a family emergency plan, what essential supplies are needed for a family survival kit and how you can support your neighbors in the event

of an emergency.

- Home Fire Safety (October 14, 6 - 7:30 p.m.) - October is Fire Prevention Month. This workshop will discuss how to prevent home fires, escape from a home fire and how to recover if you are personally impacted by a home fire.
- Winter Storm Safety (November 4, 6 - 7:30 p.m.) - Learn how to protect your family, pets, and home during a winter storm.

Workshops will take place via Zoom. [Registration](#) is required. You must individually register for each workshop you would like to attend. Online and call-in access instructions will be emailed to registered participants prior to the workshop.

### **Tree Care Grant applications open through October 1**

We're pleased to announce the return of the [City of Charlotte Tree Care Grant](#). 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, the City's Community Engagement Division and Landscape Management Department team up to provide eligible organizations citywide with matching grants of up to \$3,000 for the following activities:

- Neighborhood canopy health assessments and/or limited, in-depth tree health assessments (by a certified arborist)
- Small tree/sapling pruning
- Vine removal
- Tree care educational events, film screenings, and/or celebrations

Participants are reimbursed for purchases made (no advance funds are available) and must match their grant through volunteer hours and cash/in-kind contributions. Applications for this year's grant are due on Friday, October 1. The grant will close out in early July 2022.

To learn more about this opportunity, visit the [Tree Care](#) webpage. Please e-mail [kcb@charlottenc.gov](mailto:kcb@charlottenc.gov) with any questions regarding the grant.

### **TreesCharlotte giving away 600 trees**

Trees can cool your yard, provide a buffer to winter winds and clean your air and water. Why not plant a few in your yard? To make it easy, the local non-profit [TreesCharlotte](#) and the City of Charlotte are giving away hundreds of 7-gallon trees on Sept. 25 for free. The Opening Day Tree Adoption will offer 14 different species, from small flowering to big canopy builders. Anybody with proof of Charlotte residency can get two trees and two bags of mulch.

The event will take place Saturday, September 25, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. at City of Charlotte Landscape Management, 701 Tuckaseegee Road. Registration is required. First-time TreesCharlotte tree recipients can register on September 20, starting at 10 a.m.; general public registration opens on September 21, at 10 a.m. For more information and to register, visit [TreesCharlotte](#).

### **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).

### **Assistance for Charlotte Water Customers**

Funding is still available to help residents pay their past-due water bills. The Charlotte Water Customer Care Team will work one-on-one with customers to connect them with community assistance agencies including Crisis Assistance Ministry, DreamKey Partners and Common Wealth Charlotte that can provide help. Customers can call 311 during business hours or visit the Charlotte Water [website](#) for more details. Disconnections due to non-payment will resume October 1.

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### **For your consideration**

[CMPD Animal Care & Control Hits Max Capacity for Canines](#)

[City, Share Charlotte Launch Partnership to Support Charlotte-Based Nonprofits](#)

[Knight Foundation Invests \\$225,00 for Public Space along Beatties Ford Road Corridor](#)



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