

More people are dying on Charlotte's streets



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Despite plans to end traffic deaths, Charlotte is headed in the wrong direction

By Ely Portillo

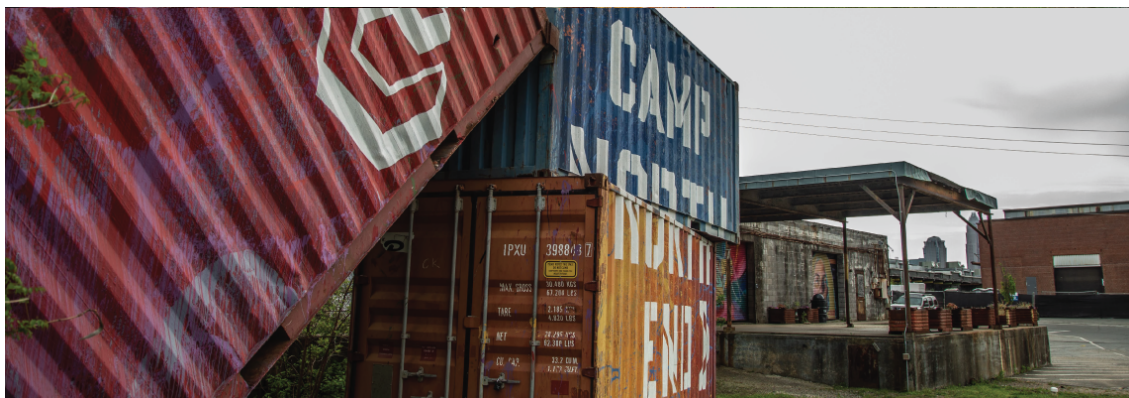
It's been more than two years since Charlotte signed up for an ambitious goal: Eliminate deaths and serious injuries from vehicle wrecks by 2030. But this week, local officials told City Council members that the city is on pace to equal or exceed the number of people killed in 2020 — and that total was already a big increase over previous years. What's driving the spike in deaths on our streets?



Join us this month for two virtual panels about race, wealth, income and economic mobility in Charlotte

The Urban Institute is hosting two free, virtual panels this month about tackling the challenge of economic mobility in our region. Bring your curiosity — we're taking audience questions at both.

- First, on **Oct. 12 at noon**: Why do White families have, on average, 10 times the wealth of Black families and seven times the wealth of Latinx families? Join our panelists to probe the racial wealth gap.
 - **Register for the racial wealth gap panel.**
- Then, on **Oct. 28 at noon**: What happens when jobs don't provide adequate income, stability and a path to progress? Join us to talk about the connection between workforce development and economic mobility.
 - **Register for the workforce development and economic mobility panel.**



Think Charlotte is bland? New awards celebrate good urban design

By Ely Portillo

When you think "Charlotte" and "urban design," do you think "bland" or "exciting"? A new awards series, the Charlotte Urban Design Awards, is meant to prompt you to think more of the latter and less of the former. While Charlotte might get an unfair rap as a city of bland office towers and five-story, stick-built apartments, the Urbies are highlighting some of the exciting design work going on throughout the city – and, hopefully, raising the standards for everyone.



Virtual event: Prioritizing women's mental health during COVID-19

Women + Girls Research Alliance

Join a panel of four local experts on **Oct. 20 at noon** to talk about the challenges women have faced during the COVID-19 pandemic. The panel includes:

- Dr. Erica Lennon, a licensed psychologist who serves as the Associate Director for Outreach & Community Engagement at UNC Charlotte's Center for Counseling & Psychological Services.
- Tchernavia Montgomery, the Executive Director of Care Ring.
- Dr. Alicia Dahl, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences at UNC Charlotte.
- Dr. Sonyia Richardson (moderator) is a clinician, entrepreneur, researcher, author, and professor. She is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at UNC Charlotte

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