

## H&NS eNewsletter: Training & Engagement Opportunities



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## Upcoming Events and Engagement Opportunities

**Keep Charlotte Beautiful Quarterly Cleanup Series: Monroe Road - Saturday, February 5, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Join the Keep Charlotte Beautiful board and fellow volunteers as we pick up litter along priority corridors throughout Charlotte! On February 5, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. meet us at Vaulted Oak Brewing, 3726 Monroe Road to participate. We will clean Monroe Road and a portion of Wendover Road. [Click here to register.](#)

**Mayor's Mentoring Alliance Mentor Mingle: Mindful Movement & Social Engagement | Movement in Mentoring - Monday, February 7, 6 - 7 p.m.**

Bring in the new year with a mindfulness mindset! Please join the MMA for a Mentor Mingle networking session, that will provide mentors with tips to focus on ways to calm all the noise, reduce stress, and challenge positive energy through mindfulness. Cassandra Drakeford from BeMindful, Inc. will be on hand to lead us through exercises and provide you with tools you can use with mentees.

[Registration](#) is free.

**2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan Virtual Information Session - Thursday, February 10, 6 - 7 p.m.**

Do you have ideas for transportation improvements in the Charlotte area? Do you have recommendations for streets and roads, transit, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities? These topics and more are covered in the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP). If you would like to learn more about the plan, join Housing & Neighborhood Services and the Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization (CRTPO) Thursday, February 10, at 6 p.m. for a virtual presentation and Q&A.

The MTP is a significant plan that identifies projected revenues and the associated transportation projects to be funded over the next 20 plus years in Iredell, Mecklenburg and Union counties. It also assesses existing conditions, identifies challenges specific to the planning area, and describes tools and strategies the CRTPO utilizes to enhance transportation.

This workshop is an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the Draft 2050 MTP and learn how plan recommendations will impact your and your family's quality of life for years to come. To participate, [register online](#).

The draft 2050 MTP can be viewed here: [Draft 2050 MTP](#). Public input can be made using the [online comment form](#) or comments can be emailed to [email@crtpo.org](mailto:email@crtpo.org). The public comment period ends February 17. This is the last opportunity for public input prior to adoption. The CRTPO Board is scheduled to act on the 2050 MTP and supporting documentation on March 16.

### **Attend a Neighborhood Matching Grant Pre-Application Workshop to learn how your neighborhood can receive up to \$25k!**

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! Applications are accepted March 1, June 1, and September 1, annually. 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 (equipment, supplies, professional services, etc.). Participation in a pre-application workshop is required.

To get started, attend one of the following virtual workshops or view the workshop presentation and program guidelines online at [www.charlottenc.gov/nmg](http://www.charlottenc.gov/nmg). [Register for a workshop here](#).

- Tuesday, Feb 8, 6 - 7 p.m.
  - Presentation (with Q&A after)
- Thursday, Feb 16, 6 - 7 p.m.
  - Presentation (with Q&A after)
- Friday, Feb 18, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
  - Presentation (with Q&A after)

### **Mayor's Youth Employment Program Seeking Host Employers**

The [Mayor's Youth Employment Program](#) (MYEP) is committed to providing all Charlotte youth

with equitable career development opportunities to explore the world of work, build social capital, and enhance economic mobility.

MYEP supports high school youth who are ready to work and gain life-changing experience alongside you. Youth work a minimum of 25 hours per week at a rate of \$10/hour for a total of \$1,500 during the program. Participant(s) are matched with your organization based on interest, skills, location and more!

Are you able to provide a work experience? Youth from around Charlotte have applied to the MYEP and are excited to stand alongside area leaders such as yourself.

Contact [myep@charlottenc.gov](mailto:myep@charlottenc.gov) to become a host employer. Together, we can lift up our community.

### **The City of Charlotte wants your input on the fiscal year 2023 budget**

The City of Charlotte will host a budget virtual listening session on Thursday, February 3 from 12:30 p.m. to 1 p.m. to receive input from Charlotte residents concerning fiscal year 2023 budget priorities.

This event will be the first of three sessions that will continue through March 1. During these sessions, residents will be able to engage with staff, learn about the city's budget process and provide real-time feedback on the city's budget priorities. Interested residents who would like to speak directly to city staff during the sessions must complete [the listening session sign-up form](#) or contact the City of Charlotte Strategy & Budget Department at [strategyandbudget@charlottenc.gov](mailto:strategyandbudget@charlottenc.gov).

#### **Listening sessions will be held on the following dates and times:**

- Thursday, February 3, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 16, 6 - 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, March 1, 6 - 7 p.m.

The sessions will be streamed on the city's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages, as well as the [GOV Channel](#).

Residents also have the opportunity to rank their priorities and share their thoughts by completing the [FY 2023 Budget Survey](#) (which is also available in Spanish) and by using the [Balancing Act](#) simulator. [Balancing Act](#) is a tool that allows residents to test their budgeting skills and balance the more than \$2 billion budget.

### **Applications are now open for the 2022 Placemaking Grant and Placemaking Creative Pool**

The City of Charlotte's Placemaking Program launched in 2018 with the mission of using urban design and placemaking to transform underutilized public spaces into vibrant places for people.

Applications for the 2022 Placemaking Grant are now open!

Charlotte's Placemaking Grant Program provides project funding and technical support to create and enhance community vibrancy, safety, and creative identity through:

- Activating leftover and/or underutilized spaces
- Streetscape improvements
- Art and beautification efforts
- Creating community gathering spaces

#### Eligible Applicants

- Neighborhood and homeowners associations
- Community organizations
- Businesses or merchant organizations
- Individuals with written support from the community or private property owners as appropriate
- Applicant groups must be significantly composed of people who live within the City of Charlotte limits

[Find out more and apply for the Placemaking Grant.](#)

In addition, the City is accepting qualifications from local professional creatives (visual artists, performing artists, fabricators, photographers, poets, etc.), teams of creatives, and artist management businesses/organizations for potential inclusion in the Prequalified Creatives Pool (Pool). The Pool will be used to match local creatives on a rolling basis, with opportunities throughout Charlotte.

[Find out more and apply to part of the Creatives Pool.](#)

Applications for both the Placemaking Program and Creatives Pool are due on Friday, March 4.

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#### For your consideration

[MYEP Experience Expands Students' Understanding of Sustainability Field](#)



## Housing & Neighborhood Services

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