

H&NS e-Newsletter: Training & Engagement Opportunities: 04/07/2022



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Upcoming Events and Engagement Opportunities

Should your Neighborhood Seek Tax-Exempt Status from the IRS? | Tuesday, April 26, 6 p.m.

You've been told that you can't apply for a grant for your neighborhood unless you are a 501c3. You might have heard that you could get a tax deduction if you donated to your neighborhood group (but only if it was registered as a 501c3). These all sound pretty good. At the same time, applying for tax-exempt status can cost hundreds of dollars and require lots of paperwork which comes with legal responsibilities. So many questions that need to be answered, right?

Join us for a presentation and Q&A session with Attorney Rocky Cabagnot who has guided hundreds of organizations (including Charlotte area neighborhood and cultural groups) in forming legally compliant nonprofit 501c3 organizations. We will discuss the pros and cons of seeking 501c3 status for your neighborhood association and what is required if you do decide to file. If your community has questions, this presentation intends to provide you with answers!

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.

Increasing Social Capital for Youth Workshop | Thursday, April 21, 4 p.m.

Effectively building and leveraging social capital is essential for economic mobility. Come explore tactical ways to secure the bonding relationships within the lives of youth and establish a foundation for effective connection. This workshop is an opportunity to learn how to enhance social capital within an ecosystem inclusive of family, community, school, and much more.

Registration is required. [RSVP](#) for free.

Register Your National Night Out Events by July 22

National Night Out (NNO) is America's Night Out Against Crime. This annual community-building campaign promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live.

National Night Out 2022 will be observed on Tuesday, August 2. CMPD strives to have officer participation at each registered event. If your neighborhood or organization is hosting a NNO event, please complete this brief [questionnaire](#) to tell us of your plans by July 22.

Learn more about CMPD NNO [resources](#) and [register](#) your event.

Volunteer Advisory Board Positions Available!

Did you know the City of Charlotte has 35 [boards and commissions](#), ranging from the Arts and Culture Advisory Board to the Zoning Board of Adjustments? Mecklenburg County residents can volunteer to serve by completing an online application and submitting it to the Office of the City Clerk by the deadlines listed in the current [vacancy notice](#). Serving on a board is an opportunity to collaborate with local government and to help shape decisions and policies that impact our community.

The [Neighborhood Matching Grant Fund](#) Board currently has an open position for a non-profit representative. If you are interested in more information about that role, please contact Jackie Clare, 704-336-4594 or jackie.clare@charlottenc.gov for more information.

Registration for City Walks 2022 is now open!



Charlotte City Walks begin on Monday, April 25, offering the chance to discover the Queen City on free walking tours. Learn about Charlotte's art, history, public spaces and more. Each tour is different, led by a local historian, activist, non-profit leader or neighborhood resident. These walks are inspired by urban activist and author Jane Jacobs.

Upcoming 2022 Walks:

- Walk Tall: Wander Among the Trees of University City's Green Heart - Monday, April 25, 12 p.m.
- Dilworth/South End Tour - Monday, April 25, 5 p.m.
- Elizabeth neighborhood Tour - Wednesday, April 27, 5 p.m.
- Ramble along The Plaza - Thursday, April 28, 5 p.m.
- A Walk on the Wild Side...of Plaza Midwood- Friday, April 29, 10 a.m.
- Coffee + Donuts: South End Edition - Friday, April 29, 10 a.m.
- Art in Transit: Blue Line Tour - Friday, April 29, 1:30 p.m.
- South End's History: Rail and Reinvention - Friday, April 29, 4 p.m.
- A Walking Tour of NoDa and Historic North Charlotte Tour #1 - Saturday, April 30, 10:30 a.m.
- A Walking Tour of NoDa and Historic North Charlotte Tour #2- Saturday, April 30, 11:30 a.m.

- Exploring the "Hidden" History... Along West Boulevard - Saturday, April 30, 1 p.m.
- Charlotte's Belmont Neighborhood: Where Do I Go From Here? - Saturday, April 30, 3 p.m.
- Historic West End / Biddleville Tour - Monday, May 2, 5 p.m.
- Heart of Myers Park Tour - Wednesday, May 4, 5 p.m.
- Treetops & Tombstones - Charlotte's Super-Natural Arboretum - Saturday, May 7, 9 a.m.
- The Evolution of University City - Saturday, May 7, 10:30 a.m.
- Stories in Stone - Our Charlotte Hebrew Cemetery - Sunday, May 8, 1 p.m.

To participate in a walk, [register online](#). If you would like to learn more about City Waks, visit the [website](#).

For your consideration

[Camp North End Farmers Market will return for a second year](#)

[New pocket park in Charlotte's historic West End now has free Wi-Fi](#)

[Electric buses on Charlotte streets and other climate progress](#)



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