

Your access to medicine depends on where you live



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Mapping unequal health care access in Charlotte

By Mary Louise Orr Wilson, Malia Suhren and Margaret Phipps

Your access to medicine, lifesaving COVID-19 vaccines and other pharmacy services might depend on what part of town you live in. The Urban Institute recently updated the Quality of Life Explorer data maps to include several new metrics, one of which is particularly relevant as we enter year three of the global pandemic. "Proximity to a pharmacy," exposes a lesser-known gap in our healthcare system exacerbated by COVID-19.



[Comprehending Charlotte symposium explores growth and consequences](#)

Coming April 29: Historians, environmental scientists, urban designers, and planners will discuss implications of urban growth and potential futures at a symposium co-sponsored by the College of Arts + Architecture's City Building Lab, the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute, the Capitalism Studies program, and the Office of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Featured speakers include Brian McCammack, associate professor of Environmental Studies at Wake Forest University; Linda Samuels, associate professor of urban design at Washington University in St. Louis; and Toni L. Griffin, professor in practice of urban planning at the Harvard University Graduate School of Design.

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Podcast: After Chick-fil-A firing, an accidental urbanist tries to make Charlotte better

By Ely Portillo

John Holmes III was a budding urbanist in Charlotte, reading books like "Street Fight" and wondering why we built our cities to drive everywhere. A U.S. Marine Corps veteran working at Chick-fil-A, Holmes was trying to reconcile his workplace's busy drive-thru with his own ideas about building better cities. When he posted his opinion online about a new drive-thru-only Chick-fil-A, he quickly found himself out of a job and into the spotlight. Listen to find out what happened next, and how Holmes is working to change Charlotte now through tactical urbanism.



ICYMI: Local leaders find their 'hands tied' when it comes to Wall Street landlords

By Ely Portillo

Wall Street-backed companies are buying thousands of single-family homes and turning them into rentals across the Charlotte region. Local officials are worried about the effects on affordability, home ownership and equity — but there isn't much they can do to directly stop the trend.

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