

We're using data to seek solutions to community violence



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Using integrated data to center racial equity in local violence prevention work

By Sydney Idzikowski

Violence impacts all of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, but the toll doesn't fall equally across members of our community. There are pronounced disparities along racial lines. A new, data-focused learning community will help local leaders across sectors find collaborative solutions to prevent and address violence in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.



Robots delivering coffee, drones with pills, self-driving shuttles: Is the future here yet?

By Ely Portillo

The future of transportation has arrived in Charlotte — but the future comes with a few asterisks. This year has already seen a slew of announcements about futuristic transportation options in the Charlotte region (to say nothing of a new robot security guard uptown and bots writing local media stories). It feels like we're nearing some kind of tipping point, where the Jetsons-era future we've been promised for decades starts to become reality.



Podcast: Booming South End is becoming a hub for office space, but infrastructure challenges remain

WFAE

South End's explosive growth continues, with more apartments, office towers and breweries every month. But from narrow streets to insufficient water capacity to cell phone dead zones, infrastructure struggles to keep up with the boom. WFAE's Charlotte Talks invited UNC Charlotte Urban Institute Assistant Director for Outreach and Strategic Partnerships Ely Portillo on to talk about the growth and growing pains.



Color and peace with spring wildflowers and migrants

By Ruth Ann Grissom

Maybe it's because I've spent the past two years obsessing over the squiggly lines charting COVID's peaks and troughs. I began to imagine the shape a graph might take if I plotted the occurrence of spring wildflowers and neotropical migrants.

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