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Welcome to the Civility Localized Newsletter

August is [Black Business Month](#), and we are pumped about it! Of course, we are supporting Black Owned Businesses all month long and engaging with online events via the [US Black Chambers](#). We are also loving these [Black-owned coffee shops](#) in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Are you looking forward to celebrating Charlotte's [Pride Parade & Festival](#)? We certainly are! After a two-year hiatus, it's exciting to see it return. We are also continuing to engage with the vibrant local art scene here in Mecklenburg County. Last week we published a new Blog Post entitled [The Importance of Art in Local Communities](#). In it, we attempt to ask and answer big questions like:

- What does art mean to you?
- How do you engage with local arts and culture in your community?

Check it out and let us know your thoughts on all things arts and culture over on [social media](#)!

Peace,

Elizabeth Flemister (she/her/hers) Content Specialist at Civility Localized

“WE MUST BE A COMMUNITY OF EVERYDAY HUMAN BEINGS COMMITTED TO CURIOSITY FOR WHAT IS POSSIBLE IN THE WORLD.” — Rachel Cargle



New On The Blog

The incredible power and importance of art. Not only is art vital to human creativity and growth, but also to social harmony and frameworks of democracy.

Whether you are an educator or an entrepreneur, a grandparent or a college grad, engaging with, and supporting art in your community can unlock life-altering benefits. Read more on the [Civility Localized Blog](#).

Civility Localized Blog

Client News



The City of Charlotte is developing the [Charlotte Arts and Culture Plan](#) to sustain and grow arts and culture in Charlotte-Mecklenburg. You can shape the future by sharing your perspective.

What is an Arts and Culture Plan? An arts and culture plan collects data from across communities, builds consensus among residents and creatives, and creates agreement on a vision for arts and culture. This vision is then used to create policy frameworks, funding strategies, and an actionable plan to cultivate and support a thriving, sustainable arts and culture community that benefits everyone.

Participation in the Charlotte Arts and Culture Plan process offers many ways for you to contribute your thoughts: community events, a survey, a toolkit to organize your own conversations with friends, and more!

The first community events launch this month and we want you to be the first to know. Sign up to receive updates by hitting the button below:

City of Charlotte Arts + Culture Events



In related local Arts news, Civility Localized Founder Christine Edwards attended the **Creatives Are Small Businesses Panel Discussion** hosted by **Charlotte is Creative** featuring local artists and leaders:

- Carla Aaron-Lopez ([BLKMRKTCLT](#))
- Tim Scott ([TiMar Entertainment](#))
- Priya Sircar ([City of Charlotte](#))
- Jim Dukes ([Charlotte Art League](#))
- Bridget Anderson ([UNCC Urban Institute](#))

[@CLTisCreative](#) released eye-opening survey data about the sustainability of the arts in Charlotte.

You can review that data on their [website](#).



CPCC's Equity In Contracting: Apply by August 26!

The Small Business Center at Central Piedmont is accepting applications for Session 2 of their [Equity in Contracting](#) Initiative until Friday, August 26, 2022.

Session 2: September 5, 2022 to November 28, 2022

This workshop equips minority-owned businesses to compete in government contracting spaces. Don't miss out. Register today!

[Register for Equity In Contracting](#)



Charlotte's Civic Leadership Academy: Apply by August 21!

The City of Charlotte's [Civic Leadership Academy](#) is a free program specifically designed for Charlotteans ready to take the next step in being community leaders.

The experience provides participants opportunities to grow in leadership, understand how the City of Charlotte works, analyze issues, connect with decision-makers, and make a difference in their communities.

Charlotte Civic Leadership Academy



Reproductive Rights Town Hall

Wednesday, August 24th, 12pm-1:30pm

This hybrid event will be hosted by the office of Congresswoman Alma Adams. For more information and to register go to:

[Adams.House.Gov/WomensHealth](https://adams.house.gov/womenshealth)

[Register for Town Hall](#)

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