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Welcome back to the Civility Localized Newsletter and welcome to October. We are busy rolling out new projects and wrapping up others.

Like many civic organizations, we are focused on community engagement leading up to the midterm elections taking place on November 8, 2022. You can expect to see resources in your inbox on registering and preparing to get out the vote!

As you prepare your community for election season, what are some ways you engage others? Have you considered serving as a Poll Worker? You can learn more about how to do that [here](#).

How can we support your efforts to get voters to the polls? As always our inbox is open, and so are our social channels! [@civilityco](#) on Twitter is the fastest way to share info with us.

See you out there,

Elizabeth Flemister

Client News:



Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Begins Search for New Superintendent with Community Outreach

CHARLOTTE (October 4, 2022) - The **Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board** wants to know what parents and community members are looking for in a new Superintendent. The school board is working with Charlotte-based consulting firm **Civility Localized** to conduct community engagement from September to late November 2022. Gathering community input in an authentic and inclusive manner is critical for the school board superintendent search process.

"We want to hear from students, parents, staff, and partners throughout Mecklenburg County. Your voices matter. What personal qualities and skills do you value in the next superintendent? Share your hopes, dreams, and expectations," says Elyse C. Dashew, Chairperson of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board.

Community Engagement for this important search will include interviews, focus groups, surveys, and more. The input gathered will be reported to the Board at their December 13 meeting. This input will inform the superintendent search, to begin in January 2023, with an expectation of hiring the superintendent by summer.

According to Christine Edwards, Founder of Civility Localized, "The goal is to gain as many perspectives as possible. We value the lived experiences of each participant and hope to illuminate the needs and priorities of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg community in an authentic way."

How to get involved:

Take the Survey or Attend an upcoming Listening Session. Click below to learn more or copy and paste the following URL into your browser: www.publicinput.com/cmscommunityengagement.

Spread the word! Share the flyer below graphic with friends and families!



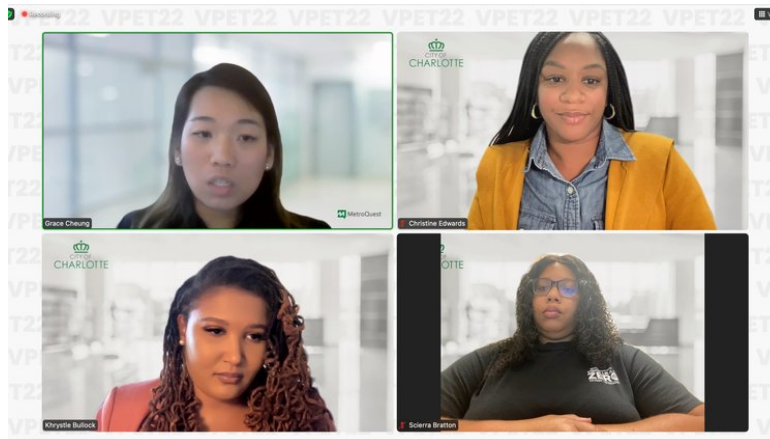
In the News: CMS parent urges families, community members to provide input on search for next superintendent



Harding University High School graduate Christine Edwards is helping CMS gather data from the community engagement sessions. Edwards' consulting firm, Civility Localized, was hired by the Charlotte Executive Leadership Council to spearhead the community engagement sessions.

"What we are hoping to do is bring our own lived experiences and make people feel welcomed, make people feel supported so that they can share with us a deep sense of honesty about what they would like to see in CMS leadership," Edwards said.

Learn More and Participate Today



Utilizing Vision Zero Principles to Engage Diverse Communities: Charlotte's Safer Streets Survey Case Study

Last week, on September 29th, Civility Localized presented alongside Sierra Bratton, Vision Zero Community Coordinator for the Charlotte Department of Transportation, on the topic of Equity and Diversity in Public Engagement for Transportation Planning at this year's MetroQuest VPET Conference!

To say it was educational would be an understatement. Check out these highlights:

- Vision Zero Charlotte started after an alarming increase in fatal crashes in Charlotte, NC. People of Color, seniors, and youth were disproportionately represented in these crashes.
- The goal of the **Vision Zero Safer Street Survey** is to increase engagement and collaboration among community members with diverse cultures, languages, ages, socioeconomic backgrounds, and abilities in Charlotte.
- Engaging the very communities this program was initiated to serve has been central to the Civility Localized Community Engagement Approach as they work with Vision Zero.
- Visit the [#vpet22](#) hashtag to follow along.

Learn More about VPET22

1 in 4 people
Aren't registered to vote
or
Aren't sure they're registered



Midterm Elections Approach

Here at Civility Localized, we take elections pretty seriously! We are committed to bringing you essential voting preparation information for elections big and small.

On November 8, 2022, nationwide midterm elections will take place. All 435 House seats, 35 Senators, & countless state and local officials are up for election. Registering friends and researching candidates takes time and energy! Make sure you're preparing now so that voting is a breeze.

DID YOU KNOW?

ALL 435 HOUSE SEATS & 35 SENATORS ARE UP FOR ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022?

Here is a checklist we use to get ready to vote:

- Register to Vote and Register a Friend!
- Check your Voter Registration (active registrations are sometimes inadvertently purged from voter rolls)
- Update your Voter Registration if you moved
- Find your county's Early Voting schedule and locations
- Election Day Polling Place lookup
- Consider serving as a Poll Worker

Visit Vote411.org for more info, voting tips, and strategies to mobilize the vote!

“ LIBRARIES ARE A CORNERSTONE OF DEMOCRACY—WHERE INFORMATION IS FREE AND EQUALLY AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE. PEOPLE TEND TO TAKE THAT FOR GRANTED, AND THEY DON'T REALIZE WHAT IS AT STAKE WHEN THAT IS PUT AT RISK. ” *—Carla Hayden*

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