

## CLT H&NS e-Newsletter: Training & Engagement Opportunities: 01/12/2023



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## Upcoming Events and Engagement Opportunities

### Civic Leadership Academy Applications Are Now Open

The City of Charlotte's [Civic Leadership Academy](#) is a free program specifically designed for residents like you – Charlotteans who are ready to take the next step in being community leaders and improving the quality of life in all of Charlotte's neighborhoods. The experience will provide participants an opportunity to grow in their leadership, understand how the City of Charlotte works, analyze issues using data, connect with decision-makers, and make a difference in their communities.

During the Civic Leadership Academy (CLA), you will:

- Receive a personalized leadership assessment
- Learn how to effectively use your leadership style to positively impact the community
- Enhance your understanding of Charlotte's history and culture
- Develop relationships with other leaders in the community and local government
- Learn how to navigate issues through local government
- Commit to using your leadership skills in the broader community

Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your leadership skills and work with other leaders to create a community where every voice is heard. [Watch as CLA alumnus Robin Brown shares her experience in the program.](#)

The Spring 2023 CLA will be held as a hybrid series, with a mix of in-person and virtual sessions. Participants must commit to missing no more than three sessions. Review the workshop schedule, check out the Frequently Asked Questions (including tips for submitting a strong application) and [apply online](#).

Applications must be received by January 26, 2023, at 11:59 p.m. CLA sessions will begin March 14.

For additional information, contact Cynthia Woods at [cynthia.woods@charlottenc.gov](mailto:cynthia.woods@charlottenc.gov) or 704-336-2646.

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### Attend a Neighborhood Matching Grant Pre-Application Workshop to learn how your neighborhood can receive up to \$25k!

The Neighborhood Matching Grants Program (NMG) awards up to \$25,000 to eligible neighborhood-based organizations to complete projects including art, beautification, signage, festivals, sustainability, safety improvements, community gardens, recreational features and more! Applications are accepted March 1, June 1, and September 1, annually. Organizations match funds received with at least 50% volunteer labor, the remaining match may be in the form of more volunteer labor, cash, or in-kind donations (equipment, supplies, professional services, etc.).

Participation in a pre-application workshop is required. To get started, attend one of the following workshops or view the workshop presentation and program guidelines [online](#).

- Wednesday, January 18, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, January 26, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, February 2, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 8, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.
- Monday, February 13, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

These workshops will take place via Zoom. To participate, please [register here](#). For additional information, contact Jackie Clare at [jackie.clare@charlottenc.gov](mailto:jackie.clare@charlottenc.gov).

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### 2023 Mayor's Mentoring Alliance (MMA) Awards - Thursday, January 19 | 6:00 PM

The 2023 MMA Awards recognizes the extraordinary impact mentorship has on our Charlotte community. At this virtual event, the City of Charlotte will honor mentors, mentees, and mentoring organizations with awards in the following categories: Mentor of the Year, Mentee of the Year, Best Collaboration in Mentoring, Grassroots Mentoring Organization of the Year, and Educator Mentor of the Year.

[RSVP to attend this free event.](#)

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### **Using Arts & Culture to Revitalize Your Neighborhood - Tuesday, January 31 | 6:00 PM**

From beautiful and vibrant public murals to unique open spaces that serve as a gathering place for community members, the public art scene around Charlotte is thriving. Public art and placemaking can transform a community in a way that builds character, identity, and a sense of belonging. Join us as we discuss opportunities to bring the arts to your neighborhood. The workshop will also include presentations on how to apply for funding from the Neighborhood Matching Grant Program and the Placemaking Grant.

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.

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### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service**

Join Keep Charlotte Beautiful and Mecklenburg County Park & Recreation in giving back to the community this Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Volunteers can pick two cleanups along South Tryon Street. More details, including registration links, can be found below.

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service MEETING LOCATION #1**
  - Time and date: Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
  - Location: 8153 South Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28273
  - Streets to be cleaned: South Tryon Street between I-485 and Cornwell Lane
  - [Register for Meeting Location #1](#)
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service MEETING LOCATION #2**
  - Time and date: Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM- 12:00PM
  - Location: 1200 West Tyvola Road, Charlotte, NC 28217
  - Streets to be cleaned: Renaissance Park & South Tryon Street
  - [Register for Meeting Location #2](#)

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### **Applications for the 2023 Placemaking Grant Open Thursday, January 19**

The City of Charlotte's Placemaking Program launched in 2018 with the mission of using urban design and placemaking to transform underutilized public spaces into vibrant places for people. The Urban Design Center in the City of Charlotte's Planning, Design, and Development department is leading the effort with their own projects while creating opportunities for neighborhoods to use placemaking to promote community collaboration and accomplish public space goals. Applications for the 2023 Placemaking Grant will open January 19.

Charlotte's Placemaking Grant Program provides project funding and technical support to create and enhance community vibrancy, safety, and creative identity through:

- Activation of leftover and/or underutilized spaces
- Streetscape improvements
- Art and beautification efforts
- Creation of community gathering spaces

Eligible Applicants:

- Neighborhood and homeowners associations
- Community organizations
- Businesses or merchant organizations
- Individuals with written support from the community or private property owners as appropriate
- Applicant groups must be significantly composed of people who live within the City of Charlotte limits

Public Q&A sessions will be held in person at The Charlotte Urban Design Center (1507 Camden Road) on 02/02/2023 and virtually on 02/09/2023 at 6 p.m. Sign up for both events on [Eventbrite](#).

[Learn more about the Placemaking Grant here.](#) Applications are due on Friday, March 3, 2023.

Please contact [kate.cavazza@charlottenc.gov](mailto:kate.cavazza@charlottenc.gov) with any questions.

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### City of Charlotte's UDO University Registration is Open

The City of Charlotte Planning, Design & Development Department is excited to introduce UDO University! [UDO University](#) offers a series of virtual training opportunities to assist in learning about the UDO and to ask questions of subject matter experts. The sessions topics will include:

- An Overview of the Charlotte UDO
- Zoning Districts in the UDO
- Tree Protection Article of the UDO
- Subdivision, Network and Access, and Other Infrastructure
- Neighborhood Zoning Districts
- An Overview of the UDO Administration
- Stormwater Standards in the UDO
- Parking, Landscaping and Screening, and Open Space
- Required New Street/Improvements and Standards
- Residential Permitting

Virtual sessions will be scheduled to begin Friday, January 13th, and end on Friday, March 17th. Each session will be held from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. All sessions will be virtual (Zoom) and recorded. [Registration](#) is required and will open the first week of January.

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### Training on Demand: Emergency Preparedness

Life can be unpredictable and unfortunately, disaster can strike at any time. There are, however, steps you can take to be better prepared. This workshop will help you understand, prepare for and respond appropriately to disasters. Learn general emergency preparedness including how to develop a family emergency plan, what essential supplies are needed for a family survival kit and how you can support your neighbors in the event of an emergency.

To learn how to start a neighborhood association, [watch the replay](#). Visit the Community Engagement [Training on Demand](#) page for additional training opportunities.

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### For your consideration

[City Of Charlotte Solid Waste Services Collection Schedule For Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday](#)



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