

Finding solutions to community issues in 2023



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Three Community Leaders Share their Thoughts on Finding Solutions in 2023

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Ask anyone in Charlotte-Mecklenburg what issues are most important to them and you'll get a short list, things like the economy, the environment, housing and transportation. They're all areas where we face challenges. But what about solutions? I asked three Charlotte community leaders where they would start in 2023.

Helping communities understand growth

Eboné Lockett is an educator and founder of Harvesting Humanity, a Charlotte-based educational consultancy. You might run into her lecturing at UNC Charlotte, leading a climate change collaboration or attending a public meeting for a state environmental initiative. She's involved and believes we need to teach others in the community how to get involved - building capacity she calls it.





One Large Shift: A Culture of Cooperatives

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"A nation of homeowners, of people who won a real share in their own land, is unconquerable," President Franklin D. Roosevelt told the US Savings and Loan League in 1942. Roosevelt had by that point spent a decade pushing policies that transformed homeownership across the country. As the economy slouched through the Depression, so did the finances of homeowners. In 1933, more than 50% of homeowners were at risk of defaulting on their mortgages.



Trees for Pollinators

By *Ruth Ann Grissom*

What sort of image comes to mind when you think of a "pollinator garden?" I see an island of native grasses and perennials surrounded by a sea of turf. That's the garden I helped to install in my neighborhood park in Charlotte. We needed full sun to support the coneflowers, goldenrods, black-eyed Susans and mountain mint so we chose a spot as far as possible from the canopy of towering trees.



Report: 2022 Matthews Housing Needs Assessment

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On February 27, 2023, the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute and Town of Matthews shared findings from the 2022 Matthews Housing Needs Assessment. The study report includes findings about demographics, housing, land use, and key informant perspectives related to Matthews' housing. The report also offers recommendations for advancing affordable housing as the population in Matthews continues to grow and available land decreases.

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