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## Happening this month in Charlotte



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# **COMMUNITIES**

Dear Stephen,

Black History Month is here, and there are lots of ways to celebrate, learn about and honor the contributions of Black people locally. From a sip and paint to the city's largest Black Trivia night, <u>Q City Metro</u> has compiled a good list of things to do and recognized The Great 28: Black Charlotteans who are shaping our <u>city</u>.

Below are some additional items I wanted to highlight.

Sincerely, Charles

#### Join Councilman Malcolm Graham for a West End Town Hall

2023 was a good year for the Historic West End and Beatties Ford Road Corridor. Councilman Malcolm Graham is hosting a town hall and community planning summit to share updates on the West End and how the city is investing in inclusive, resident-centered development in the district. Join me February 10th at Friendship Missionary Church from 8 a.m. to noon. Click here to learn more.

#### Unlocking New Opportunities with Learn2Earn

Are you over 18 years old, a resident of Charlotte and looking for work? If the answer is yes, you're invited to join the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, in partnership with the City of Charlotte, for Learn2Earn.



The 7-week program will allow you to learn some of the most desired skills of employers while earning a laptop. The program will take place in four locations around the city. Learn more here and see a calendar of events here.

Exploring Democracy in the Digital Era with Knight Foundation

Last month Knight Foundation brought together experts from policy, academia and civil society for INFORMED 2024, a series of conversations on democracy in the digital age. Among the attendees from across the country were a team who hail from University of North Carolina.



I was so proud to see professors Shannon McGregor and Matt Perault, and to participate in timely discussions around the rapid development and adoption of technologies that are transforming how we connect with information.

On the main stage, Tressie McMillan Cottom, who is both a professor at the Center for Information, Technology and Public Life at UNC-Chapel Hill and a columnist for the New York Times, led a great conversation on the role of structures, power and the democratization of technology. You can listen to the INFORMED 2024 sessions <u>here</u>.



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