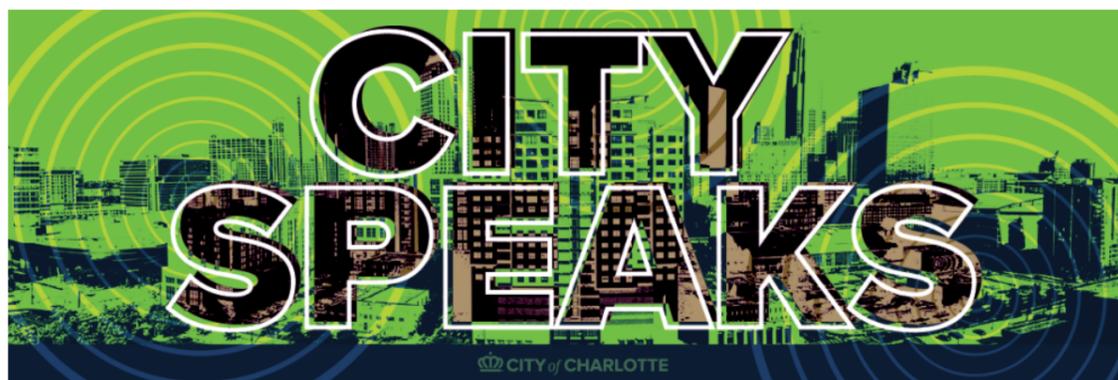


 **SWS Trash Delay, Solar Gets an Extension, and Power Down the Crown**



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## Thanksgiving Holiday Collection Service Delay



City of Charlotte Solid Waste Services will not collect residential curbside garbage, recycling, yard waste and scheduled bulky waste on Thursday, Nov. 27, in observance of Thanksgiving.

Thursday customers will receive service on Friday, Nov. 28, and Friday customers will receive service on Saturday, Nov. 29. As a reminder, it is a green recycling collection week.

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## Apply for the Martin Luther King Jr. Awards



Every year, the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, through their Community Relations Committee, come together to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As part of this celebration, multiple awards are presented to honor individuals around Charlotte who embody Dr. King's ideals, including a new youth award this year. If you know someone who is an unsung hero or vital member of the community, nominate them to be recognized. The deadline to apply is Nov. 29.

- [Growing the Dream award](#)
- [Emerging Leader Youth award](#)
- [Medallion/Keeper of the Dream award](#)

## Solarize Charlotte-Mecklenburg Deadlines



If you are a resident, business and nonprofit, you have the opportunity for major Black Friday savings when it comes to solar energy and battery storage. The deadline to get your FREE evaluation is Friday, Nov. 28. Sign up before it's too late!

[Sign Up](#)

For the low- to moderate-income (LMI) component of the Solarize Charlotte-Mecklenburg program, the city is looking for qualified nonprofits to support implementation. We anticipate that the selected nonprofits, possibly two receiving \$10,000 each, will build capacity and knowledge of solar energy systems. Find more details, including [eligibility requirements and application details](#), online. Applications are due by Friday, Nov. 21, at 5 p.m.

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## Upcoming Events

Featured Event: Community Microgrants Workshop



Have an idea to strengthen your neighborhood? The Community Microgrant Program offers low-barrier funding between \$500 and \$5,000— with no match required— making it easier to launch quick projects that create long-term impact in your community.

Want to learn more? Join a virtual workshop on Thursday, November 20, from 6–7 p.m. [Register here.](#)

Check out these other city events:

- [Creek ReLeaf](#) (Nov. 22)
- [2025 City Council Swearing-In Ceremony](#) (Dec.1)
- [Civic Engagement & Community Advocacy - Influencing Change](#) (Dec. 2)
- [Mind Matters: Understanding Mental Health & Resources](#) (Dec. 9)

Upcoming deadlines:

- [Learn2Earn Grant Applications for Non-profit Organizations](#) (Nov. 21)

The Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority has more on what's [Happening in CLT](#).

## MLK P.E.A.C.E. Basketball Showcase



Celebrate unity, watch some hoops and support a good cause all at once at the MLK P.E.A.C.E. basketball showcase Saturday, Jan. 17, at West Charlotte High School. Games start at 10 a.m., and if you get your ticket now, you'll get the early bird discount! The showcase features local schools and is organized by Back To The Basics, a nonprofit dedicated to providing youth of all economic backgrounds a greater opportunity in athletics.

[Get Tickets Here](#)



## Power Down the Crown Information Session



Power Down the Crown, a voluntary building energy performance benchmarking program, is looking for you to attend an information session! The program invites public and private organizations with buildings in Charlotte to share their building energy performance data, and, in return, the city will celebrate partner successes, offer opportunities to share and learn energy efficiency best practices, and provide benchmarking technical assistance. Join us Thursday, Dec. 11 from 2:30–3:30 p.m. at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center in Room 280.

Our upcoming information session will provide a clear overview of how the program works, how to benchmark your energy use, and the ways your participation can reduce costs while expanding your visibility as a sustainability leader. Thirteen partners have already joined us on this journey, and we hope you will be the next.

[Register Today](#)

## More Stories Worth Your Time

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- [Our Veterans: Harry Pope, Code Enforcement Inspector](#)
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- [Scout Motors Selects Charlotte for New Headquarters, Creating 1k+ Jobs](#)
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