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More community news around COVID-19

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Dear Sarah,

It's encouraging to see so many members of the Charlotte community lend their support for their fellow residents during these trying times. As always, Knight is proud to highlight programming that provides the community with funding, information and ways you can safely engage.

[LISC Charlotte](#) has partnered with the City of Charlotte to continue supporting small businesses in disadvantaged communities via their recently launched [Micro Business Relief Fund \(MBRF\)](#). **The application will be available on Monday, May 4.**

In addition, The Charlotte Journalism Collaborative will host the following digital town hall meetings to surface community needs surrounding COVID-19:

- **Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 12 p.m. ET in English** ([Register here](#))
- **Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at 12 p.m. ET in Spanish** ([Register here](#))

Questions to guide these conversations include:

- Where is your family or community hurting?
- How are people in your community creating solutions right now? Where do you see creativity?
- If you could ask state, county, or city representatives anything, on behalf of your household or your community, what would you ask?

[Digital Charlotte](#) launched open office hours via Zoom in an effort to continuously support our community's digital and media literacy skill development. Open office hours will take place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. ET through Monday, June 8. Both English and Spanish-speaking facilitators will be available for questions.

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Community members do not need to register to participate, and participants may join and leave the meeting at any time. Further information on office hours [can be found here](#).

[Charlotte League of Creative Interventionist](#) will hold several Facebook Live sessions. To register and find events for this month, [click here](#). Some of these include:

- **Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 6 p.m ET** - *Starting a Home Garden w/ LoCI Fellow Brandon Ruiz.*
- **Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 3 p.m. ET** - *Community Conversation: Restoration w/ LoCI ED Jonell Logan and licensed clinical mental health counselor, Anne Jurchak. We will be discussing finding pathways to self-discovery and mental wellness during COVID.*
- **Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 3 p.m. ET** - *Community Conversation: Restoration w/ LoCI ED Jonell Logan and Monica Holmes, City of Charlotte. We will be discussing the City's placemaking program and artists working with the community.*

Additionally, the City of Charlotte's Community Engagement team is hosting the following online session:

- **Thursday, May 7, 2020 at 1 p.m. ET** - *Digital Communications for Neighborhood Groups.* For further information and to register, [click here](#).

Invite your friends and colleagues [to sign up](#) for this monthly email! We hope you continue to stay connected to learn of upcoming opportunities to submit your ideas, find ways to collaborate and to ignite positive change in Charlotte.

Stay safe,

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