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New developments along Beatties Ford Road corridor

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TOP STORY



This vacant lot at 2506 Beatties Ford Road is the site of a redevelopment project led by RC Ventures, which recently completed the purchase. The owners are collaborating with community leaders, the City of Charlotte and other business partners to decide how to best use the site.

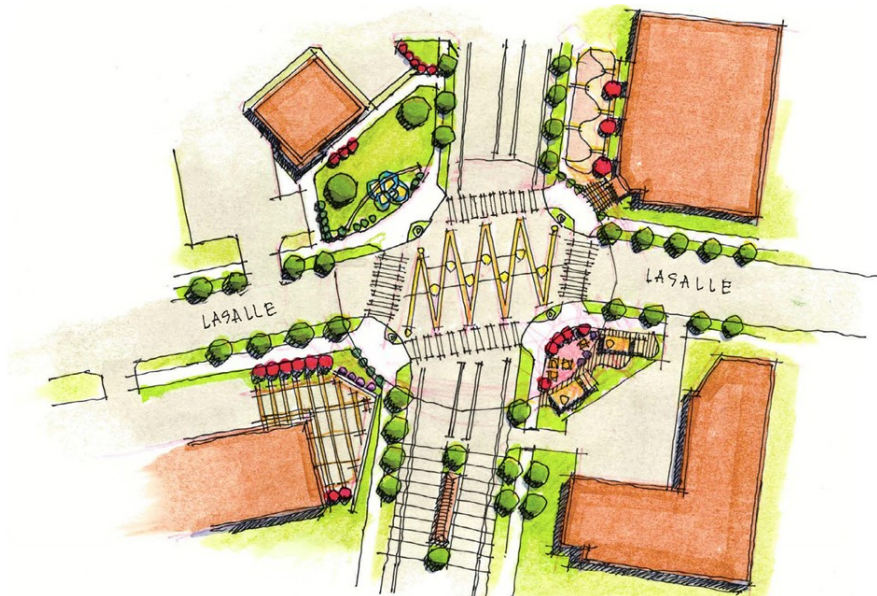
Beatties Ford Road corridor sets the bar for Charlotte development initiative

The City of Charlotte is investing millions of dollars in local communities that have traditionally been subject to underinvestment. The [Corridors of Opportunity](#) initiative, a \$24.5 million investment, focuses on six corridors throughout Charlotte.

On Wednesday, city leadership unveiled revitalization plans for the Beatties Ford Road corridor spanning from the I-77 underpass to the old Dalebrook Professional Center just south of I-85.

Council member Malcolm Graham and City Manager Marcus Jones

addressed gentrification concerns by sharing the collaboration plans with churches in the area, like Friendship Missionary Baptist. Ideas to help community members remain in the neighborhood include programs that assist with homebuying.



A big announcement is expected in the next 60 days about the property at the intersection of Beatties Ford Road and LaSalle Street.

The other corridors of opportunity are:

- Central Avenue and Albemarle Road
- Freedom Drive and Wilkinson Boulevard
- Graham and North Tryon streets
- Sugar Creek and I-85
- West Boulevard

[Read full story for details on current developments sprouting up in west Charlotte.](#) [Jonathan Limehouse]

ICYMI

District Operational Metrics			
Child Nutrition School cafeterias adequately staffed and stocked	> 90%	75 - 90%	< 75%
Transportation Bus routes staffed	> 90%	75 - 90%	< 75%
Total Staffing Staff working on-site (consider substitutes, leave and alternative work requests)	> 90%	75 - 90%	< 75%
Custodial Schools with adequate custodial staff to maintain enhanced cleanliness standards	> 90%	75 - 90%	< 75%
Nurses Schools with a full time nurse or full time coverage	> 90%	60 - 90%	< 60%

[Parents, educators react to CMS metrics committee's readiness dashboard](#)

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools has created "readiness" metrics to guide plans to reopen schools based on three levels of Covid-19 community spread in Mecklenburg County, but staffing vacancies and building safety

issues still concern some parents and educators.

The Board of Education will hold a special meeting on at 6 p.m., Wednesday, to present a more in-depth overview of CMS' reopening plans and the possibility of staff furloughs.

In addition to tracking Covid-19 cases, the "readiness" dashboard will also track:

District operational metrics, such as child nutrition, transportation, total staffing, custodial and nurses

School readiness metrics, such as instructional staff, school facility, infection control and PPE supplies, and health and safety training

Who will stay at home? Depending on when CMS brings back students for in-person classes, about one in three will stay home by choice, [WFAE](#) reports. Students enrolled in the Full Remote Academy won't come back before second semester begins in January.

Preliminary numbers from CMS show the percentage of students at each school that are enrolled in Full Remote Academy. Here's a sampling (find the [complete list](#) at WFAE):

Hidden Valley Elementary School: 28%

J.M. Alexander Middle School: 48.2%

Renaissance West STEAM Academy: 35.9%

West Charlotte High School: 40.3%

[Camp Run-A-Mutt provides unique services to man's best friend in the West End](#)

Camp Run-A-Mutt, 2908 Rozzelles Ferry Road, takes its role as doggy caretakers very seriously. They strive to give the dogs a home-away-from-home feeling with plenty of indoor and outdoor open spaces. "The cage free aspect is what makes us unique," owner Beverly Ring said. (Historic West End)

[JCSU opens esports and gaming curriculum, new partnership](#)

JCSU's Metropolitan College of Professional Studies launched an esports and gaming management program as a minor this semester -- the first historically black college to do so. The university also announced a partnership between its esports and gaming trifecta with Nacon Gaming, an international video gaming equipment company. (The Charlotte Post)

[Beauxwright to revamp West Morehead building into office space](#)

A vacant building on Charlotte's west side will be revamped into new office space. (Charlotte Business Journal)

EVENTS

Due to North Carolina's stay-at-home order, many in-person events have been postponed or canceled. If you have virtual events to share,

please submit them to our [events calendar](#).

TUESDAY, 7 p.m.

[An Evening with Dr. Bernice A. King](#): Join the conversation, titled "The Fierce Urgency of Now," on how our nation can move forward together in a world of growing racial and political divisiveness.

THURSDAY, 6 p.m.

[NC Roots Music Series](#): The Hamiltones have been featured on The Breakfast Club and the Steve Harvey Morning Show.

FRIDAY, 6:30 p.m.

[Flicks at the Field](#): Experience *Remember the Titans* and *Friday Night Lights* on the giant video board at Truist Field (formerly BB&T BallPark). There are three socially distanced seating options; tickets start at \$10.

SATURDAY, 7 p.m.

[Beat Box Ballet](#): "Saxy Thang" is a contemporary ballet created for Charlotte Ballet 2. The cast of 8 ballet dancers performs to the music of Beat Box saxophonist Derek Brown from New York City.

SUNDAY, 6 p.m.

[Dope Jazz Music Series](#): D'wayne Jordan pays tribute to the greatest jazz drummers of all time.

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