

Surge of single-family rental companies prompts concern in Charlotte



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Facing more investor purchases, Charlotte considers tweaking housing programs

By Ely Portillo

As investors — including Wall Street-backed single-family rental companies — buy more homes across Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, the city of Charlotte is considering changes to some of its homeownership assistance programs.



From The Washington Post: Corporate landlords are gobbling up U.S. suburbs. These homeowners are fighting back.

Washington Post

Charlotte neighborhoods have become the target of large single-family rental companies amassing empires of houses. The Washington Post examined this issue with a focus on majority-Black neighborhoods in Charlotte, using research from the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute.



Is Charlotte ready for car-free apartments?

Future Charlotte Podcast

How do you make a sprawling city that came of age in the automobile era less car-dependent? One approach: Don't devote so much space to cars. That's the thinking behind the Joinery, a new, 83-unit apartment complex that's opening just north of the Parkwood station on the Blue Line light rail. The six-story building has no parking on-site, except for a few spaces devoted to shared vehicles residents can check out as needed.



Outlaws and Bounties: Bradford pear edition

By Ruth Ann Grissom

Once a prized ornamental, the Bradford pear has now become the bane of homeowners, city arborists, foresters and conservationists. New bounty programs could help eliminate them in North Carolina.



How the cost of widening a Matthews road increased 10x

By Tony Mecia

The costly push to reduce traffic congestion on Matthews Township Parkway illustrates the larger challenges facing road projects throughout the Charlotte region and the whole state: Costs of labor, materials and land are escalating. Revenues from gas taxes have fallen. Last year, NCDOT said its shortfall on funding for transportation projects ballooned to \$12 billion — nearly double the gap reported less than a year earlier.

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