

Exciting Fall Updates: Join Us for the BayHaven Festival and more!



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Hi Stephen,

I hope you are enjoying our beautiful fall season. I'd like to share with you some exciting news about upcoming programs that are sure to delight your taste buds and get you moving while bringing our community closer together.

I am thrilled to announce that I will be co-chairing the annual fundraiser, Verse & Vino, for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, which is celebrating its tenth anniversary. Further details about this event can be found below. Fond recollections of the old uptown branch library flood back to me, as it was the place where I embarked on my photography journey and spent countless hours perusing weekend reads. I eagerly anticipate forging new memories at the new main library.

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Showcasing Charlotte's culinary excellence

From October 4 through 8, The Bayhaven Food and Wine Festival returns. Curated by chefs Greg and Subrina Collier of community mainstay restaurants, The Yolk and Leah and Louise, the festival celebrates Black foodways and honors Charlotte's diverse cultural fabric. The couple has made community-building central to their work, and are committed to creating economic empowerment through the culinary industry. Knight is proud to partner with them for the festival. [Learn more.](#)



Special Invite to West End Residents: Knight invites you to join us on October 4 for the opening dinner at the Skyline Terrace on the roof of Mosaic Village for a Community

Feast. If you are a resident of the West End you're welcome to join for free courtesy of Knight Foundation. Capacity is limited. [RSVP here](#).

Festivities, family fun, and food

The popular Open Streets, Corridors Connect, events series is also back. Hosted by the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, the events will take over a mile-long stretch of road for festivities, performances and food experiences. Activities encourage people to play, run and connect with each other. We are excited that one of the six routes will be in Historic West End on October 15th. All events will run from 1 pm – 5 pm. [Learn more](#).

Marking ten years, and reading for change

We're celebrating a community treasure for ten years of service to Charlotte. Register for [Verse & Vino](#), Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Foundation's signature fundraiser. The annual event supports the CommonSpark campaign including the building of a new main library, programs, services, digital and print collections and a growing endowment for the future needs of the library. [Learn more](#).

Construction has just begun! The new main library project is designed to be a significant destination in Uptown Charlotte. In August, the library organized a commemoration to celebrate the beginning of the demolition phase on site in anticipation of the upcoming construction. The new library is set to open in the spring of 2026. [Read about the project here](#).



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