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NEWS

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'The Nest' nurtures a smarter city, starting in the North End [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]

For Charlotte residents who want to learn more about Smart Cities, the North End Smart District is a good first stop. Rob Phocas will guide the way. On May 8, the city and at least 15 other organizations banded together to launch "The Nest," a digital learning laboratory at Camp North End on Statesville Road.

2

The feds scrapped their rules for an open internet. Now the fight moves to the state level [NEWS & OBSERVER]

Sen. Jay Chaudhuri will file a bill to prohibit broadband internet service providers from inhibiting open access by blocking some sites, charging extra for 'fast lanes', or intentionally slowing or speeding service. Open access to the internet is especially important in rural areas, he said, where 88% of residents do not have a choice of internet service providers.

3

Latin American Coalition opens Charlotte's first center for day laborers [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]

When you're a day laborer standing near the corner of Monroe and North Wendover, waiting for work at 6 a.m., long-term thinking is not your highest priority. You have two goals: that your gig lasts for more than a day, and that you actually get paid.

4

Financial literacy is now dependent on digital access [DIGITAL CHARLOTTE]

Online financial resources, services, and websites are popular, growing, and providing increased levels of access. Television advertising promotes the ability of banking customers to perform a variety of tasks with a mobile phone – view accounts, transfer money, pay bills, check credit – all without going to a bank, or even logging into a laptop computer.

COMMUNITY



Did you know that Digital Charlotte offers non-profit organizations a complete portable computer lab to support teaching digital literacy skills?



Meet Seth Ervin, Director of Technology and Innovation at Charlotte Mecklenburg Library in our Stakeholder Snapshot.

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CALENDAR

- **June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** - Tyvola Senior Center: Computer Help With The Guys
- **June 6** - Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership: Real Talk About Economic Mobility in Charlotte: A Black Man's Perspective
- **June 28** - Charlotte Mecklenburg Library: Internet Safety and Security for Parents

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*Have a question, upcoming event, stakeholder suggestion, or resources to share?
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