

City Scoop



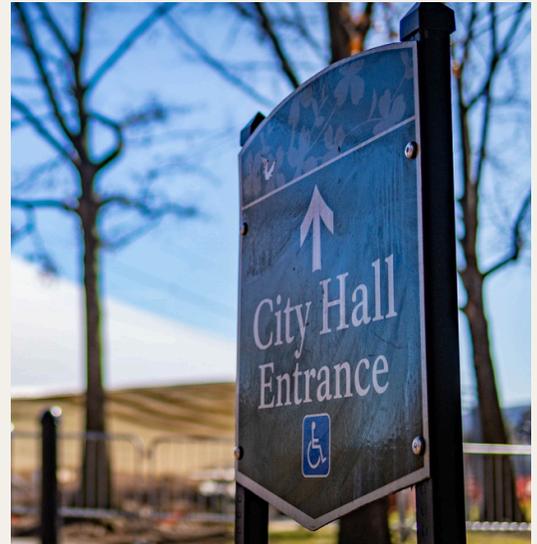
It's officially BUDGET SEASON. What does that mean for the City of Charlottesville and how can you get involved? Check out our calendar of public meetings linked below and attend our City Manager Community Budget Forum on Thursday, December 12th at 6 pm at Carver Recreation Center. Chat with City staff and provide your input. See ya there!

Get to know your government - Chris Engel

For those who haven't already had the pleasure, please meet our Director of Economic Development, Chris Engel! Chris has been employed by the City of Charlottesville for 20 years. When he's not running the Office of Economic Development, you can find Chris running on the Rivanna trail, hiking in the Blue Ridge or enjoying a good glass of red wine. His latest achievement is growing a mustache. No, really. Chris is growing out his mustache during the month of November to benefit M4K Cville. M4K Cville improves the quality of life for local children through individual fundraising, partnering with local charities and businesses, and having a little bit of fun with facial hair. This particular fundraiser is for Foothills Child Advocacy Center and Piedmont CASA. Both organizations' missions promote healing to children who have experienced abuse in Charlottesville and the surrounding area. Looking for a good cause to make a donation before the holidays? Look no further! A link to Chris' M4K Cville fundraiser can be found in the QR code.



- **November 26th:**
 - **Planning Commission from 5 - 6 pm at City Space**
- **December 2nd:**
 - **City Council at 6:30 pm in Council Chambers**
- **December 5th:**
 - **Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee from 5 - 6:30 pm in the NDS Conference Room at City Hall**
- **December 8th:**
 - **Neighborhood Community Walk - Lewis Mountain Neighborhood from 2 - 4 pm. Meet at Foods of All Nations.**



What's Happening:

- **The Office of Sustainability and Community Climate Collaborative are hosting a series of Climate Cafés. Climate Cafés are open and inclusive space to share ideas, resources, information, and opportunities for local and regional action. December's café will spotlight Generation 180's advocacy tools and resources as our featured partner in our discussion on "all things EVs", focusing on increasing access to electric vehicles, expanding existing charging infrastructure, and improving transportation equity. Join the discussion on Friday, December 13th from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at The Bradbury! Register [HERE](#).**
- **The Climate Program applied for and was awarded a federal Clean Bus Planning Award through the National Renewable Energy Lab. This award will provide free technical assistance in developing a Charlottesville school bus electrification plan. The project kicked off in November and is anticipated to be completed in six months.**