

City Scoop



Do you like to have your voice heard? Do you want to have an impact on how the City spends the budget for the year?

Join us at the 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!

City of Charlottesville Hosts 27th Grand Illumination

On Friday, December 6, the City of Charlottesville kicked off the holiday season with the 27th Grand Illumination. Despite the bitter cold, thousands of community members came to enjoy live music, good food and drink, and, of course, watch 'Spruce Lee' illuminate with over 20,000 lights. It wouldn't have felt like the holidays in Charlottesville any other way!

Of course, none of it would have been possible without the countless city staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes for months to ensure the event's success. We also couldn't have done it without our sponsors at UVA Community Credit Union, Charlottesville Community Media Center, Dominion Energy, CBS19, and The AV Company.

It is such an honor to host a special event and celebrate the most wonderful time of year alongside the Charlottesville community!



- **December 12th:**
 - Charlottesville Redevelopment & Housing Authority in Council Chambers at 6 PM
 - Police Civilian Oversight Board in CitySpace at 6:30 PM
- **December 16th:**
 - City Council in Council Chambers at 4 PM
- **December 18th:**
 - Housing Advisory Committee in CitySpace at 12 PM
- **December 19th:**
 - Human Rights Commission in CitySpace at 6:30 PM



What's Happening:

- City offices will be closed December 24th and 25th and January 1st for the holidays.
- The Office of Sustainability and Community Climate Collaborative are hosting a series of Climate Cafés. Climate Cafés are open and inclusive spaces 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!
- 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.
- Registration for Parks & Recreation's Winter/Spring programs is open! Customers can view classes and register on Parks & Recreation's website.
- Utilities offers customers resources to help ease the stress of paying their utility bill, including the Charlottesville Gas Assistance Program (GAP). GAP is designed to help those individuals heating with natural gas who, although in financial need, do not qualify for State Fuel Assistance or whose State Assistance allocation has been exhausted. More information on GAP, including program eligibility requirements, can be found on the City's website.
- The City's Community Resource Hotline and Pathways program is available to support eligible households with past-due rent/mortgage/utilities. City residents may call 833-524-2904 and is available 9-5, Monday-Friday.