

# City Scoop



Join the City of Charlottesville at Ting Pavilion next Wednesday, January 29th, 11:30 AM - 1 PM for our first-ever e-bike demo! This event is FREE and open to all ages.

Stop by, take a test ride, and learn about more sustainable transportation options.

Helmets will be provided. A photo I.D. is required for test rides.

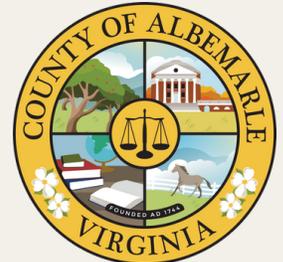
## Join the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, and the University of Virginia on January 28th to Discuss Public Safety & Project Safe Neighborhoods

The City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, and the University of Virginia has announced a regional partnership focused on working together to make local communities safer by working with Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN).



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PSN is a nationwide designation granted by the U.S. Department of Justice. It brings together federal, state, and regional law enforcement officials, prosecutors, community-based partners, and other stakeholders to identify the community's most pressing violent crime problems and develop comprehensive solutions.



The City, County, and University have been working together to engage community advocates and organizations as they co-create a plan for how the designation can best be leveraged in the Charlottesville/Albemarle region.

One of the steps towards improved community safety is the implementation of call-in meetings.

During each call-in meeting, PSN partners, including law enforcement and community organizations, will provide individuals identified in proximity to violent crime with access to tailored resources offered by social service providers, including housing, employment, healthcare, and parenting support. Meeting invitations highlight voluntary participation and avoid punitive language, centering instead on the availability of help.

Those interested in learning more about PSN and the call-in meetings are invited to a community dialogue event at Jackson P. Burley Middle School on Tuesday, January 28th at 5:30 PM. See the link below for more information.

- January 30th
  - City Council Budget Work Session in CitySpace at 5 PM
- February 3rd
  - City Council in Council Chambers at 4 PM



## What's Happening:

- The City would like to remind community members that our local nonprofit partners provide emergency shelter daily for those who may find themselves unhoused. See the link below for more information.
- Summer Camp registration is now open for City residents. More information can be found at the link below.
- Final comments on Parks & Recreation's Trail Connectivity and Framework plans are now available. Find more information on the Master Plan framework and timeline at the link below.
- The City has approved land disturbance permits for two large residential developments within the City. 2117 Ivy Road (PL-24-0028) will provide 231 dwelling units and the Verve, 409 Stadium Road (PL-24-0024) will provide an additional 468 units. Both projects are under construction with an anticipated completion date in the spring of 2027.
- Construction for the Washington Park Ramp project began in January. Completion is expected by mid-May.
- The Department of Human Services' community-based team will be partnering with the work of 100 Black Men at Buford Middle School to offer a facilitation of the evidence-based group called the Council for Young Men and Boys. This curriculum is designed to assist youth in working on interpersonal skills, exploring healthy identities and goal setting. More information can be found at the link below.

## Final Natural Gas Decarbonization Study Report Now Available

The final report for the Charlottesville Natural Gas Decarbonization Study is now available! The Department of Utilities initiated and provided funding for this study as part of ongoing work to address the challenges of decarbonizing energy-related emissions in the community. The study supports two city-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction goals of a 45% reduction in GHG emissions by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050.

The study and its results are intended to support Charlottesville Gas' emissions reduction efforts, providing a detailed narrative, assessment, and evaluation of possible decarbonization opportunities. This is an important beginning and provides a framework for Charlottesville Gas to continue to build upon. You can read the final report at the link below.