

City Scoop



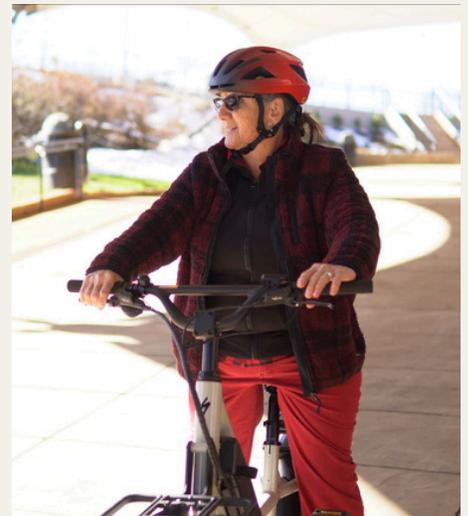
City Council has proclaimed the week of February 24-28 as National Invasive Species Week! To celebrate, the City of Charlottesville and local partners have planned several events throughout the week centered around raising awareness and promoting accessible solutions to combat invasive plant species.

Local and statewide events can be found at the link below.

E-Bike Demo Day a Resounding Success

The City of Charlottesville's E-Bike Demo Day in January was a resounding success, thanks to both the community and an unseasonably warm day! Attendees of all ages and experience levels took advantage of the opportunity to experience the ease and efficiency of e-bikes, with many expressing newfound enthusiasm for sustainable transportation. The event not only promoted eco-friendly mobility but also highlighted the government's commitment to building a greener, more connected community.

And don't forget: the City is now offering \$1000 e-bike vouchers every quarter! The first-quarter vouchers have been drawn, but there will be another opportunity in April. Link below for more details!



The Energy-Saving Trees Program Returns in March



The Department of Utilities is excited to announce that the Arbor Day Foundation's Energy-Saving Trees program returns this spring for its fourth year and is now a biannual event! To date, 800 trees have been given away, and Utilities customers in the City of Charlottesville have an opportunity to continue the tree-mendous success of this program by receiving one of 200 additional free trees being offered. With an updated interactive online tool for 2025, participants now have an even better resource to strategically plant a tree on their property to help conserve energy and reduce energy bills.

A properly planted tree reduces the amount of energy a home requires to remain comfortable year-round and provides additional benefits to the broader community. With guidance from the City's Arborist, available trees include eastern nine bark, northern spicebush, hazelnut, river birch, and pin oak.

Tree reservations open Monday, March 3rd on a first-come, first-served basis. The reservation portal can be accessed at the link below.

- February 24
 - Youth Council Meeting at 5:45 PM
- February 25
 - Planning Commission Special Meeting at 5 PM



What's Happening:

- The Housing Navigation Team supports City residents in finding stable housing options that meet their needs and budgets. Participants receive individual support and coaching, referrals to local resources, and more. Contact jonesrm@charlottesville.gov or 833-524-2904 for more information.
- If you live, work, study, or play in Charlottesville, stop by our safety demonstration event for proposed road improvements at the intersection of East High St. and Meade Ave. on Tuesday, February 25 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm at the Burnley-Moran Elementary School gym.
- Summer camp registration is currently open! General summer camp runs from June 16 through July 25 and Ultimate Adventure Camp will be held from July 28 through August 8. See the link below to register.



- The Office of Economic Development (OED) has developed a survey to seek input from local businesses to foster business retention, expansion, and a strong business environment. Your candid responses will allow OED to continue to develop programs and initiatives that can make the greatest impact on City businesses and organizations. A link to the survey is below.
- The Department of Utilities' Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey is now open. All responses will be kept completely confidential. Paper copies of the survey are available upon request by contacting 434-970-3686. The survey may be filled out electronically at the link below.
- Parks & Recreation's senior programming is open to individuals 60 and older. Some senior activities include monthly crafting classes, trips to the Richmond Black History Museum, spring hikes, movie nights, and more! Space is limited. To learn more and register, contact seniors@charlottesville.gov.

