

City Scoop



Charlottesville City Council has proclaimed March as Social Work Month to celebrate the dedication and compassion of our social workers who make a lasting impact on the community every day.

Please join the City of Charlottesville in thanking all of our incredible social workers for the endless positive changes they create in the world!

New Historical Marker to Recognize the Carver Inn

On Saturday, March 22, 2025, at 3 pm, the Virginia Department of Historic Resources and the City of Charlottesville will unveil a state historical marker at the site of the Carver Inn at the 700 block of Preston Avenue (approximately 150 feet west of the train bridge on the north side of Preston).

During the era of segregation, the inn was listed in the Green Book, a national guide to facilities that welcomed African American travelers. It was among the few hotels in central Virginia where they could stay. In addition to lodging, the Carver Inn offered fine dining, a private social club, and a beauty salon. The inn was razed in the 1970s to widen Preston Avenue. The new marker was funded by the City's Historic Resources Committee.

Following the unveiling (at approximately 3:30 pm), Preservation Piedmont will host a viewing of a documentary film featuring the Carver Inn in the Swanson Room at the Central Library (201 East Market Street). The room honors Gregory Swanson, the first African American to attend the University of Virginia. Mr. Swanson resided at the Carver Inn after his successful lawsuit to gain admission to the graduate law program. Event details can be found below.



Parks & Recreation to Host Annual Eggstravaganza



Join Charlottesville Parks & Recreation for their annual Eggstravaganza at McIntire Park (next to the skate park) on Saturday, April 5, from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Activities include egg hunts for ages 1-12, including a sensory-friendly egg hunt for all ages, food trucks, a photo booth & pictures with the P&R Bunny, and so much more! Bring the whole family, enjoy the sunshine, and make memories at this FREE event! Rain date Saturday, April 12, same time and place.

More event details can be found at the link below.

- March 22
 - Human Rights Commission Annual Planning Meeting in CitySpace at 11 AM
- March 25
 - CDBG/HOME Task Force Review Session at 6 PM
- April 1
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What's Happening:

- **Community Attention Foster Families (CAFF)** is actively searching for families in Charlottesville, Albemarle, and surrounding communities. The next information session is on April 10 at 6:15 PM via Zoom. The first steps to becoming a foster parent are to register at the link below for this session.
- **The Community Attention Youth Internship Program (CAYIP)** will have a spring session from April 7 - June 1. Applications are due March 21. Youth ages 14 – 21 are eligible to apply for an engaged and meaningful experience to build job skills and earn a stipend! Applications are online through the link below.
- **Adaptive Summer Camps** – Both six-week camps are full, but there are four spots remaining in the end-of-summer specialty camp week. See the link below to register.
- **Senior Water Exercise** – Now available twice a week! The Arthritis Foundation recommends water exercise two-three times per week, so join to stay active and healthy.
- **Charlottesville Family Camp Expo** – Parks & Rec attended the February 23, 2025 expo to promote summer camps. Spots are still available for City and non-City residents in summer and adventure camps. Register at the link below.
- **Spring Break Camp (March 31 – April 4)** – Limited spots remain, so register at the link below soon!
- **Farmers in the Park** – Applications for reserve status vendors are open until April 1. Reserve vendors receive a 25% discount by pre-paying for the season's market fees. Contact citymarket@charlottesville.gov for details.
- **Friday Open-Gym Volleyball** – Herman Key Rec Center is now hosting open-gym volleyball Fridays from 8:45 – 11:00 PM. No registration required—drop in for practice or a pickup game!
- **Senior Basketball Open-Gym** – Seniors are encouraged to stay active! Join our Wednesday sessions from 12:00 – 2:00 PM at the Herman Key Rec Center.
- **The Department of Utilities** is excited to offer a newly expanded \$500 attic insulation rebate. Complementing Utilities' no-cost home weatherization program and energy efficiency initiatives, this rebate is available to customers who have had their attic insulation upgraded. Find more at the link below.