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City Scoop



The 11th annual Imagine a Day without Water art contest is accepting art entries NOW through October 27!

Read all about this year's contest and how to submit your artwork (digitally and via direct mail) in the City's [News Flash \(link\)](#).

We can't wait to see the youth's creativity and how they imagine a world where water works!

NextGen Skilled Trades Day Cville

The Charlottesville Office of Economic Development is proud to sponsor this year's NextGen Skilled Trades Day, happening October 4 from 10 AM to 2 PM at Piedmont Virginia Community College (501 College Drive).



NextGen Skilled Trades Day is a one-of-a-kind community event designed to introduce high school students and their families to the exciting and rewarding world of skilled trades. Whether you're curious about building, engineering, manufacturing, or working with your hands in meaningful ways, this event offers an opportunity to see what a future in the skilled trades could look like.

Parents will find plenty of resources too, including information on training programs, job opportunities, and school staff available to answer questions about how to get started. Join us on Saturday, October 4, 2025, from 10 AM to 2 PM and take the first step toward a career you can build with confidence. [Register online \(link\)](#) today!

September 15-19 is National Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week

This week is National Co-Responder and Crisis Responder Week, a time to recognize the vital work of teams across the country who respond to behavioral health crises with care and compassion.

Here in Charlottesville, we're proud to highlight the Charlottesville/Albemarle ANCHOR Team (Aiding Neighbors with Compassion, Hope, Outreach & Recovery).



The ANCHOR Team is a unique partnership that pairs Charlottesville Police Department officers and Charlottesville Fire Department firefighters/paramedics with trained mental health professionals. Together, they respond in the moment to individuals experiencing a

behavioral health crisis, offering immediate support and connecting people to the resources they need.

By combining public safety expertise with behavioral health knowledge, the ANCHOR Team reduces stigma, prevents unnecessary hospitalizations or arrests, and helps create safer, healthier outcomes for everyone in our community.

We are grateful for the dedication and compassion of the ANCHOR Team members who serve Charlottesville each day!

Learn more about the ANCHOR Team here: charlottesville.gov/1849/ANCHOR

Upcoming Meetings

September 22

- Charlottesville Redevelopment and Housing Authority at 6:00 PM in Council chambers

September 25

- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee at 5:30 PM



What's Happening

- Rivanna Trails Foundation's legendary Loop de Ville Trail Fest is just over a week away on Saturday, September 27! Even more exciting: several new events have been added to accommodate participants of all abilities. This event is FREE and open to all! To participate or volunteer, please [register online \(link\)](#).
- Community safety reminder: The bike lane along Locust Avenue will remain closed through February 2026 as the Department of Utilities works to replace the water main. Temporary sidewalk closures are also anticipated for the duration of work. For everyone's safety, please follow posted signs and use alternate routes. A map of suggested bicycle detours is [available online \(link\)](#).
- Charlottesville Area Transit (CAT), the City of Charlottesville, and local partners are excited to join the National Week Without Driving campaign, happening September 29–October 5, 2025. Visit the [online calendar \(link\)](#) to explore events and learn how you can participate.
- The Belmont Bridge Replacement Project was awarded the grand prize in the Design-Bid-Build category by the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance's Engineering Consultant Leadership Committee! Congratulations to our partners at Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. for their award-winning design work that helped bring this vital project to life! The Belmont Bridge continues to serve as a key gateway to our community, improving safety, accessibility, and connectivity for all.
- The City of Charlottesville is officially a [Bee City USA \(link\)](#) affiliate, joining a nationwide network of communities committed to creating healthy habitats for pollinators! This designation celebrates Charlottesville's dedication to sustainability, biodiversity, and keeping our community a healthy, vibrant place for people and pollinators alike.
- New series alert! We've officially launched Weekly On-the-Spot, a new weekly segment highlighting voices from the City of Charlottesville. Stay tuned on our [Facebook \(link\)](#) and freshly re-launched [Instagram \(link\)](#) to meet more people shaping our city!
- September is National Preparedness Month! If you can, take time this month to engage your households and neighborhoods in discussions around being prepared and staying informed. More resources can be found [online \(link\)](#).

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