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It's still National Week Without Driving! If you took the pledge, we want to see you on your alternative transportation adventures.

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UVA Batten School to Host Gun Violence Prevention Panel

The UVA Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, in partnership with the PEGLLLLab, invite the community to the Fall 2025 Central Virginia Looking, Listening & Learning Exchange (Fall 2025 CVILLE) gun violence prevention panel on Friday, October 10, from 11 AM - 1 PM at CitySpace (100 5th Street NE).



This event will feature an engaging panel discussion led by representatives from Baltimore's Gun Violence Reduction Strategy alongside community leaders, policymakers, and public health experts. The discussion will include ways to tackle systemic barriers and advance evidence-based solutions to address the root causes of gun violence. This conversation will provide valuable insights into how we can work collectively to create safer, healthier communities.

Lunch will be provided during the event.

To confirm your attendance, please [RSVP online \(link\)](#) by Wednesday, October 8.

Charlottesville Utilities is Offering Free Trees to City Residents

The Charlottesville Department of Utilities is excited to announce that the Arbor Day Foundation's Energy-Saving Trees Program is back for the fall! The strategic planting of these trees will help households conserve energy, reduce energy bills, and grow the City's tree canopy.



With guidance from the City's Arborist, the trees available this fall include sweet

pepperbush, black haw viburnum, eastern red cedar, and white oak. Tree reservations are limited to one tree per residential service address and made on a first-come, first-served basis beginning Monday, October 6. Reservations can be made by accessing Utilities' interactive tree portal developed by the Arbor Day Foundation at www.arborday.org/charlottesville.

For more information about the Energy-Saving Trees Program and the Arbor Day Foundation, contact Utilities Outreach at utilitiesoutreach@charlottesville.gov.

Upcoming Meetings

October 6

- City Council at 4 PM in Council Chambers

October 9

- Charlottesville Redevelopment & Housing Authority at 6 PM in Council Chambers
- Police Civilian Oversight Board at 6 PM in CitySpace

October 10

- Historic Resources Committee at 10 AM

October 14

- Planning Commission at 5:30 PM

October 15

- Housing Advisory Committee at 12 PM in CitySpace

October 16

- Board of Zoning Appeals at 4 PM
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee at 5:30 PM
- Human Rights Commission at 6:30 PM in CitySpace



What's Happening

- Parks & Recreation is hosting a Virginia Amateur Skateboard League competition on Saturday, October 4! This event features multiple skating competitions, raffles, and giveaways. Registration opens at 9 AM on October 4. More information can be [found online \(link\)](#).
- NextGen Skilled Trades Day is Saturday, October 4 from 10 AM to 2 PM at Piedmont Virginia Community College (501 College Drive). Take the first step toward a career in the trades that you can build with confidence. Register [online \(link\)](#) today!
- Residents of Albemarle County, City of Charlottesville, and Town of Scottsville are invited to participate in Rivanna Waste Authority's Household [free collection days \(link\)](#)! This is a great way to responsibly dispose of furniture, tires, appliances, and more.
- The City of Charlottesville is excited to announce that the application period for the Housing Operations and Program Services grant is open until October 20 at 5 PM! More information and requirements can be [found online \(link\)](#).
- The 11th annual "Imagine a Day without Water" [art contest \(link\)](#) is still live! Local youth may submit their art to show "Water Works" via mail, in-person, or online until October 27.
- The Department of Parks & Recreation is hosting educational tree walks and discussion meetings on the Downtown Mall and guided hikes through Heyward Community Forest this fall! Visit their [website \(link\)](#) for more information.
- Charlottesville Parks and Recreation will begin [invasive plant control \(link\)](#) and containment projects on several City-owned parks and properties this fall. No traffic

impacts are expected, but temporary trail closures may occur, and pedestrians are asked to avoid active work zones.

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