

October 31, 2025

City Scoop



All Imagine a Day without Water Art Contest entries have been received and now you can help select the Fan Favorite Winner!

The art contest challenged youth to show how "Water Works" through artistic creations. Fan Favorite voting is open now through December 3. All art contest winners will be announced on December 10.

To vote for your favorite art entry, visit Charlottesville.gov/ArtContest.

Virginia's Emergency Nutrition Assistance Program

Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin has declared a state of emergency allowing the use of state funds to issue Virginia Emergency Nutrition Assistance (VENA) benefits to Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) customers in November if the federal government shutdown is not resolved by November 1, 2025.



Under VENA, 25% of a customer's monthly benefit will be issued on a weekly basis, so that in the event the shutdown ends sometime during November, normal distributions from the federal government will resume. Starting Monday, November 3, the following will take effect for SNAP customers:

- Customers who receive their benefits on the 1st of the month will receive weekly VENA benefits on Mondays.
- Customers who receive their benefits on the 4th of the month will receive weekly VENA benefits on Wednesdays.
- Customers who receive their benefits on the 7th of the month will receive weekly VENA benefits on Fridays.

If you need food assistance during the government shutdown, we encourage you to reach out to [Charlottesville Food Pantry](#) and [Blue Ridge Area Food Bank](#). To find more resources throughout the state, visit <https://vafoodbanks.org>. You can also contact [211 Virginia](#) by dialing 2-1-1 or 1-800-230-6977, or texting CONNECT to 247211. For hearing impaired services, dial 7-1-1, then 1-800-230-6977.

The Virginia Department of Social Services (VDSS) will continue to provide updates on the federal government shutdown and its impact on SNAP recipients as information becomes available.

Any updates will be shared through the City of Charlottesville's official channels on [NewsFlash](#), [Facebook](#), and [Instagram](#) and VDSS social media ([Facebook](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#)).

Upcoming Meetings

November 3

- City Council at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers

November 6

- Community Policy & Management Team at 9:00 AM
- Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee at 5:00 PM
- Human Rights Commission at 6:00 PM via Zoom

November 11

- City Hall closed for Veterans' Day

November 12

- Housing Advisory Committee at 12:00 PM in CitySpace
- Sister Cities Commission at 4:30 PM
- Planning Commission at 5:30 PM

November 13

- Charlottesville Redevelopment & Housing Authority at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers
- Police Civilian Oversight Board at 6:30 PM in CitySpace

November 14

- Historic Resources Committee at 10:00 AM



What's Happening

- October 31 is the last day for Charlottesville residents to apply for an e-bike voucher! If you want a chance at receiving \$1000 towards your very own e-bike, [apply online](#) now!
- Looking to dispose of your unwanted pumpkins sustainably? Attend Rivanna Solid Waste Authority's 8th annual [Great Pumpkin Smash](#) at the McIntire Recycling Center! Starting Wednesday, November 5 until November 10, participants will be able to "smash" their unwanted pumpkins by dropping them into a large container, which will be delivered to a composting facility.
- [Charlottesville's Grand Illumination](#) is a little over a month away on Friday, December 5, 5-8 PM at Ting Pavilion! Come see the holiday tree lit with over 20,000 lights, sponsored by Dominion Energy, and stay for the games, prizes, food, drink, and Charlottesville Community Media Center's Holiday Concert!
- Interested in getting involved with the City of Charlottesville? Apply to be on a board or commission! [Applications are due](#) by November 17.
- Election Day hours: Key Recreation Center will close at 5:00 PM on Monday, November 3 for Election Day setup and remain closed on Tuesday, November 4. Carver Recreation Center will be closed all day on November 4.
- City residents: keep an eye out for your personal property and real estate tax notices in the mail! Electronic notices were sent out on October 24 and taxes are due December 5.

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