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City Scoop



Did you know the City of Charlottesville has a monthly public affairs television program? Check out **Inside Charlottesville** on **Comcast Channel 10** in Charlottesville and surrounding counties on Fridays and Sundays at 7:00 PM and Saturdays and Mondays at 9:00 AM.

You can also find episodes on our website and **Charlottesville TV10 on Vimeo**. Watch online at the link below.

Help Name Charlottesville's Grand Illumination Tree!

Charlottesville Parks and Recreation has found the perfect tree for this year's Grand Illumination in McIntire Park, but there's one important thing missing: a name!

The City is inviting the community to help name this year's tree before it takes center stage at City Hall Plaza. The naming poll is open through Friday, November 21, and all suggestions will be reviewed before a final community vote decides the winner.



Residents of all ages are encouraged to get creative and share their best ideas through the **online poll**.

Then, be sure to join us for Charlottesville's Grand Illumination on Friday, December 5, from 5–8 PM at Ting Pavilion, where we'll illuminate the tree with over 20,000 lights, thanks to Illumination Sponsor, Dominion Energy, and officially kick off the holiday season with live music and performances, courtesy of Holiday Concert Sponsor, Charlottesville Community Media Center, and plenty of festive cheer.

Accepting Applications for Boards and Commissions until November 17!

Want to be more involved in the community? Consider applying for a City of Charlottesville Board or Commission! The City provides a wide variety of Boards and Commissions that encourage members to participate in discussions that affect and shape the future of our City.



Applications are currently being accepted for several City Boards and Commissions, with a deadline set for November 17 (unless otherwise noted). Community members interested in serving are encouraged to apply for any of the listed openings, which include:

- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Human Rights Commission
- Planning Commission
- Police Civilian Oversight Board
- Tree Commission
- Youth Council

Applications may be submitted online, by mail, or in person. To learn more, view all current vacancies, or complete an application, please visit the [Boards and Commissions webpage](#).

Upcoming Meetings

November 17

- City Council at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers

November 18

- Board of Architectural Review at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers

November 24

- Charlottesville Redevelopment & Housing Authority at 6:00 PM in Council Chambers

November 25

- Planning Commission at 5:00 PM in CitySpace



What's Happening

- **Public health alert:** On November 4, 2025, a black cat found along the Rivanna Trail near the Free Bridge (1400 block of Long Street) and in the area of River Road and Belleview Avenue tested positive for rabies. Health officials are urging anyone who may have come into contact with a black cat in these areas—especially if they were bitten, scratched, or exposed to the cat’s saliva—on November 3 or the morning of November 4 to take immediate precautions. If you believe you may have been exposed, please contact the Charlottesville/Albemarle Health Department at 434-972-6219 right away to assess your risk and determine whether post-exposure treatment is necessary.
- The Charlottesville Holiday Market is seeking local small businesses, makers, bakers, and artists to join Charlottesville’s Grand Illumination on Friday, December 5 at Ting Pavilion — a festive evening of lights, music, and community cheer. If you sell homegrown, homecooked, or handmade items, we want to hear from you! [Apply online](#) by Sunday, November 16 for consideration.
- Avoid the headache of disruptive plumbing pitfalls this holiday season! Charlottesville Utilities wants to remind households of the importance of proper disposal of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) produced by cooking and baking. Free FOG kits and preventative step-by-step information can be found on the [Utilities Department's webpage](#).
- Looking to stay occupied this winter? Good news! [Registration](#) for Parks & Recreation’s winter programming opens Monday, November 17 at 10:00 AM.
- Do Good C’ville and The Haven are helping community members prepare for the cold weather ahead for the 10th year in a row! Join the City of Charlottesville in supporting the 2025 Winter Wear Clothing Drive by collecting new or lightly used winter clothing now until November 17. More information on drop-off locations can be found on [The Haven's website](#).
- The City of Charlottesville invites residents to participate in two public surveys launched by the Virginia Department of Transportation as part of ongoing Project Pipeline transportation studies in the region. More information and links to the surveys can be found on the [City's webpage](#).

- City of Charlottesville residents: the deadline for second-half real estate and personal property taxes is Friday, December 5! Payments can be made in person, by mail, phone, or online (**real estate, personal property**). If you have not yet received your bill, please reach out to the Treasurer's office at 434-970-3146 or citytreas@charlottesville.gov.

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