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City Scoop



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2025 Imagine a Day without Water Art Contest Winners Announced

The City of Charlottesville, the Albemarle County Service Authority (ACSA), and the Rivanna Water & Sewer Authority (RWSA) partnered in their 11th annual "Imagine a Day without Water" campaign to educate and inspire the community about the value and importance of water. The goal of this campaign is to encourage water conservation in our everyday lives.



Imagine a Day without Water is a national education campaign and, locally, it raises public awareness through an art contest inviting youth from throughout the City and County to illustrate how "Water Works." Judges from the City, ACSA, and RWSA evaluated the artwork for creativity, originality, and incorporation of the contest's theme. Of the 530 poster entries received from youths in Charlottesville and Albemarle County, one winner was chosen from each of five grade divisions and one winner was chosen for best photography. The top 75 entries were made available to the public for online viewing and voting of a favorite art entry. With 1,385 total online votes, a fan favorite was selected. All seven winners will receive a \$200 gift card and a water conservation goodie bag.

The Winners of the 2025 Imagine a Day without Water Art Contest are:

- K - 2nd Grade: Adam Zouari, Mountain View Elementary School, age 5
- 3rd - 4th Grade: Anna Ramsay, Mountaintop Montessori, age 9
- 5th - 6th Grade: Lydia Jones, Henley Middle School, age 11
- 7th - 8th Grade: Ellie McWhorter, Village School, age 12
- 9th - 12th Grade: Natalie Salazar Fraire, Charlottesville High School, age 14
- Best Photography: Jackson Reeve, Monticello High School, age 16
- Fan Favorite: Kinsleigh Breeden, Henley Middle School, age 11

Teachers were encouraged to promote student participation, and four teachers were rewarded for their efforts with a \$200 gift card to be used for classroom projects: William Westen (Mountain View Elementary School), Holly Tucker (Tall Oaks Elementary School), Dustin Harris (Monticello High School), and Jessica Catlin (Albemarle Montessori).

In addition to the art contest, the campaign provides awareness and useful information on

how to conserve water. The City and ACSA offer rebates for installing WaterSense labeled toilets and rain barrels, as well as offer water saving devices available for pickup at their respective offices. Additionally, they stress the importance of finding and fixing leaks in homes, as even a small drip can waste 3,000 gallons of water each year.

For more information about the Imagine a Day without Water Art Contest including full contest rules and official entry form, please visit www.charlottesville.gov/artcontest.

More background information about the Imagine a Day without Water campaign can be found at <http://imagineadaywithoutwater.org>.



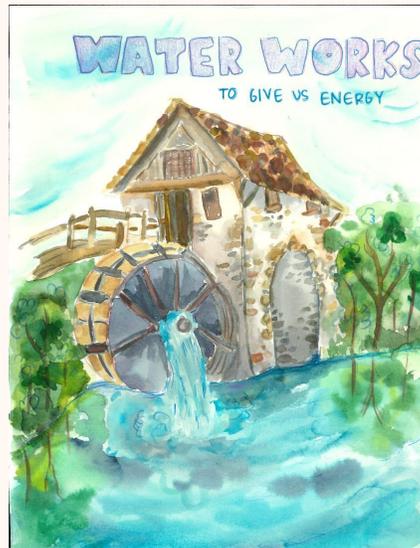
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Upcoming Meetings

December 15

- City Council at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers

December 16

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

December 17

- Housing Advisory Committee at 12:00 PM in CitySpace

December 18

- City Council & School Board at 5:00 PM at Walker Upper Elementary School
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee at 5:30 PM

December 22

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



What's Happening

- Join the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee for a walk on Sunday, December 14 at 1:00 PM! Meet them at the McGuffey Art Center to get to know the City better, meet your neighbors, and find opportunities to build a better, more connected community. Everyone is welcome!
- Looking for ways to save energy in your home this winter? Thanks to the City's partners at the Local Energy Alliance Program, several incentives and resources are available to the community via the [Energy Resource Hub!](#)
- **Traffic advisory:** Permitted activity will occur within the southbound lanes of Emmet Street North at its intersection with Earhart Street between 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM on Tuesday, December 16 until Thursday, December 18 (weather permitting).
- The **Holiday Market** recently kicked off and will run every Saturday from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at 100 East Water Street until December 20. Stop by to find unique gifts, support local artisans, and enjoy a lively, festive atmosphere with seasonal music and treats. The market accepts SNAP benefits and participates in Double Up Bucks, making it easy to shop local and save.
- Want a chance at winning a \$500 gift card? Consider entering in the **Utilities Storm Drain Art Contest!** Submit an inspiring design that creatively communicates the theme, "Stormwater Pollution Prevention: Only Rain Down the Drain", for a chance to paint it on one of three storm drain inlets and help engage, educate, and motivate the community to prevent pollutants from entering local waterways through storm drains. The contest is open now to February 9, 2026!
- Test your **natural gas** knowledge and complete the Utilities department's Natural Gas Safety Quiz for a chance to win a \$100 gift card!
- Did you know: Utilities offers resources to help ease the stress of paying utility bills, including the **Charlottesville Gas Assistance Program (GAP)**. GAP is designed to help those individuals heating with natural gas who, although in financial need, do not qualify for State Fuel Assistance or whose State Assistance allocation has been exhausted.
- Registration for Parks & Recreation's **winter programs** is still open! There are nearly 80 programs being offered ranging from one-time programs to six-week sessions in dance, art, gymnastics, cooking, and hobbies like Dungeons and Dragons.

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