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There is still time to enter the Charlottesville Utilities Storm Drain Art Contest, but the clock is ticking! The contest submission deadline is Monday, February 9 at 5:00 PM. You're invited to submit artwork that portrays "Stormwater Pollution Prevention: Only Rain Down the Drain!", for a chance to win a \$500 Visa gift card and paint their design on a storm drain inlet. The submission form and rules can be [found online](#).

Winter Storm Preparation

The City of Charlottesville is preparing for a potentially significant winter storm expected this weekend. The City's Snow Operations Team is moving into full operational readiness, including 24-hour shifts, to support snow and ice response and protect public safety. Crews will begin with primary routes, such as major corridors, emergency response roads, and transit routes.



For safe and efficient snow removal, Emergency Snow Routes will be in effect starting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 24. Vehicles should be removed from these routes by that time to avoid towing:

- Market St. (Old Preston Ave. to 9th St. NE)
- High St. (Preston Ave. to 9th St. NE)
- Water St. (Ridge St. to 10th St. NE)
- 2nd St. West (Market St. to Water St.)
- 4th St. East (Market St. to Water St.)
- West Main St. (Ridge St. to JPA)
- University Ave. (JPA to Rugby Rd.)

To help residents during the storm, complimentary parking will be available at the Market Street Garage and Water Street Garage from Friday, January 23 at 6:00 PM through Tuesday, January 27 at 8:00 AM.

As a reminder, property owners and occupants are responsible for clearing snow and ice from sidewalks next to their property. Clearing the full width of sidewalks, and applying salt or sand when icy, helps keep walkways accessible for everyone, including people using strollers or mobility devices. The City will share an update when sidewalk clearing requirements officially begin.

Residents are encouraged to limit travel during the storm whenever possible. If travel is unavoidable, current road conditions are available at [511Virginia.org](https://www.511virginia.org) or by calling 511.

Stay informed and connected:

- City updates: [charlottesville.gov](https://www.charlottesville.gov) and official City social media
- Emergency alerts: [cua911.gov/alerts](https://www.cua911.gov/alerts)

- Non-emergency service requests: charlottesville.gov/mycville
- Emergencies: Call 911

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as our teams prepare for the storm! Please stay safe, look out for one another, and check in on neighbors who may need a helping hand.

More information can be found on the [City's website](#).

Upcoming Meetings

January 29

- City Council at 6:00 PM in CitySpace (budget session)

February 2

- City Council at 4:00 PM in Council Chambers

February 5

- Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee at 5:00 PM



What's Happening

- Clemons Library on UVA Grounds will be available as a warming center this weekend to those in need of shelter from the cold. They will be open from 9:00 AM-8:00 PM Saturday, January 24, 12:00 PM-10:00 PM Sunday, January 25, and 10:00 AM-2:00 AM Monday, January 26. Hours are subject to change, but the latest can be found [on their website](#).
- Due to inclement weather operations, the leaf collection schedule is delayed. Community members can expect schedule updates to be communicated as soon as possible after weather event response operations have ended. The Saturday drop off location is also cancelled until further notice.
- Charlottesville Parks & Recreation invites dads, uncles, and grandpas of the community to take their little valentines to the Father-Daughter Dance on Friday, February 13 or Saturday, February 14! This sweet evening is designed for daughters ages 3–12. Enjoy child-friendly food, tasty refreshments, and a live DJ spinning all your favorite tunes. Purchase [tickets online](#) today.
- Charlottesville adults: attend Parks & Recreation's Drop-In Adult Mixed Media Art Class every Thursday at 6:30 PM at Carver Recreation Center! The cost is \$8 per person. All experience levels welcome!
- Starting Tuesday, January 27, Parks & Recreation will conduct [invasive plant control](#) and containment projects at Riverview Park, Butterfly Greenway, and Meadow Creek Gardens disc golf course. Signage will be placed to alert and inform pedestrians about land management activities.
- Parks and Recreation Department has opened the annual application period for [City-managed Garden Plots](#). This program offers the opportunity to rent community garden plots at sites throughout the City for the growing season. City residents may apply through January 31. Non-residents may apply February 1–21.
- City residents: applications for the E-Bike Grant Program are open until January 31! [Enter today](#) for a chance to win up to \$1500 towards your future e-bike.
- The City of Charlottesville is Accepting applications for [Boards and Commissions](#) until February 1! There are a wide variety that encourage members to participate in discussions that affect and shape the future of the community.

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