

# February 5, 2025



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.

## A Friendly New Presence on the Downtown Mall

The City of Charlottesville is excited to welcome the Downtown Mall Ambassador team, now active on the Downtown Mall and in nearby areas. With six full-time ambassadors covering 20 blocks every Wednesday through Sunday from 1:00-9:30 PM, the program provides added support to help keep downtown clean, welcoming, and vibrant.



Ambassadors assist visitors with directions and questions, support local businesses, help with cleanup and beautification, and provide an extra set of eyes for safety concerns. Their visible, friendly presence is designed to make the Downtown Mall a more enjoyable place for everyone who lives, works, and spends time there.

The Ambassador program is a two-year pilot approved by City Council and is operated in partnership with Block by Block, a national organization that works with cities across the country to support active downtowns and public spaces.

As the Downtown Mall marks its 50th anniversary, the Ambassador program helps ensure this milestone year is one that residents, visitors, and businesses can enjoy—by supporting a clean, welcoming, and well-cared-for Mall every day.

## Upcoming Meetings

### February 9

- City Council/School Board at 5:00 PM

### February 10

- Planning Commission in Council Chambers at 5:30 PM

### February 12

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

### February 17

- City Council in Council Chambers at 4:00 PM

### February 18

- Housing Advisory Committee at 12:00 PM in NDS Conference Room
- Board of Architectural Review at 5:30 PM in Council Chambers

### February 19

- Human Rights Commission at 6:30 PM at CitySpace



## What's Happening

- Volunteers are still urgently needed in the City of Charlottesville to help clear sidewalks of ice and snow. Without clear paths and sidewalks, vulnerable citizens including seniors over 65 and those with mobility challenges are at higher risk of dangerous falls and could be cut off from emergency services. Your assistance could prevent injuries—or save a life. [Sign up online](#) today.
- **Parking advisory:** Parking capacity is temporarily limited in Market Street Parking Garage due to a combination of planned maintenance work, safety precautions, and recent winter weather impacts. Motorists are encouraged to utilize the Water Street Parking Garage, where ample parking is available.
- Due to the recent winter weather, some **trash and recycling routes** have been delayed. There will be no make-up collections for missed trash or recycling service, but any contained overflow during residents' next regularly scheduled trash or recycling pickup will be collected. Residents in need of immediate options are encouraged to use the Rivanna McIntire Center at 611 McIntire Road.
- There are only a few days left to enter the Charlottesville Utilities Storm Drain Art Contest! Visit [www.charlottesville.gov/stormwater](http://www.charlottesville.gov/stormwater) for contest details and to submit your design. Don't miss your chance to win a \$500 gift card and showcase your art to the entire community!
- **Traffic advisory:** Permitted construction activity will occur within 1st Street South between Elliot Avenue and Lankford Avenue beginning Monday, February 16 and is expected to last through Friday, February 20.
- You're invited to join the Charlottesville Fire Department on Wednesday, March 4 from 6:00-8:00 PM at CitySpace (100 5th Street NE) for a **Strategic Plan Town Hall**. Meet local firefighters, share your concerns and ideas, and receive FREE swag!
- The City of Charlottesville is conducting a study on student housing policies and requirements, and the community is invited to participate. Please visit **Connect Charlottesville**, the City's newest public engagement hub, to review the student housing study overview and respond to three questions towards the bottom of the page.

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