



City Manager's Report

City Departments

6-17-2024

City Manager – Sam Sanders (he/him)

- We are pleased to announce that Charlottesville was selected as part of the ICMA (International City/County Management Association) 2024 Economic Mobility and Opportunity Cohort. Fifteen cities, towns, and counties representing diverse populations, geographies, operating budgets, and other local conditions were selected. In addition to professional development and networking opportunities, we will each receive a \$20,000 grant to advance a local assessment, planning process, or program aimed at boosting upward mobility of residents.
- I attended the Virginia Local Government Management Association (VLGMA) summer conference June 5th – 7th focused on thriving together: nurturing health and wellness across Virginia communities. I made positive connections with peers across the state and will follow up on these connections for future exchanges.

Deputy City Manager for Social Equity – Ashley Marshall (she/her)

- **Happy Pride Month!** Information on various June 2024 Pride events in our community can be found on the Charlottesville Albemarle Convention & Visitors Bureau website at: <https://www.visitcharlottesville.org/blog/pride-month-events-and-happenings-in-charlottesville-albemarle-county/>. Community members can also visit CvillePride for more information about future Pride events in Fall 2024: <https://www.cvillepride.org>
- **Parks and Recreation Host Free Community Events in July**
 - The Parks and Recreation department will host several free events for the community.
 - July 13, 2024: Sounds of Summer program from 6-8pm at Tonsler Park (500 Cherry Avenue). Come and enjoy live music, free food (while supplies last), and games co-sponsored by Bamma Works.
 - July 21, 2024: Sunday Sundowns will be held at Booker T. Washington Park (1001 Preston Avenue) from 12-2pm. Come enjoy free music, food (while supplies last), games, and activities for the whole family including free swimming at the pool. Parking is available at the lot located next to the swimming pool or at the lower level at the park.

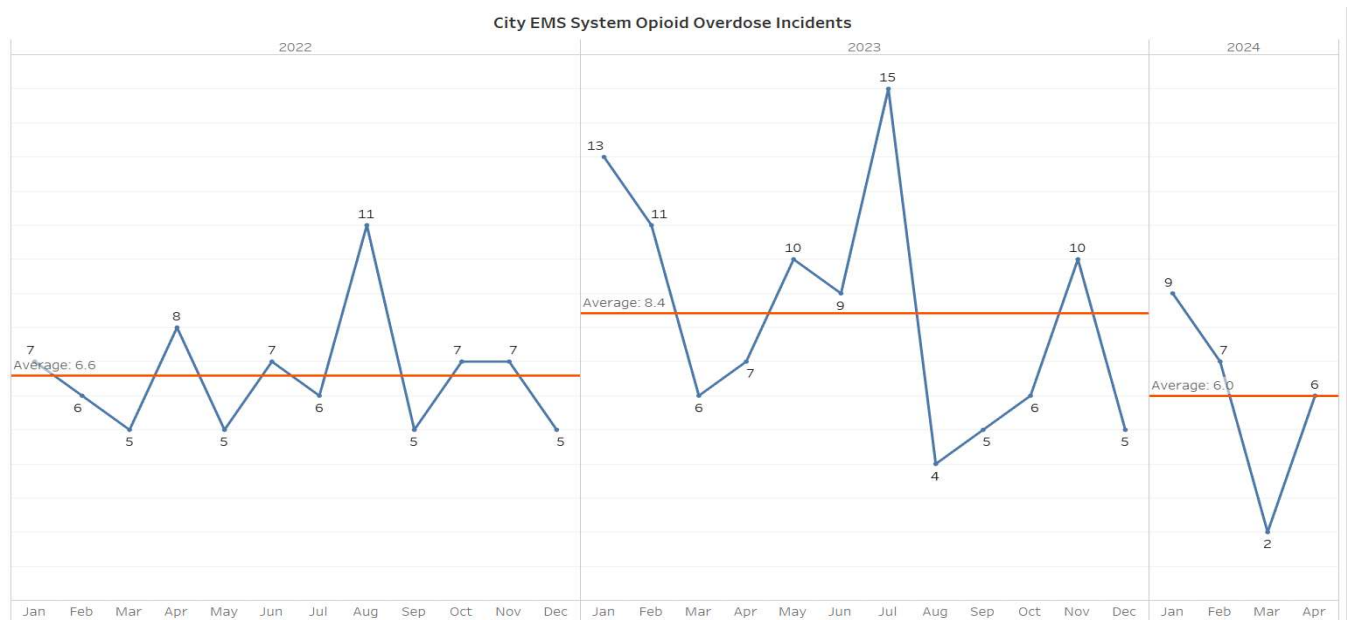
Charlottesville Fire Department – Chief Michael Thomas (he/him)

- Girl fire camp begins June 26th-28th with 11 participants aged 12-16.
- Key Operations Metrics:

	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024
EMS/Rescue	4,671	4,698	4,328
Fire	158	163	135
Other Type	2,047	2,194	1,907
Grand Total	6,876	7,055	6,370

Looking at the period of July-April compared to the same months in FY23, CFD incidents are down about 10% across all categories.

Comparing FY24 YTD to same months in FY23, fire incidents have decreased by 17%, EMS incidents decreased by 8%, and all other types of incidents decreased by 13%.



Opioid overdoses in the city have declined in 2024. CFD and CARS are running an average of six overdoses each month compared to 8.4 each month in 2023.

Charlottesville Area Transit – Director Garland Williams (he/him)

- Bruce White joined CAT as the Senior Project Manager, effective June 3, 2024. In this role, Bruce will be responsible for overseeing key projects and driving the development and success of major transit initiatives. He maintains a Project Management Professional (PMP) certification and recently worked for national homebuilders Toll Brothers and D.R. Horton in Seattle, WA.

- Bruce holds degrees from multiple universities in civil engineering, real estate, and finance. As a retired Colonel and judge advocate of the U.S. Marine Corps, he brings a distinguished background and a wealth of experience to his new role at CAT.

Parks & Recreation – Acting Director Riaan Anthony (he/him)

- The Parks & Recreation Master Plan continues to gather input and will be hosting public comment sessions in June & July for Court Square, Market Street, Booker T. Washington and Benjamin Tonsler Parks. Once dates/times are finalized the information will be posted on the Parks & Recreation Master Plan website at: www.charlottesville.gov/parksandrec.
- The City Amateur Golf Championship is scheduled for June 29 – 30 and registration is open. You can register online at: www.meadowcreekgolf.org.
- City Market and Farmers in the Park are in full swing. City Market is every Saturday, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm, 100 Water Street and Farmers in the Park is every Wednesday, 3:00 – 7:00 pm, 1400 Pen Park Road. Come support local vendors.
- Don't miss the Silent Disco at Carver Recreation Center on June 22 from 5 PM to 8 PM

Utilities – Director Lauren Hildebrand (she/her)

- Charlottesville Gas has been evaluating pathways to the decarbonization of the City's natural gas utility and their impacts on emissions, reliability of service, and cost to customers. Vital to the gas decarbonization study is community involvement, and three engagement sessions have been scheduled for this summer. Postcards with instructions on how to register for a session, including information on specific dates and times, will be sent to those in the community who receive a paper utility bill in the mail. Paperless utility bill customers can expect to receive information on the sessions in Utilities' electronic newsletter. Other outreach efforts will also be used to promote these events. To register for one of the sessions now, please go to www.tinyurl.com/CvilleGasStudy. If you need assistance in registering, please call Utilities Outreach at (434) 970-3686. Utilities encourages all residents to take part in helping to shape the outcomes of an initiative with community-wide impacts!

Public Works – Director Steven Hicks (he/him)

- Eight employees of the Charlottesville Public Works Department competed in the Mid-Atlantic APWA (American Public Works Association) "Roadeo" event in Roanoke on May 1st. Representatives from Public Works Departments across the Mid-Atlantic states participated on various pieces of equipment to measure skill and speed of operation. Charlottesville had two employees, Calvin Henderson and Bryan Frazier Jr., place in the top five in their respected events.
- Charlottesville Middle School - the steel has been erected and the floor decks poured on the first building.

- Drewary Brown Bridge - the memorial plaques have been removed for cleaning and repairs, additional beautification work will be completed this summer, including cleaning, painting and additional signage.
- City Hall Lobby should be opened in July. Long lead-time materials are on their way.