



City Manager's Report

City Departments

7-15-2024

City Manager – Sam Sanders (he/him)

- The City Manager's Office welcomes Lori Lawson as our newest addition to the team. She is our new Administrative Assistant and will work on a variety of tasks in supports of the CMO and other standalone offices. Lori will be one of the new voices the public will hear when calling the office to ask questions or to report issues of concern. We would also like to thank Teresa Pollack for her steadfast work in this prior role, and we congratulate her on the promotion to a higher-level assistant with the Department of Public Works.
- I would like to offer my congratulations and sincere thanks to Riaan Anthony, the permanent Director of Parks and Recreation. Riaan has contributed greatly over the years, but none more significant than in the past two years as the leadership of the department experienced challenges and eventually transitioned. Riaan has been responsive, attentive, and supportive to the whole team during this time. There has been a groundswell of support for Riaan both in the department and the public. I have been pleased to hear both perspectives from a number of people who took the time to express it.
- Attended CHO Airport Board Workshop on July 9th.
- Attended Monthly Meeting with Jeff Richardson (Albemarle County) on July 9th.
- Attended Jaunt Shareholder's Meeting on July 10th.
- Participated in Ratings Calls with our creditors: Moody's and S&P on July 10th.
- Don't forget to watch *Inside Charlottesville* on the city's public access channel and online at any time. My segment - *On the Spot* – is an opportunity for me to share important items and updates with the public.

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

- ICMA Economic Mobility and Opportunity Cohort Attendance
 - The City of Charlottesville was selected through a competitive application process as one of the fifteen (15) communities to join the International City/County Manager's Association (ICMA) 2024 Economic Mobility and Opportunity Peer Learning Cohort and Grant Program. The program is made possible through support by the Gates Foundation's Economic Mobility and Opportunity program. In late June 2024, DCM Marshall and Director for the Office of Economic Development – Chris Engle, attended the Cohort's first convening. The City will receive a grant to use over the next six months to focus in on gathering information on current opportunities and barriers to members of our community being able to move up the economic ladder.
- ANCHOR Launches to Support the Community
 - The City's Co-Responder program – ANCHOR – has launched starting July 1, 2024. The collaborative program brings together the Charlottesville Police Department, the Charlottesville Fire Department, and Partner for Mental Health – a local nonprofit community organization to provide assistance to those experiencing a mental health crisis and has called for emergency services as an alternative to the traditional public safety response. This work is being supported by the Department for Human Services and is working towards the Virginia Marcus Alert legislation requirements for most localities in the Commonwealth.

Deputy City Manager for Operations – James Freas (he/him)

- Interviewing for Director of Neighborhood Development Services on July 17th.
- Completing an overview of punch list matters pertaining to the completion of the Belmont Bridge Project.
- Engaged in discussions surrounding the pending sale of Carlton Mobile Home Park.
- Initiated a review and development of a public art program and policy through the engagement of a summer intern.
- Reviewing proposed policies for Right of Way acquisition, Land Bank establishment, and VDOT performance management.

Human Resources – Director Mary Ann Hardie (she/her)

- We are excited to share that the City will be hosting a job fair open to the public (City of Charlottesville Job Fair) at the end of next month on August 29th, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Carver Recreation Center! This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about career opportunities within various city departments and to start a CAREER in public service! More information will be coming on our website soon - but event registration may be found here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/city-of-charlottesville-job-fair-tickets-938495684857>

Human Services – Director Misty Graves (she/her)

- The City of Charlottesville's Co-Responder team, ANCHOR, launched services on July 1. ANCHOR stands for Assisting with Navigation, Crisis Response, and Outreach Resources. This is a collaboration between the Department of Human Services, Charlottesville Police Department, Charlottesville Fire Department and Partner for Mental Health. The first few weeks of ANCHOR include training, community engagement, and responding to mental health crises and follow ups after opioid overdoses. The major activities of ANCHOR include providing support, consultation, and connections to resources. There are five current members of the team. The Albemarle County's counterpart, HART, continues to be a resource throughout the launching phase of the program.
- Summer programs for Youth are underway!
- The Teens GIVE Service-Learning program takes small groups of teens to volunteer at local non-profits that is led and facilitated by Department of Human Services staff. The Teens GIVE motto is: "Making a positive difference in our community, while making a positive difference in ourselves. Some of the sites this summer include Meals on Wheels, Urban Agriculture Collective's community gardens, Community Bikes, Habitat for Humanity Store. After completing service, the youth participate in recreational activities. Transportation is provided which improves access to this summer youth program.
- The Community Attention Youth Internship Program (CAYIP) successfully matched 140 youth to a variety of different internship sites in the community. Interns earn a stipend for meeting their goals and contributing positively to their worksites. The program ends August 2. For pictures and ongoing updates about the impact of this experience, please follow @CAYIPCVille on Facebook and Instagram.

- The Community Connector Program will launch it's second iteration of the Healthy Living Class which residents can get nutritional and cooking lessons and financial literacy rolled into one 8-week session through a partnership with the Virginia Cooperative Extension.
- Community Attention Foster Families (CAFF) will launch it's PRIDE session on July 9th which is the statewide best practice curriculum to train new potential foster parents to join the CAFF team! If interested in becoming a foster parent, people are encouraged to register for the next informational session on July 8th here: <https://www.charlottesville.gov/260/Become-a-Foster-Parent>.
- This month, the Community Based Service called Parent Advocacy has successfully supported three biological families to reunite with their children from foster care. This supports the shared community goal between Dept. of Human Services and Dept. of Social Services to supporting reunification.

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

- Charlottesville Parks & Recreation is hosting public input sessions for feedback on recreational needs for four specific parks. These parks are part of framework plans in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan guiding the city for the next 10 years.
 - Public Input Session Schedule:
 - Monday, July 15, 6:00 pm: Court Square and Market Street Park (City Council Meeting)
 - Thursday, July 18, 6:00 pm: Benjamin Tonsler Park (Benjamin Tonsler Recreation Center)
 - Tuesday, July 23, 6:00 pm: Booker T. Washington Park (Carver Recreation Center)
 - Online feedback options include a survey, email, and an interactive mapping feature at Charlottesville Parks and Recreation Master Plan | EngagePros (mysocialpinpoint.com).
- July is National Parks & Recreation Month. We have created an Activities Challenge card that patrons can complete and get a SWAG prize. The cards are available for pick up at Carver, Key and Smith. Complete 6 out of 9 activities for a SWAG prize; submit by July 31st at Carver. For more information, visit Charlottesville Parks and Recreation. Activities Challenge card available at Carver, Key, and Smith. For more information, visit <https://www.charlottesville.gov/1742/Parks-Recreation>.

Utilities – Director Lauren Hildebrand (she/her)

- Listening sessions for the Charlottesville Gas Decarbonization Study kicked off earlier this month with a great turnout from the community, and the Department of Utilities extends a big thank you to all who attended. If you missed the first session, there is still time to join the conversation by attending one of two more listening session opportunities. A second virtual session will occur Tuesday, July 16th from 5:30PM – 6:45PM via ZOOM, and an in-person session will occur Thursday, August 22nd from 6PM – 7:15PM at CitySpace on the Downtown Mall. To register for one of these listening sessions, please click here <http://www.tinyurl.com/CvilleGasStudy>.

Information Technology – Director Steve Hawkes

- The Department of Information Technology welcomed two new team members last month, Cam Jones, Technical Support Specialist, and Kayvion Carter, CAYIP Summer Intern. Cam comes to the City after recently completing his Bachelor's Degree at William and Mary and Kayvion just graduated from Charlottesville High School and will be interning with IT this summer. Welcome Cam and Kayvion.