



City Manager's Report

City Departments

9-16-2024

City Manager – Sam Sanders (he/him)

- City Council and the Board of Supervisors will meet jointly on September 17th from 6-8pm in BoS Chambers at the County Office Building.
- Congratulations to Wes Bellamy and his team for another successful year of the Tonsler League - per the 2024 Post Report, there were 14 men's teams in the tournament, four Junior Tonsler League teams, and three variations of the Lady Tonsler games; plans for the 2025 season are already underway.
- Agreement Renewals:
 - Safe Routes to Schools
 - Signed a new Project Administration Agreement with VDOT to continue support of the Safe Routes to Schools Program; funds project years 2024-25 and 2025-26; in addition to project funds, this grant matches local dollars to ensure a full-time SRTS Coordinator to facilitate integrated citywide planning.
 - HOME Consortium
 - Affirmed the city's continued participation in the Charlottesville HOME Consortium, which was initially established in 1993 to receive and distribute HOME funds for affordable housing development activities that none of the individual members would qualify for independently; the city joins five other municipalities (Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, and Nelson counties, and the towns of Louisa, Mineral, Scottsville, and Stanardsville) this collaborative group is managed by TJPDC per a Cooperation Agreement.
- Met with the Collaborative Reform Initiative Assessment Team on 9/4 to support Chief Kochis in his decision to voluntarily submit the Charlottesville Police Department to an organizational assessment within a program of the DOJ's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; in my meeting with the Assessment Team, we discussed the following:
 - The planned scope of the organizational assessment and timeline.
 - My perspective on policing priorities including for Charlottesville.
 - My interests in any findings and how we will approach consideration of any.
 - Local social context for the review team and offered referrals for engagement.

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

- **Congratulations** are to be sent to Department of Human Services team members Roxanne Jones, Reginald Allen, and Latara Ragland – along with Office of Economic Development team member Matt Johnson on their acceptance into this years Chamber Leaders Lab class!
- **Fall Recreation:** Just a reminder for the community that registration is open for Fall programs. Members of our community can register online at: <https://web1.myvscloud.com/charlottesville.html> or reach out to staff at our recreation centers for assistance.
- **Ten-Tenth Anniversary Celebration:** The Honorable Claude V. Worrell, II, Judge, Charlottesville Circuit Court, and The Honorable Llezelle Austin Dugger, Clerk, Charlottesville Circuit Court, invite the public to commemorate and celebrate the first legal same-sex marriage licenses issues and weddings officiated in Charlottesville at the Charlottesville Circuit Court (315 East High Street) on Sunday, October 6, 2024 from 3-4 pm. For more information, please reach out to Clerk Dugger.

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

- Excited to share that DPW has completed installation of new name plaques on the Drewry Brown Bridge recognizing “Drewary Brown and 36 other people of the greater Charlottesville community who learned to cross bridges of race, economic status, and other differences to work together for a better community.” (more info here <https://cvillebridgebuilders.org/>). Two new signs identifying the memorial will also be installed soon. DPW and NDS collaborated on this project, working with representatives of the Bridgebuilders group. The DPW Facilities Development team in particular did an excellent job developing a set of solutions that overall improves this important City memorial.

Neighborhood Development Services – Director James Freas (he/him)

- Kellie Brown started her role as Director of NDS on Monday, 9/9. Kellie comes to the City from Arlington County, VA where she most recently served as Section Supervisor in the Comprehensive Planning Group in Arlington County’s Planning Division. She has over 15 years of experience as a community planner in both the public and private sectors. Welcome, Kellie!

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

- Events:
 - Downtown Safe Halloween- Join us at the Ting Pavilion on October 19th from 2 PM to 4 PM for a fun and safe Halloween celebration! This event is free and open to the public.
 - Masquerade Ball-Dress to impress and enjoy an evening of music and dancing at the Carver Recreation Center on October 26th from 5 PM to 8 PM. Tickets are \$10 per person for both residents and non-residents.
 - The Key Recreation Center will be closed for gym floor repairs from November 12th to November 17th. We will reopen on Monday, November 18th.
- Meadowcreek Golf Course:

- September 18 is the 50th Anniversary for Meadowcreek Golf Course. It officially opened on September 18, 1974, with just 9 holes. Commemorative merchandise is available for purchase at the golf shop.
- The City Amateur Four Ball Championship will be held on October 5 & 6 and registration is open for anyone who wishes to compete. Charlottesville Amateur Four Ball Championship (constantcontactpages.com).
- Master Plan:
 - Parks & Recreation hosted three (3) public meetings in which PROS Consulting presented the key findings from community engagement for the Master Plan.
 - PROS Consulting concluded their community engagement with stakeholders, focus groups and the public for the site-specific framework plans. Those parks are Benjamin Tonsler Park, Booker T. Washington Park, Court Square Park, and Market Street Park.
 - Staff is finalizing the next set of public meetings and engagement sessions for the Fall and Winter when the framework plans are released as well as the draft plan.
 - More information regarding the Master Plan can be found online at: Charlottesville Parks and Recreation Master Plan | EngagePros (mysocialpinpoint.com)
- Marketing
 - Registration is open for Fall programs and community members can register online at: <https://web1.myvscloud.com/charlottesville.html>
 - The Department initiated a “Leave No Trace” campaign which reminds and encourages to clean up after their pets in the Parks and Open Spaces. All residents with dog licenses received a post card and yard signs will be displayed in the Park System.

Utilities – Director Lauren Hildebrand (she/her)

- The Department of Utilities invites the community to celebrate and see the newly restored Schenks Branch Tributary Stream! Join us on September 24th from 10:30AM to 12PM at the Botanical Garden of the Piedmont (BGP) located at 950 Melbourne Road for snacks, tours, and information on this significant project. The City and the environmental engineering firm Hazen and Sawyer worked closely with the BGP to restore 820 linear feet of the Schenks Branch Tributary Stream, transforming a highly deteriorated landscape back to a healthy and thriving state. Come see the incredible results and learn first-hand about the innovative techniques used to restore the area, reduce pollution, increase ecological function, and provide the community with better access to green infrastructure. For more information on the celebration event, please visit www.charlottesville.gov/utilities or call Utilities Outreach at 434-970-3686.

Public Works – Director Steven Hicks (he/him)

- Public Works crews are on schedule to complete ADA and crosswalk work at the intersection of 10th St NE and Little High St. by 9/13/2024
- A reminder for City residents that Public Works has partnered with Recycle Coach to provide a free mobile and web app to help make recycling and solid waste information more accessible to residents. Information pertaining to collection schedules, acceptable material guidelines, and educational resources are all readily available. Learn more by visiting the City's Waste Management page online.
- Plaques have been installed on the Drewary Brown Bridge on 9/10/2024. 2 signs will be installed by November.