



# **City Manager's Report**

*City Departments*

3-16-2026

### **City Manager's Office – Assistant City Manager (ACM) Evan Pilachowski (he/him)**

- ACM Pilachowski has continued to meet with community leaders throughout February and March 2026 to familiarize himself with the community and better understand the needs of its neighborhoods and citizen groups. He looks forward to continued collaboration with these and other community stakeholders.
- Notable meetings over the last month include introductory discussions with Sunshine Mathon of the Piedmont Housing Alliance and the leadership team of the Community Climate Collaborative.
- ACM Pilachowski also attended the Virginia Local Government Management Association (VLGMA) winter conference in Staunton, where he used the opportunity to learn more about municipal leadership and specific challenges within Virginia, as well as receiving an update on the current legislative session.
- Conversations at these events provide valuable insight and help to shape how to develop policy, process, and procedures to best serve the community.

### **Utilities – Director Lauren Hildebrand (she/her)**

- Energy-Saving Trees Program
  - The Department of Utilities offered 200 free trees to residents through the Arbor Day Foundation's Energy-Saving Trees Program. Marking the seventh offering of this program to the community, these trees will add to over 1,100 trees already distributed by Utilities through this initiative. The program guides residents in strategically planting trees on their property to assist with energy conservation and a reduction in household energy costs. The program also serves to reinforce safe digging practices by having participants contact Virginia 811 prior to planting their tree. Utilities worked with the City's arborist to determine the most suitable tree species for the community to plant and offered four species to choose from.
  - Tree reservations opened to the community on March 9 to considerable enthusiasm. The tree pick-up event will be held on March 27 and 28 at the Utilities Administration Building, and any unclaimed trees will be donated by Utilities to the Parks & Recreation Department. Utilities thanks the community for their continued support and excitement for the Energy-Saving Trees Program!
- Storm Drain Art Contest
  - Community voting for the Fan Favorite winner of the Charlottesville Utilities Storm Drain Art Contest wrapped up on March 9. Over 1,350 votes were cast between 27 entries, helping to make the first contest of this kind in Charlottesville a great success! Through creative expression and educational messaging, the contest set out to raise awareness of, and engagement in, the importance of stormwater pollution prevention and the vital role the community plays in that effort. Serving as visual reminders of

the interconnectedness between our daily actions and the health of the City's waterways, this artwork will serve the community for years to come. The announcement of the Youth, Open, and Fan Favorite winners will be shared in the coming weeks. Utilities extends a big thank you to all of the artists and voters for making this contest a success!

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

- The irrigation project at Meadowcreek Golf Course is currently ongoing; however, the course remains open and operating under normal hours.
- Registration for the Spring Golf Clinics is now open. Customers can sign up through the [Parks and Recreation Activity Search](#).
- The annual Eggstravaganza will take place on March 21 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at McIntire Park. This is a free event and no registration is required. Additional details can be found on the [Parks and Recreation calendar](#). Residents can also join the egg-citing fun early by participating in the Egg-Scavenger Hunt geocaching activities taking place throughout the City. More information is available on our social media platforms and the [Parks & Recreation website](#).
- [Summer camp registration](#) is off to a strong start, with more than 50% of weekly capacity already filled. Registration opened on February 2 for City residents and February 17 for non-City residents.
- The Farmers in the Park [vendor application](#) period opened on March 1.
- The Saturday Farmers Market will begin its season on April 4 and will operate every Saturday from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- All outdoor restrooms, drinking fountains, and the Downtown Mall fountains are scheduled to be open and operational no later than the second week of April.

### **Human Services (DHS) – Director Misty Graves (she/her)**

- The Community Attention Youth Internship Program (CAYIP) is actively [recruiting new sites](#) to host teens in this summer's program. CAYIP aspires to enroll over 100 youth in the summer – and we depend on partners to step up to host them!

See below for more information and to sign up!

## 5 Reasons to be a CAYIP Site Partner

### #1 : Be a Mentor

Site Supervisors provide not just supervise our interns but also have the unique opportunity to support and empower our local youth through this unique hands-on experience.

### #3 : Grow Awareness of your Business or Agency

As part of becoming a site partner, we strive to highlight and share our partnership through means like our Annual City Council Report and social media platforms and word of mouth!

### #5 : No Financial Obligation!

CAYIP - Community Attention Youth Internship Program is part of the Dept of Human Services - City of Charlottesville. Intern stipends are paid for and no cost for businesses and agencies to participate!

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### #2 : Year Round Opportunites



CAYIP offers school year seessions (4) and a summer session so sites have the flexibility to participate where they can and all year long if desired.

### #4 : Build a stronger Community

Community is at the heart of what we do at CAYIP! Many youth and families have their first look at what businesses and agencies exist in our community through their CAYIP experience. THANK YOU in advance for bieng part of that!



- Applications for 14–21-year-old residents to participate in the CAYIP Spring Session (April 6- May 31) can be found at <https://www.charlottesville.gov/256/Community-Attention-Youth-Internship>.
- This month, several Community Based Services staff attended the National Youth Advocacy and Resilience Conference in Savannah, GA. There, they built connections from across the country for continued collaboration and learned from experts in the youth development field. Specifically, staff will continue to learn from other cities that have Youth Council cohorts as well as other providers that engage in Parent Advocacy work. In the spirit of Organizational Staff, DHS emphasizes staff training and development.
- Deputy Director Charlsie Stratton and Youth Opportunity Coordinator Juanika Howard recently stepped in to the role of co-facilitators of the Charlottesville Area Network Dedicated to Youth Development (CANDYD). In this role, they will convene and inspire the collective work of organizations and staff dedicated to youth development!

- Community Attention Foster Families (CAFF) and DePaul Community Resources are offering in-service training for their foster families. Humane Hair Foundation will partner with Curls and Caregivers to host a one-hour virtual education and hands-on seminar designed to empower partners, grandparents, foster parents, and caregivers with the knowledge and confidence to properly care for children's natural and/or textured hair at home.