

# Neighborhood Development Services NEWS & NOTES



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## Message from the Director

Greetings! As warm and rainy spring weather arrives, we urge everyone to be aware of the many opportunities for participating in community events related to gardening, sustainability, water-saving projects and other energy efficiency measures, home repairs, and perhaps even outdoor sports activities. The list goes on and on! If your home-improvement to-do list is an extensive one, we may see you in City Hall for the requisite permits. Fun or functional, it's time to get busy!

*Jim*

James E. Tolbert, AICP



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*NDS Mission:*  
To sustain a high quality of life for the Charlottesville community through progressive customer service, planning, engineering and code enforcement.

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# Planning Commission Update and Upcoming Sessions

## **Planning Commission**

*Meets on the second  
Tuesday of each month*

### **Items from Tuesday March 8, 2011**

4:30 PM -- Planning Commission Agenda Review  
5:30 PM -- Planning Commission Regular Meeting Items:  
Subdivision— Longwood Drive PUD  
CDBG/HOME Funding  
Music Hall Use Expansion  
Special Permit for music hall at 1417 Emmet St  
Site Plan & EC for Johnson Village PUD

**Upcoming Planning Commission Work Sessions**  
**May 24**  
**June 28**

### **Future Planning Commission Agenda items**

Public Hearing for Critical Slopes  
Blight Review— 704 Montrose Avenue  
ZTA—Unzoned Property  
Critical Slope—901 River Road



**The Commission presented the 2011 Planning Awards at the March 8th Meeting.**

**Recipients include: The Martha Jefferson Neighborhood, Whole Foods, Bike Charlottesville, The ADA Advisory Committee, Bruce Wardell, 14th Street Greenhouse and Nick Rogers, Neighborhood Planner**

## Board of Architectural Review (BAR) Recent News

### **Approved:**

- New garage/connector & decks 1901 E Market St
- Replace rear additions 610 Lyons Ct
- Fencing under porch & breezeway 116 W Jefferson St
- Recommended designating Jefferson School as an Individually Protected Property
- Sister Cities Clock design near City Hall
- Rear Yard planting plan 625 Park St
- Site plan and details 109 E Jefferson St
- Revisions to restaurant design 422 E Main St
- Security enhancements City Hall Annex
- Replace windows and door 225 E Jefferson St
- Remove 2 trees 600 Preston Place
- New signage at 1824 University Circle
- New handrails and skateboard guards 402 Park St
- Replace main doors at FUMC 101 E Jefferson St
- Replace 8 windows 106 W South St
- Replace 7 windows only 116 Oakhurst Cir

### **BAR**

*Meets on the third Tuesday of each month*

*For actions on specific applications, please go to  
**BAR Past Agendas/Actions** at  
<http://www.charlottesville.org/Index.aspx?page=2305>*

### **Deferred:**

- New sidewalk at Transit Center
- New storefront 1411 University Ave

### **Denied:**

- Replace two windows 116 Oakhurst Cir

### **Preliminary Discussions:**

- Replace windows 138 Madison La
- Belmont Bridge replacement design



Proposed window replacements  
106 W South Street

**Building Code  
News**

## Courtesy Deck and Pool Inspections



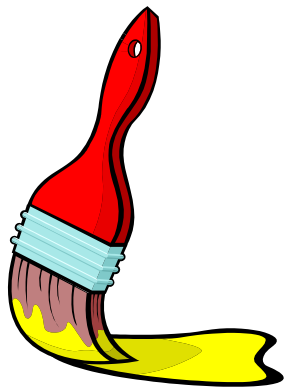
Continuing the success of Building Safety Week May 2-6; the Building Inspectors will offer free inspections of decks and pools to private residents in the City of Charlottesville. Please call 434.970.3182 early for reservations.

Deck failures due to aging and/or improperly constructed decks can occur. Pools can become dangerous play areas without the appropriate fencing, gates, and alarms. In order to minimize the harm caused by such failures, the City's building inspection staff will be conducting courtesy deck and pool inspections during the first week in May. If obvious hazards are noticed, you will be alerted to further steps to take for enhanced safety. If you are a homeowner in the City, please contact our front desk at 434-970-3182 and leave your name, address, and phone number. Inspections will be scheduled during business hours 8am—4pm from May 2-6 on a first call/first served basis.

For additional information please go to **1 & 2 Family Deck Details and Information** and **1 & 2 Family Dwelling Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs Information** at <http://www.charlottesville.org/Index.aspx?page=1337>



## Home Maintenance Tips



The arrival of the spring season is a great time to take advantage of warmer temperatures and enjoy some outdoors while protecting the home. Water over time will do the worst and most costly damage to a home. The damage is often when hidden from plain view until it's too late - most insurance policies will not help cover the cost of repairs including mold damage, since it's considered maintenance repairs.

Here are some things to check for between spring showers; paint for peeling, cracking and coverage. Weather stripping around doors and windows, thresholds and don't forget gasketing at the attic access and other entries into unconditioned spaces. Have the gutters cleaned. Make sure downspouts are unrestricted and surface water flows away from the foundation. Check window screens for tears and tightness for those soon to come cool nights (help old man winter find his way home to the north).

Save the date for a public Kick-Off Event to begin the update process for:

- The City of Charlottesville's Comprehensive Plan;
- The County of Albemarle's Comprehensive Plan and;- The Regional Long Range Transportation Plan.

**Wednesday, April 27, 2011 from 3:00 to 7:00pm**

**Albemarle County Office Building  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Foyer , 401 McIntire Road**

# Upcoming Sidewalk Projects

City Council has approved the following new sidewalk locations to be constructed this summer through 2016. Those locations that need no formal plan design or additional right of way will be constructed first. Please follow construction progress on the NDS home page under SIDEWALKS.

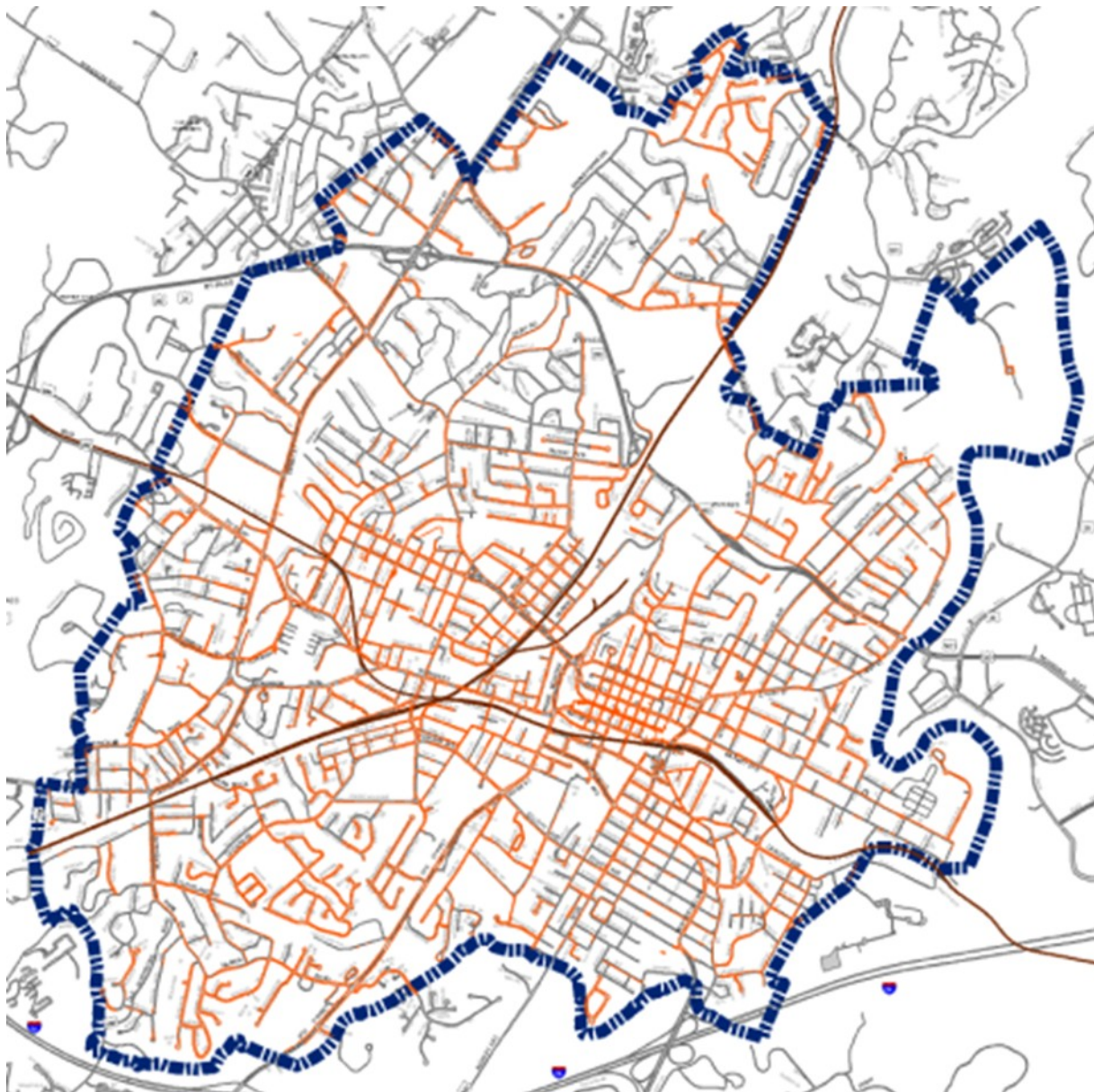
New requests will be collected and reviewed during the next prioritization cycle in 2016 or when all of the current projects are complete—whichever comes first!

## Approved 2011 Sidewalk Priorities

STREET	SIDE OF ROAD	START	END	LENGTH	SCHOOL DIST	SIDEWALK ON OTHER SIDE?	FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION
1st St SE	Either	South St	Garrett St	300	(Commercial)	No	L
250 EB Off Ramp	South	St. Charles Ave	Locust Ave	500	Burnley-Moran	No	PA
7th Street	West	8th Street	Page Street	300		No	L
9 1/2 Street	East	E. Jefferson St.	High Street	135	(Commercial)	No	L
Allen Dr	North	Willard Dr	Moseley Dr	500	Jackson-VIA	No	L
Bellevue Avenue	SW	#1304	River Rd	550	Burnley-Moran	No	L
Blenheim Avenue	North	Meridian St	Castalia St	500	Clark	No	L
Briarcliff Ave	Either	Rockcreek Rd	North (1412) or south (1409)	880	Buford	No	L
Broad Avenue	East	#1524	Cherry Avenue	650	Johnson/Buford	No	L
Cabell Avenue	NW	Burnley Ave	#823	450	Venable	No	L
Chancellor Street	SW	#167	Rugby Road	400	Venable	No	L
East High Street	East	at telephone co		150	(Commercial)	Yes	PA
Forest Ridge Road	East	Briarcliff Ave	Forest Hill	300	(Forest Hills Park)	No	L
Franklin Street	West	Market Street	RR	365		No	L
Harris Rd	North	121 Harris Rd	Moseley Dr	825	Jackson-VIA	Yes	C
Kenwood Ln	North	Concord Dr	Galloway Dr	100	CHS	No	C
Meadowbrook Heights	NW	#1609	#1713	840	Walker/CHS	No	C
Meridian Street	Either	Montrose Ave	Monticello Ave	800	Clark	No	L
Montrose Avenue	North	Rialto St	Meridian St	450	Clark	No	L
Montrose Avenue	South	Monticello Ave	Monticello Rd	450	Clark	No	L
Moore Street	East	Hazel Street	Grace Street	350	Burnley-Moran	No	L
Shamrock Road	East	Thomas Dr	Broad Ave	300	Johnson	Yes	C
Tarleton Drive	SW	Greenbrier Dr	Banbury St	900	Greenbrier/CHS	No	L

# Sidewalk Prioritization Criteria

- Commercial and residential connections
- Connected streets
- Functional roadway classification
- Low income areas
- Overlap of school areas
- Parks
- School proximity
- Sidewalk exists along one side of road
- Transit stops

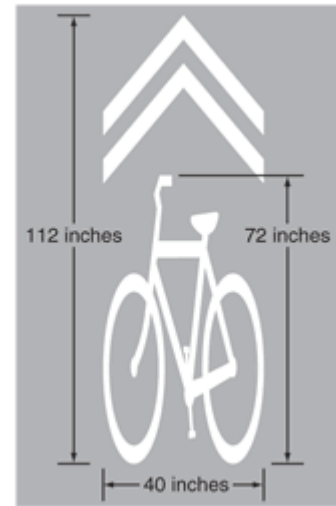


Existing Sidewalks

# Share the Lane on Water Street

This spring, the City plans to pilot the “shared lane marking” treatment for bicyclists and motorists on Water Street. This marking is frequently referred to as a “sharrow” based on its intent and appearance. “Shared lane markings” are typically used where adding bicycle lanes is not possible and the posted speed limit is 35 miles per hour or less. The purpose of the marking is to alert motorists to the potential location of cyclists, assist bicyclists with positioning in cases where on street parking exists, travel lanes are too narrow for vehicles and bicycles to ride side by side, and encourage safe passing of cyclists. It’s all part of a wider effort involving city staff, pedestrians, and the bicycling community to improve the safety and

Figure 9C-9. Shared Lane Marking



**Hazards in a GREEN city!** City code 5-149 states that it shall be unlawful for the owner of any parcel of real estate to allow thereon any hedge, shrub, tree or other vegetation, the limbs, branches or other parts of which overhang, extend or protrude into any street, sidewalk or public alley in a manner which obstructs or impedes the safe and orderly movement of persons or vehicles thereon...Please make sure that all greenery is trimmed clear of the streets and sidewalks that abut your property. A minimum 7' vertical clearance is required along sidewalks to ensure the safe passage of pedestrians. Grass and weeds must not exceed 18" in height.



## Welcome to our new Secretary II **Deronda Eu-** **banks!**

Deronda, a PVCC graduate, joins us after working for Martha Jefferson Hospital. She will take meeting minutes for the various Boards and Commissions staffed by NDS as well as assist with issuing permits and greeting customers.



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## Welcome to our new Civil Engineer **Marty Silman!**

Marty, a VMI graduate and city homeowner, joins us from a local design firm. His responsibilities include development review and project design and management.

