

Charlottesville



Encampment Update

August 3, 2026

Encampment Outreach

- Assessment & Point-in-Time (PIT) count teams were deployed July 22–23 to engage occupants and collect baseline information.
- UVA clinicians and PACEM staff were stationed at two riverfront kiosks (0 East High and Free Bridge).
- Connected individuals to resources using assessment data.



Internal Logistics

- City staff identified trash and abandoned property with encampment residents; flagged items for contractor removal.
- Parks & Recreation continues daily trash collection and provides garbage bags upon request.
- Dumpster, handwashing stations, and portable restrooms continue to be serviced.
- Weekly coordination meetings continue; next meeting scheduled for tomorrow at 3:00 PM.
- Developing a process to track costs associated with encampment closure, cleanup, and restoration.



Engagement

- City continues to take the lead for emergency shelter operations while collaborating with community partners.
- Our goal continues to open 2000 Holiday Drive as close to September 1 as possible with a sustainable operating plan.
- Our internal communications team has solidified a communications and engagement plan for businesses near Holiday Drive.
- City staff conducted business outreach visits today.
- [Connect Charlottesville](#), FAQ's and QR codes created to keep the public informed.



Technical Assistance

- Community Solutions and Clutch Consulting visited Charlottesville to support assessment efforts.
- Technical assistance includes:
 - connecting landlords and housing opportunities with assessed individuals.
 - training City staff in case management.
 - providing ongoing advisory support regarding the encampment.
- Clutch has also offered a housing model for a small cohort of individuals using landlord incentives and available units.



Safety and Security

- Charlottesville Police Department (CPD) and Charlottesville Fire Department (CFD) maintain a dedicated presence.
- Following the most recent incident, CPD increased patrols and maintained an enhanced public safety presence in the area, including overnight hours.
- On-site camera systems continue to enhance safety and situational awareness at the encampment.



Key Takeaways

- Outreach efforts continue to connect individuals with services.
- Operational support remains in place while cleanup preparations continue.
- Planning for opening temporary/Emergency shelter located at 2000 Holiday Drive remains a priority.
- Community engagement and transparent communication remains a priority.
- Collaboration with our local providers and partners continue to be prioritized.
- Enhanced public safety presence is ongoing and likely to last throughout the closure.





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