



Move 2 Health Equity Monthly Meeting Agenda

May 13th, 2026

- **Welcome & Introductions**
 - Gregg Winston, Isis, Hanna, Jackie Martin, Greg Gelburd, Jerry Donowitz, KJ Howard, Igor Kalina, Stephanie Lowenhaupt, Stephanie Blackton
- **Repair Cafe with the Cville time Bank, Stephanie Blackton**
 - Find the Cville Time Bank:
 - <https://cvilletimebank.com/>
 - Email: timebankcville@gmail.com
 - Table at IX park this saturday (June 13th)
 - Repair Cafe Event:
 - June 20th, 12-4pm at 2825 Hydraulic Rd
 - Meeting at Unity of Charlottesville in their social hall
 - We want to help people keep their stuff in use through simple repairs & maintenance
 - PLUS: If you have any fixit skills, you are welcome to help!
 - What to expect at the Repair Cafe:
 - These Repair Cafes are organized like 'IFixIt', where we can divert millions of pounds of almost perfectly good things from landfills. By returning use of items through sharing skills and providing simple repairs for free, we are building community and working in an alternate economy.
 - Completely free (House rules: no guarantee of a fix, and bringing the part if you know about anything specific is really helpful, folks sometimes bring materials like glue, clamps, etc.)

- The excitement is palpable, with many items being returned after years of not functioning due to the fix/help being cost prohibitive, not having the skills to fix, etc.
- Common electrical repairs (a new plug, a new socket. etc), from antique puppets to jewelry repair, sewing or mending, and more!
 - No gas powered tools and microwave repairs
 - If you have the parts for a repair, bring it and they can help install or replace! Though this is not mandatory, since this group also works in conjunction with Cville Tool Library and has simple repair parts donated from volunteers.
 - Occasionally, volunteers will take items home to finish the repair and stay in contact with the owner as they work on the item.
- Repair Cafe Goal:
 - 2x a year with a future date to be planned and goal of 4 times a year and then moving to monthly
- Time Bank Concept:
 - Creating community an hour at a time. Everyone's time is worth the same and by utilizing an time based economy - people can bank hours from community based actions:
 - Examples: Drive someone to the airport
 - Our local time bank can exchange with folks at other time banks around the world through affiliates utilizing the same database
- Cville Timebank:
 - No dues, no membership fees, its just being part of a community
 - In order to join: Liability form (you're responsible for you and your exchanges, there's no one to sue), Orientation Meeting (mostly community building)
 - Common statements: everyone has something they need and everything has something to give
 - Folks might need a ride to the doctor and someone might need a help sewing on a button
 - Someone might want some advice, a social call, foraging, leading a hike, etc

- This can look like any number of things and everyone has many unique talents
- Cville Timebank has existed since 2012, with issues during the pandemic and after 14 months they did a reboot. In 2026 changed the relationship (ie the liability form), removed inactive members, and changed the requirements of having one offer up and at least one exchange per year, a bio
 - Younger folks involved and interested in an alternative economy
 - Earn money working fridays after five to meet operating expenses for the year
 - Free software through group donation at a higher level
- RAM Clinic Report out (PDF attached)
- SNAP Update
 - Next month DSS will be joining for larger update
 - BRHAC Update:
 - Senior program for the counties served by JABA have been reduced in their distribution of the program to 37 seniors across 5 counties along with digital requirements that are causing farmers to not participate due to barriers
 - Still hearing about benefit skimming/stealing from folks EBT cards before any purchase is made.
 - Disenrollment is happening on a rolling basis
 - Farmer Markets:
 - Market Central (at IX & Starr Hill) are both officially SNAP receiving markets. Little Market at Lampo does SNAP through September Sun Farm
 - Sun Bucks
 - Used to be that if the school district offered free and reduced lunch then everyone got it but now you have to be eligible & apply
 - Old benefits expire after 9 months and are removed from the card
 - Batch run start rolling out of approvals in June (unknown how they're doing that)

- Families will get new cards (separate from SNAP, separate from old sunbucks cards) will be \$120 again
 - If they have the form with the case # (with a P) and DSS doesn't have that number so they need the case number in order to look it up (since it'll be in any combination of family member names). Usually under the oldest kids name but sometimes there's individual cards for each child but there's no real organization to the plan
- **Applications available online** - [Virginia SUN Bucks - Virginia Department of Social Services](#)
 - Live application online
 - 1800 # opens on June 15th - Customer care center line
 - Mail applications to the state (do not send to the local agency since the local office cannot
- Legislation
 - Budget amendments - budget team in the general assembly and Creigh Deeds is on that committee
 - Going back into session on the 20th, Need a budget by June 30
 - There's a previous surplus that Governor Spanberger could use for food relief (Potential for govt shut down for the state)
- **Cville Carebears**
 - <https://www.instagram.com/cvillecarebears/>
 - Carebears in a local organization that provides support to people experiencing homelessness in Charlottesville. This can range from material support such as tents, sleeping pads, food, water, portable showers, etc. to getting people hotel rooms during medical emergencies to advocacy such as writing to the city and showing up at city council.
 - Estimated 100-180 people living in the Free Bridge Encampment
 - Uva has a hotel program for people with serious medical need. However, that program excludes everyone who is homeless in Charlottesville. Despite being a small grassroot organization who rely solely on individual donations, we receive referrals from UVA social workers, asking us to pay for people's hotel rooms.

Despite UVA having a large amount of wealth and a dedicated program, they have essentially abandoned their clients who need to plug their oxygen machines in to survive or who are medically complex and need a place to stay to receive in home care.

- The city released a statement on March 11th that said they planned to install porta-potties and needle disposals at the Free Bridge Encampment. It will have been three months tomorrow and the city has not taken any steps towards the installation of porta potties. A local business, Rivanna River Company has offered for the portapotties to be on their property and to manage the contract if the city will just pay for it as they publicly stated they would. Still, the city has done nothing. Two sharps containers have been installed close to the bridge but none on the 0 east high portion of the encampment despite a sizable amount of people living there.
- Month ago - closed comment working session with city councilors, manager, BRACH, the haven, carebears, etc.
 - No one allowed to speak
 - Displacement plan with no alternative plan (folks were displaced last summer and told to move from directly under the bridge)
 - No steps in current promises
- Health Risks
 - Lack of bathrooms, lack of trash disposal, lack of needle disposal,
 - Fire - The city is using the most recent large fire as a reason to push people out of the area, which will do nothing to mitigate fire risk. People need access to fire extinguishers
 - Heat - Many people at free bridge have health issues that are exacerbated by the heat. What people truly need is to live in homes with AC but in lieu of that, fans, ice, cold water and gatorade can help people stay cool
 - Police harassment = telling folks that they need to leave with different timelines, no consistency, patrolling everyday, going really close to folks tents
 - Folks being forced lived together and instead the city is continuing to displaced over and over again

- Demands to the City:
 - Portapotties, Fire Extinguishers, Water & Ice, Sharps Containers, Trash Disposal
- Request to the community:
 - Write our Mayor and City Counselors
 - Donate and share funds with Carebears

- **Organizational updates**

- PATH - free travel training at the Belvedere Center (open to all and available on the website)
 - June 23rd is the next one and scheduled through the fall
 - Key training session about how to use public transit
 - Transit help line (Mon-Fri 9-5) louisa, fluvanna, greene, nelson, charlottesville to share transportation services and options (Mostly Jaunt)
 - Transportation assistance fund - <https://pathva.org/assistance-fund/>
 - Travel Training for Seniors at The Center: <https://pathva.org/seniors-invited-to-explore-public-transit-through-hands-on-workshops/>
 - Address lookup tool: <https://pathva.org/paths-new-jaunt-address-lookup-tool-makes-finding-transit-options-easier/>
 - PATH Newsletter sign up: <https://mailchi.mp/tjpdcc/path-newsletter-sign-up>

Community Climate Collaborative

- June 23, 12pm – Introduction to Clearing the Air: Exploring Cville's Clean Energy Transition
 - In this introductory webinar, C3 and our decarbonization study partners will explore the current energy systems that fuel the Charlottesville area, examining both what has been done and what it might take to get us to a more sustainable, fair and affordable energy future.
- July 28, 12pm – Ann Arbor's Sustainable Energy Utility
 - The City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, has consistently made national headlines by gaining public buy-in to set up a trailblazing, first-in-the-country Sustainable Energy Utility, which will bring clean, affordable energy to the City's residents. For our second webinar, we dive into the details with the head of Ann Arbor's

new SEU Shoshannah Lenski to discuss how they got where they are, what they've learned, and what lessons Charlottesville can take in our own journey toward decarbonization.

- Future webinar dates will be announced soon. **Register [here](#) to learn more about Charlottesville's energy future!**
- As part of the equity-informed decarbonization study, C3 and UVA's Center for Community Partnerships is collecting responses to a quick survey capturing what Charlottesville area residents know about their energy use. **The survey should take no more than five minutes to complete and can be found [here](#).** Thanks for participating!

Join C3 and our project partners for a free community dinner at CitySpace, where we'll share updates on the project status and share thoughts in a relaxed setting! Doors open at 6:30pm followed by a brief presentation at 7pm, but participants are welcome to drop in at any time, make a free plate catered by a local vendor (with vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options all available), and engage with other community members and project partners.

The project status will be presented in multiple formats, including both the presentation and posterboards, with project partners available to discuss their part in the work throughout the evening.

Registration required so we order enough food - sign up [here](#)!

CLEARING THE AIR

TOWN HALL & DINNER

CITYSPACE | 6:30-8:30 PM | TUES JULY 7

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Make sure to **register** in advance!



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WEBINARS

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**JULY 28 | 12PM
ANN ARBOR CASE STUDY**

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