

**3rd Quarter Report: July - September 2021: "Charlottesville Soundboard"
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7/9/21	Here in Charlottesville, it's starting to feel like the threat of COVID-19 is subsiding. People are out and about, sometimes unmasked, maybe you're starting to travel again... Today, we talk with Charlottesville Tomorrow reporter Jessie Higgins about the vaccination process here in the Blue Ridge Health District and the differences between State COVID policy and Local COVID policy.
7/14/21	Virginia is a bona fide trash capital. Waste management is a surprisingly profitable enterprise, and Virginia charges no fees for out-of-state trash imports. As a result, about a quarter of all the trash dumped in Virginia originates from outside the state -- nearly 6 million tons of trash per year. So where does that trash land in Virginia? And who does it get dumped on? We talk with Richmond-based journalist Peter Galuszka and Queen Zakia Shabazz, Coordinator of Virginia Environmental Justice Collaborative.
7/23/21	Evictions happen when renters are unable to pay their rent or violate their lease. For the past year, the courts have been closed and renters have had extra protections from the CDC against eviction if they were behind on their rent. However, those protections expire next week. So we sat down with Erin O'Hare at Charlottesville Tomorrow to talk about what this means for our already very housing cost-burdened city.
7/29/21	On the 2020 ballot, Virginia Question 1 was the Redistricting Commission Amendment. The short version: it changes how Virginia draws its political district lines. In the past, whatever party held majorities in the Virginia General Assembly approved pretty much whatever district maps it wanted to. Parties have used district maps as a political weapon to maintain their power. It's a tool called gerrymandering. But now the map-drawing process is changing. Will Virginia's new redistricting commission help our flawed democracy? Does it go far enough? This week, we talk with Brian Cannon, former Executive Director of One Virginia 2021, the nonprofit that spear-headed the amendment.
8/12/21	Four years later, the deadly "Unite the Right" rally in Charlottesville is still a moment we mark time by. It has shaped us as people. And it has shaped the social and political landscape of Charlottesville and Virginia. In this episode, we look at how the Unite the Right rally changed Virginia politics -- from the removal of Confederate statues to the future of our democracy. Featuring data scientist Emily Gorcenski, UVA professor Jalane Schmidt, and Virginia Delegate Sally Hudson.
8/20/21	In this episode, we zoom in on evictions. In the first half of the show, we talk to attorney Caroline Klosko from the Legal Aid Justice Center. She specializes in representing low-income tenants. And in the second half of the show, we're going to look at the local policy side of things with City Councilor Michael Payne.
9/22/21	Here in Virginia, many of us have been shielded from the worst effects of climate change. So far. But we know - or we should know - that the planet is burning. And that without major policy changes, it's going to get much worse. And so much human suffering could follow. So what's a state to do? What policies can Virginia enact? After all, this is a global issue, and the operations of one mid-sized state can feel rather small in the grand scheme of things. We talk with Narissa Turner from Virginia Conservation Network and Sarah Vogelsong, a reporter at Virginia Mercury.