

City Celebrates “Welcoming Week”  
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Friday, September 15 - Sunday, September 24

Welcoming Week (September 15-24) is an annual celebration across America that celebrates the contributions that immigrants and refugees make to our nation. Welcoming Week also demonstrates the key role that local communities play in fostering a welcoming culture for all. The Welcoming Week purpose is to connect our diverse neighbors and create a stronger community. All are welcome here: all races, religions, ethnicities, nationalities, gender identities and sexual orientations, all walks of life.

We welcome everyone to participate in the Welcoming Week events, and to celebrate our community's rich diversity.

Highlighted Events (visit [for a full schedule](#)):

Friday, Sep. 15

PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCING WELCOMING WEEK

Location: C'ville Coffee

Time: 4-4:30 pm

Info: City Council members Kathy Galvin and Kristin Szakos talk about Welcoming Week, its purpose and some of the activities.

Saturday, Sept. 16

CVILLE PRIDE FESTIVAL (free)

Organizer: Cville Pride

Location: Sprint Pavilion

Time: 11am-7pm

Info:

Saturday, Sept. 16

CVILLE SABROSO- CHARLOTTESVILLE'S FESTIVAL OF LATIN AMERICAN MUSIC, DANCE & ART (free)

Organizer: Sin Barreras

Location: IX Art Park

Time: 11am-9pm

Info:

Monday, Sept. 18

A REFUGEE JOURNEY: FLEEING WAR, THE LONG WAIT & THE HOPE OF STARTING OVER (free)

Organizer: IRC

Location: Central Library

Time: 12pm-1:00pm

Info: Join Harriet Kuhr, Executive Director of the IRC and Prof. Christine Mahoney, author of Failure and Hope: Fighting for the Rights of the Forcibly Displaced to discuss the U.S. Refugee Resettlement Program and the Trump Administration's refugee ban – including where these refugees come from, what displacement looks like for them and their hope and process of starting over in America.

Thursday, Sept. 21

CULTURAL COOKING DEMO WITH LOCAL CHEFS

Organizer: Priya's Now Serving

Location: The Haven

Time: 5-7pm

Suggested voluntary donation of \$5 or \$10 dollars

Info: Local world-class chefs discuss making their global cuisines and offer a taste of their delicious food! Participating chefs include: Pearl Island Catering (Puerto Rican), Little Manila (Filipino), Sussex Farm (kimchi), Desi Dosa (South Indian), Marco & Luca (Chinese), Cocoa & Spices (chocolatier), Ivy Inn (Greek/European) and Chef Tony (Caribbean).

Saturday, Sept. 23

“WALK 6,000 MILES IN MY SHOES” REFUGEE SIMULATION (free)

Organizer: Charlottesville Human Rights Commission/ IRC

Location: Carver Recreation Center

Time: 3-5 pm (Check in begins at 2:30pm)

Info: Ever wondered what it takes to come to the U.S. as a refugee or wanted to learn more about the vetting and resettlement process? Come experience it for yourself in this interactive role-playing simulation followed by discussion.