

CHARLOTTESVILLE CONTINUES TO SHOW ITS BEST

READERS PICK THEIR FAVORITE BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

he Daily Progress is kicking off the summer season with a salute to the Charlottesville area's most beloved businesses, outstanding organizations and premier professionals.

DailyProgress.com's Reader's Choice 2025 shines a spotlight on readers' top picks on everything from favorite doctors to the best burger and best barber.

Charlottesville Readers' Choice participants made more than 9,324 nominations and cast more than 43,166 votes in our online poll to pick the best the Charlottesville region has to offer in 10 groups and more than 130 categories, some of which are new this year. Voters weighed in from across the region and around the world on this year's top picks.

In order to be as fair as possible, the annual survey included the following measures: Those who wanted to make a nomination or vote were required to register as a user.

Only one nomination of a business per category per email address was allowed for the nomination round. During the voting phase, users were allowed to vote once per day, per category.

Business names and addresses were verified using Google My Business Listing Services. Moreover, readers determined the winners in each category, so some listings may not align with geographic designation.

The top vote-getters are listed as winners; second- and third-place finishers are listed as finalists. The Daily Progress staff extends our gratitude to all those who made nominations or voted in this year's contest, helping us shine a light on the businesses, professionals and places that showcase the best of Charlottesville. Congratulations to all the winners, who we hope celebrate the honor of being chosen as a community favorite.

If you don't see your favorites among the winners, make sure to look for the 2026 Readers' Choice information, to begin in January.



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EATS, DRINKS, AND TREATS

Asian Cuisine WINNER MONSOON SIAM

Favorites: LimeLeaf, Sakura

Authentic BBQ WINNER BBQ EXCHANGE

Favorites: Ace Biscuit & Barbecue, MISSION BBO

Bakery WINNER MARIE BETTE

Favorites: Chandlers, Albemarle Baking Co.

Brewery WINNER BLUE MOUNTAIN BREWERY

Favorites: Three Notched Brewery, Pro Re Nata





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EATS, DRINKS, AND TREATS



Brunch **WINNER TIP TOP RESTAURANT**

Favorites: Guajiros, Hamilton's at First and Main

Burger **WINNER RIVERSIDE LUNCH**

Favorites: Jack Browns. Citizen Burger

Chef **WINNER CHRISTIAN KELLY, DUNER'S**

Favorites: Shawn Hayes, Blue Ridge Cafe; Laura Fonner, Beer Run



Cidery **WINNER POTTER'S CRAFT**

Favorites: Bold Rock, Albemarle CiderWorks



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- BEST BOSS FRANK BALLIF

EATS, DRINKS, AND TREATS

Coffee House WINNER SHENANDOAH JOE'S

Favorites: Kindness Cafe + Play, Give and Take

Comfort Food
WINNER
TIP TOP

Favorites: Duner's, The Villa, Sticks

Dessert/Sweet Treats WINNER MARIE BETTE

Favorites: Albemarle Baking Company, Baked on the James

Distillery WINNER SILVERBACK DISTILLERY

Favorites: Ragged Branch Distillery, Virginia Foothills Distillery

Donuts WINNER SBROCCO

Favorites: Duck Donuts, Krispy Kreme



Food Truck WINNER TACOS GOMEZ

Favorites: Arepas on Wheels, Mr Z's BBQ

French Fries WINNER RIVERSIDE

Favorites: Chick Fil-A, Public Fish and Oyster, Timberwood Taphouse

Fresh Bread WINNER ALBERMARLE BAKING COMPANY

Favorites: Great Harvest Bread Cafe, Marie Bette Happy Hour/Late Night Spot WINNER TIMBERWOOD TAPHOUSE

Favorites: Millers, C&O Restaurant

Overall Restaurant WINNER DUNER'S

Favorites: Black Cow, Tavola



Favorites: Christian's Pizza, Fabios

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Sandwich/Sub WINNER BODOS

Favorites: Ivy Provisions, The Markets

Seafood
WINNER
PUBLIC FISH & OYSTER

Favorites: Bonefish Grill, Duner's

Spot for a great Cocktail
WINNER
MAYA
WINNER

Favorites: The Fitzroy, Timberwood Taphouse

TAVOLA

Steak
WINNER
ABERDEEN BARN
STEAK HOUSE

Favorites: Black Cow, Sedona Taphouse

Sushi
WINNER
NOW & ZEN

Favorites: Akira, Ten



Tacos WINNER TACOS GOMEZ

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Favorites: Al Carbon, Brazos Tacos

Take Out
WINNER
WAYSIDE CHICKEN

Favorites: Sticks Kebob Shop, Al Carbon

Waitstaff
WINNER
TIP TOP RESTAURANT

Favorites: Burtons, Tavola

Wine Selection
WINNER
DUNER'S

Favorites: Wegman's, Market Street Wine

Winery
WINNER
KING FAMILY

Favorites: Barboursville Vineyards, Eastwood Farm and Winery

Wings
WINNER
THE LAZY PARROT

Favorites: Buffalo Wild Wings, Timberwood Grill

EXPERIENCE

Area Park WINNER RIVANNA TRAIL

Favorites: Pen Park, Greene County Community Park

Bed & Breakfast/Lodging

WINNER THE CLIFTON INN

Favorites: Sotherlys Manor, The Dinsmore House

Best Pool WINNER ACAC ADVENTURE CENTRAL

Favorites: Frys Spring Beach Club, Lake Monticello

Country Club WINNER GREENCROFT CLUB

Favorites: Glenmore, Spring Creek



Favorite: Albemarle Dance Company

Golf Course WINNER LAKE MONTICELLO

Favorites: Boar's Head Resort, Spring Creek



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EXPERIENCE





Live Theater **WINNER FOUR COUNTY PLAYERS**

Favorites: Live Arts, The Paramount



Movie Theater WINNER ALAMO

Favorites: Violet Crown, Regal

Local Festival/Event **WINNER VIRGINIA FILM FESTIVAL**

Favorites: Pride Festival: Red. White. Blue 'n Greene



Place to Create Art

Favorites: Pikasso Swig. The Center at Belvedere





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BEST RESIDENTIAL REALTOR FINALIST: DARIAN COCHRAN



















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EXPERIENCE

Place to See Art **WINNER TWICE IS NICE**

Favorites: IX Art Park. McGuffey Art Center

Place to hear Music **WINNER PARAMOUNT**

Favorites: Pavilion, The Jefferson



Wedding Venue WINNER KING FAMILY VINEYARD

Favorites: Early Mountain Vineyard, **Trump Vineyard**

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Bank or Credit Union

WINNER **UVA COMMUNITY CREDIT UNION**

Favorites: Truist, United Bank



Favorites: Beth Towe, Towe Insurance; Brian Breeden, Parr Insurance Services

CPA or Tax Preparer **WINNER HANTZMON WIEBEL**

Favorites: RFCA, Monfalcone & Garris

Insurance Agency **WINNER** STEINLAGE INSURANCE **AGENCY**

Favorites: Parr Insurance Services. **Towe Insurance**

Law Firm **WINNER** NORTON HEALTH LAW, PC

Favorites: Virginia Wills Trusts & Estates, MichieHamlett

Mortgage Company WINNER **TOWNE FIRST MORTGAGE** Favorites: Atlantic Coast Mortgage,

United Bank

Wealth Manager WINNER **WILKINSON WEALTH MANAGEMENT**

Favorites: Woods & Waters Financial Group, Davenport



HEALTH AND BEAUTY

Best Audiologist WINNER DELANEY HEARING

Favorites: Evolution Hearing; Margaret Helinski, Sheila Johnson Center

Dentist's Office WINNER DR. JOHN H. KNIGHT,DDS

Favorites: Charlottesville Dental Health Partners, Sapon and Swisher



Eye Doctor WINNER DR. STEPHEN BASIC

Favorites: myeyedoctor.com, Dr. Trudy Rohm

Chiropractor WINNER DR. WAYNE FUSCO, COX CHIROPRACTIC

Favorites: Dr. Joseph Cantu, Tickle Chiropractic

Dermatologist WINNER ALBEMARLE DERMATOLOGY

Favorites: Dermatology PLC; Dr. Burton Burkholder, Dermatology PLC

Massage WINNER SILVER LINING DAY SPA

Favorites: Aqua Float; Commonwealth Massage Therapy - Jane Neldon, LMT







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HEALTH AND BEAUTY

Men's Haircut WINNER CHUNG'S BARBER SHOP

Favorites: House of Cuts, Carla at Great Clips

Orthodontist Office

WINNER CHARLOTTESVILLE ORTHODONTICS

Favorites: Hamer & Glassick Orthodontics, John H Knight DDS & Associates

Pediatric Doctor's Office

WINNER PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

Favorites: Piedmont Pediatrics, UVA Health Pediatrics

Place to do Yoga
WINNER
SALUTE THE SUN YOGA

Favorites: Lake Yoga And Wellness, Yoga Cville





Place to go for
Physical Therapy
WINNER
PHYSICAL THERAPY @ ACAC

Favorites: Move Better, PT Plus

Place to Work Out **WINNER**

ANYTIME FITNESS RUCKERSVILLE

Favorites: ACAC, Brooks YMCA

Primary Care Doctor WINNER CASSIE MARTINEZ FNP-BC

Favorites: Dr. Asao-Ragosta, UVA Family Medicine

Spa

WINNER SILVER LINING DAY SPA

Favorites: Boars Head Spa, Signature Medical Spa

Women's Haircut
WINNER
MOXIE

Favorites: Maura at Ederra, Salon DeShano

Yoga/Fitness Instructor
WINNER
KELLY CHIVVIS KELLY JANE FITNESS

Favorites: Madison Young, Salute the Sun, Monica Farrell ACAC



HOME FAVORITES

Arborist WINNER NIGEL WOOD TREE SERVICE

Favorites: Arborlife, Van Yahres Tree Company

Carpet and Flooring WINNER CARPET PLUS

Favorites: CVL Flooring, Floor Fashions

Electrician WINNER ROBERTSON ELECTRIC

Favorites: Davis Electric, W.E. Brown

Furniture Store WINNER TWICE IS NICE 1 & 2

Favorites: Grand, Havertys



Garden Center WINNER THE CORNER STORE

Favorites: Snow's Garden Center,
Ivy Nursery

Handyman WINNER CASEY TAYLOR, TAYLOR SERVICES

Favorites: J. Rhodes Construction, LLC; Matt Walker





HOME FAVORITES

Heating and Cooling Company

WINNER ROBERTSON ELECTRIC

Favorites: Albemarle Heating & Air, Monticello Air

Home Builder WINNER SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT HOMES

Favorites: Blue Ridge Custom Homes LLC. Charlottesville Area Builders

Home Decor/Accessories WINNER TWICE IS NICE

Favorites: Circa, Nancy B's House of Lights

Landscaping Company WINNER SUNNYPOND, LLC

Favorites: J W Townsend, Snows Garden Center





Local Hardware Store/ Building Supply

WINNER MARTIN HARDWARE

Favorites: Ace Hardware Fluvanna; Randy's Hardware, Ruckersville

Plumber WINNER ROBERTSON ELECTRIC

Favorites: Advanced Plumbing, W.E. Brown

Real Estate Agent WINNER KATIE MULLINS, KEETON & CO.

Favorites: Darian Cochran, Avenue Realty; Trey Durham, Keller Williams Alliance

Real Estate Firm WINNER AVENUE REALTY, LLC

Favorites: Keeton & Company, Story House Real Estate





Real Estate Team WINNER THE SAVAGE TEAM

Favorites: Gaffney Sadut, Story House Real Estate

Roofing Company WINNER APEX ROOFING

Favorites: Roof Top Services, Lounsbury Roofing

Windows and Doors WINNER PELLA WINDOWS

Favorites: Window Depot, Window World

LIVE, LEARN, WORK

Apartment Community WINNER CARRIAGE HILL APARTMENTS

Favorites: Lakeside Apartments, The Reserve at Belvedere



Best Boss WINNER FRANK BALLIF, SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT HOMES

Favorites: Twice Is Nice/Lori Woolworth; Dave Rocco, Dave Rocco's Driving School

Best New Businesses (Opened in 2024 or 2025)

WINNER FIESTA AZTECA

Favorites: Give & Take, Roux Street Cafe

Best Work Culture WINNER SOUTHERN DEVELOPMENT HOMES

Favorites: Twice is Nice, Dave Rocco's Driving School

Customer Service WINNER TWICE IS NICE

Favorites: Cathcart Group, Dave Rocco's Driving School







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Daycare Provider WINNER FOUNDATIONS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Favorites: First Presbyterian Preschool, Old Dominion Day School

Kids Camp WINNER COME AS YOU ARE CVILLE

Favorites: Camp4Real, Triple C Camp

Non-Profit Organization
WINNER
TWICE IS NICE

Favorites: HOWS Project, Habitat for Humanity

Place to Work
WINNER
SOUTHERN
DEVELOPMENT HOMES

Favorites: Cathcart Group, Dave Rocco's Driving School





Preschool WINNER

FOUNDATIONS CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Favorites: Charlottesville Catholic School, Ms Alison's Kangaroo Preschool

Private School

WINNER
DAVE ROCCO'S
DRIVING SCHOOL

Favorites: Tandem Friends School, The Covenant School Public School
WINNER

WESTERN ALBEMARLE HIGH SCHOOL

Favorites: Albemarle High School, Greene County Public Schools

Senior Living Community
WINNER
OUR LADY OF PEACE

Favorites: RoseWood Village Assisted Living and Memory Care, WCBR **20** | SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025 READERS' CHOICE

MERCHANTS



Antique Shop WINNER TWICE IS NICE

Favorites: Circa, Keswick Antique Mall

Bike Shop **WINNER BLUE RIDGE CYCLERY**

Favorites: Community Bikes, Crozet Bikes

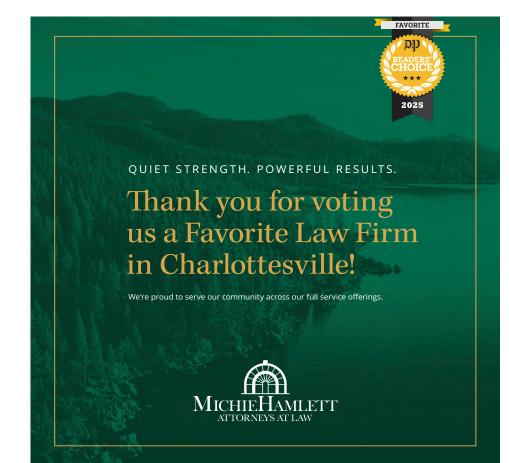


Clothing Store for Kids WINNER KID TO KID

Favorite: Green Bean Baby Boutique

Computer Repair WINNER PJ NETWORKS COMPUTER SERVICES

Favorites: Fruit Fixed. **Top Notch Computers**





MERCHANTS

Consignment/Resale WINNER TWICE IS NICE 1 AND 2

Favorites: Dashing x Darling, Natalie Dressed, Earlysville Exchange

Farmer's Market/CSA
WINNER
GREENE FARMERS MARKET

Favorite: Bellair



FOOD: Health Food Store WINNER TRADER JOES

Favorites: Integral Yoga Foods, Whole Foods

FOOD: Local Grocery Store
WINNER
WEGMAN'S

Favorites: Foods of All Nations, Trader Joes





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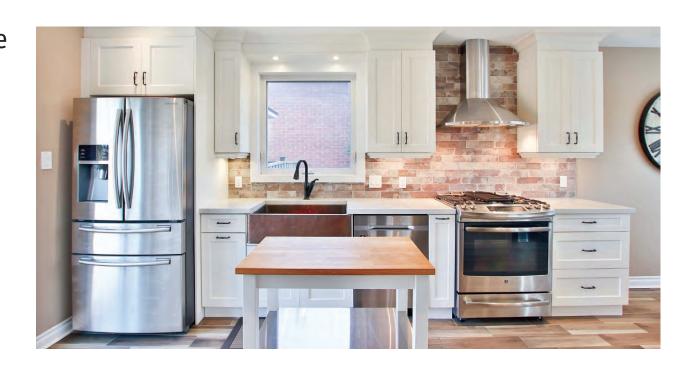
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Home Appliances WINNER DOUG'S APPLIANCE

Favorites: Lowe's, A2D Appliances









MERCHANTS

Hot Tub/Spa/Pool Supplies WINNER CHARLOTTESVILLE AQUATICS

Favorite: Charlottesville Sanitary
Supply

Jewelry Store
WINNER
TWICE IS NICE

Favorites: Angelo, Tuel Jewelers

Photographer
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PHOTOGRAPHY

Favorites: asmphotography, Jessica Humphreys Photography



Shoe Store
WINNER
TWICE IS NICE

Favorites: Ragged Mountain Running Shop, Shoe Fly



Shopping Center WINNER BARRACKS ROAD SHOPPING CENTER

Favorites: Downtown Mall, Shops At Stonefield

Specialty Store
WINNER
TWICE IS NICE 1&2

Favorites: Happy Cook, Caspari

Toy Store
WINNER
SHENANIGANS

Favorites: Alakazam Toys, Whimsies

PERSONALITIES

Best Neighborhood WINNER LAKE MONTICELLO

Favorites: Belmont, Pantops





Entrepreneur

WINNER
MARK HARRISON, DAVE
ROCCO'S DRIVING SCHOOL

Favorites: Lloyd Detamore Jr, Detamore Plumbing & Electric; Nick Peregoy, Monticello Air; Sidney Blair, Life Coach Favorite Civic Leader
WINNER
TRISTAN KABESA, COME AS
YOU ARE CVILLE

Favorites: Mike Pruitt, ACBOS; Davis Lamb, Greene County Board of Supervisors

PERSONALITIES

Favorite Educator WINNER JENNIFER BARON **FOUNDATIONS CDC**

Favorites: Dave Rocco, Dave Rocco's Driving School; Jason Farr - Tandem Friends School

Local Celebrity WINNER TONY BENNETT

Favorites: Dave Matthews, Pam Garrison

Local Musician/Group WINNER KENDALL STREET COMPANY

Favorites: Erin Lunsford / Erin & The Wildfire, The Currys, The Pollocks

Wedding Planner WINNER **CODY SMITH WEDDINGS**

Favorites: Katy Kirby, Greencroft Club; Rockfish Valley Events by Design











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PET PICKS

Pet Day Care WINNER DOG TRAINING BY VALERIE

Favorites: Canine Campus, All Things Pawssible

Pet Groomer WINNER COUNTRYSIDE

Favorites: All Creatures Great and Small, Linda - The Dogg House, Pawville Pet Spa

Pet Obedience School WINNER DOG TRAINING BY VALERIE

Favorite: Green Dogs Unleashed

Pet Rescue Organization WINNER DOGS DESERVE BETTER

Favorites: Green Dogs Unleashed, CASPCA



Favorites: Pet Smart, Pet Supplies Plus

Veterinary Care WINNER AUTUMN TRAILS

Favorites: Monticello Animal Hospital, Old Dominion Animal Hospital Charlottesville





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WHEELS, DEALS, AND AUTOMOBILES

Auto Body Shop WINNER TAYLOR'S AUTO REPAIR

Favorites: Masters Auto Body, Palmyra Automotive

Auto Repair WINNER BOB'S WHEEL ALIGNMENT

Favorites: API Service Center, By Word of Mouth

Car Salesperson
WINNER
AUSTIN HAVERSTROM FLOW AUDI PORSCHE

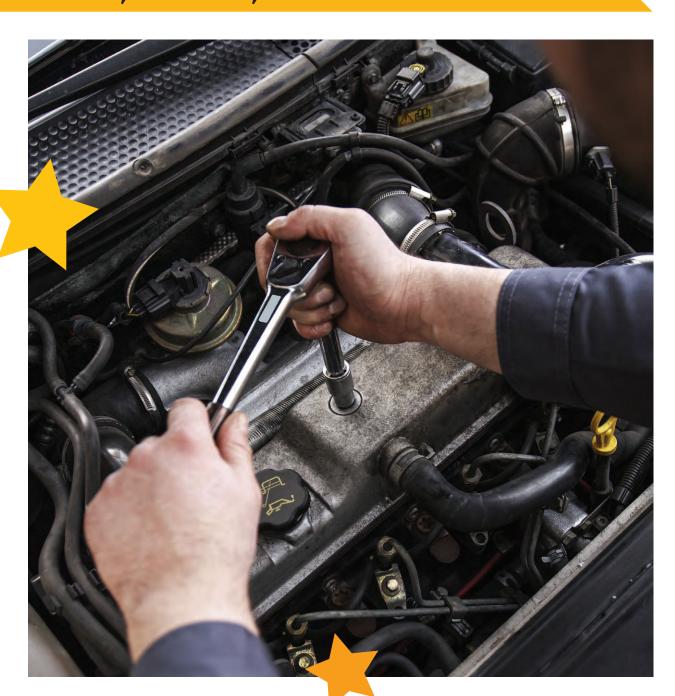
Favorites: Ashante Spears, Flow Mazda; James Warner, Flow Subaru

New Car Dealer
WINNER
FLOW AUDI PORSCHE

Favorites: Flow Mazda, Flow Subaru

Oil Change
WINNER
BOB'S WHEEL ALIGNMENT

Favorites: Palmyra Automotive, Valvoline Instant Oil Change



Tire Store
WINNER
SETTLE TIRE CO.

Favorites: Bob's Wheel Alignment, Campbells, Costco



Used Car Dealer
WINNER
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Favorites: Honey Car, CarMax

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