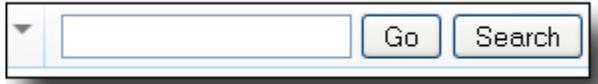




cvillepedia is Charlottesville's collaborative community encyclopedia that anyone can edit and improve. Built with the same software as Wikipedia, cvillepedia is all about the people, places, things, and events that make Charlottesville and Albemarle County unique. Hosted by Charlottesville Tomorrow, cvillepedia is dedicated to sharing and building community knowledge.

Getting started

Search for a topic using the menu option on the top right side of the wiki.

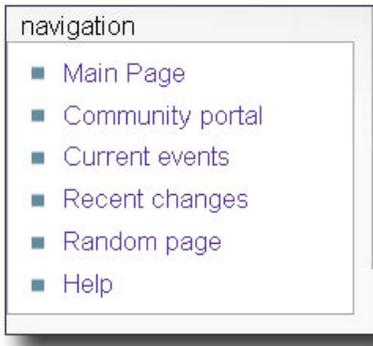


Go (the default when you press ENTER) will take you directly to an article with a matching title.

Search (you must click button) will look for the text you entered within any article.

Browse existing articles

Browse with these links in the left sidebar navigation.



To contribute, first create an account

Click the "create account" link on the top right of the wiki page → Create a username & password.



If you are a student using cvillepedia for school, ask your teacher if your username should exclude your real name. Your teacher may also assign you a specific username they can monitor.

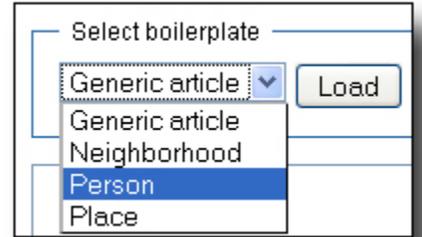
Starting a new article

1. You have to be LOGGED IN to add articles.
2. *Search* to see if the page already exists?
3. If it doesn't exist, and you used the proper name as you want article title to appear, then click "create this page" link in search results.

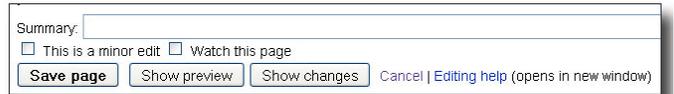


4. In the editing page for your new article, **FIRST** load a

"boilerplate template" to insert a **useful block of standard code and formatting** to help you get an article started.



5. Add text and other content for the new article.
6. Add **[[internal]]** and **[external]** links within the text.
7. Add appropriate references using `<ref>` `</ref>` tags and citation templates. See **CITE** article for instructions and/or use online bibliography resource like www.Easybib.com
8. Add categories if you know them. (optional—editors will add them for you too)
9. At very bottom of editing screen you will find buttons to SHOW PREVIEW and SAVE your work. Always PREVIEW first and try to finalize your edits before saving.



10. You can add some summary text describing your edits (e.g. "added a website hyperlink on this article"). This is useful for people reviewing your work.
11. Click SAVE PAGE when you are finished.

Article enhancements

Open other articles in EDIT mode for ideas on use of formatting, tables, photos, maps, etc.

Edit an existing article

1. You have to be LOGGED IN to edit articles.
2. Go to the article you want to modify and click the EDIT tab above the article.



3. SHOW PREVIEW before SAVING.

Ideas for new articles

Cvillepedia is an encyclopedia of ALL the people, places and events in the community. While the global Wikipedia has “notability standards,” cvillepedia does not. So if you think someone or something is interesting, then add it!

You can find raw material for new articles and article updates here:

- Local news sources
- Books and periodicals
- Interviews

Useful facts to find for an article

People: Bio. Date of birth/death?

Places: When was this building or place established?
Can I add a map?

Events: When did this event first take place?

Links: What external links exist (website, Wikipedia)?

Contribute to existing articles

Many articles in cvillepedia are only “stubs” or beginning articles. These articles can be displayed by clicking on a stub category link at the bottom of a page. Flesh these articles out so we can call them complete.

Contribute a WANTED article

In cvillepedia you will often see **RED links** indicating that an article does not exist for an internal link. These links represent a list of WANTED or suggested new articles. You can find this list under “Special pages” in the wiki’s toolbox (left side below search) or by typing WANTED in the search box.

Still need help with a topic? Ask yourself...

- **What makes this community special to me** (music, neighborhoods, places you like to go, people you like to see, history)?
- **What public policy issues are interesting** (water, new development, transportation, education, public safety, budget, economic development, historic preservation)?

Cool things to try

- View the different **portals** (upper right on cvillepedia’s home page).

- View the **Community chronology** under the **Community portal**. See how time-based reference categories can be used to organize the wiki chronologically.
- **Use templates:** Map, Compass, Flickr
Type any of these names into search box to learn how to use the template.
- **Earn Barn Stars** (wiki accomplishment badges).
Cvillepedia’s editors will let you know when and where to find these rewards!

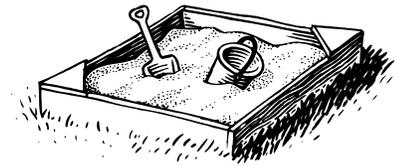


FINAL REMINDERS

Be neutral * No vanity pages * Cite verifiable sources * Respect copyrights

ADDITIONAL HELP

There is a special cvillepedia article named **SANDBOX** which can be used for practice and experimentation.



The simple steps above should get you started. Help is also available within cvillepedia for formatting, style, and citation questions. You can also post questions on an article’s **DISCUSSION page** (aka Talk page). There other users and cvillepedia editors can address your question.

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