

## **Monday's Eclipse in Charlottesville Due for a Reboot**

By the beginning of Charlottesville's new week, Monday's eclipse had been so thoroughly chronicled as having been "*99 years in the making!*" you could be forgiven for any anxiety that might result if you'd been unable to arrange to be where viewing was best. After all, we've been hearing from all corners that such an event doesn't always happen within *any given lifetime*, for goodness sake! The undeniable takeaway was *it's now or never!* Better have those proper viewing glasses at the ready, and get yourself over to where the cloud cover isn't.

This is not to minimize the grandeur of the occasion. We may be treated to lunar eclipses from time to time—but a solar eclipse interrupts the natural order of things with its literally show-stopping astronomical spectacle. Anyone who has been tempted to fly off to a foreign venue to view one (they happen twice a year, somewhere on the planet) too often learns that it's also risky business, meteorologically speaking. I recall a news item from a couple of years back about a tour group that set off for South America—where it clouded over five minutes before the event. If you were one of those crestfallen tourists, you'd have returned with little more to show for your expensive effort than a llama snapshot or two.

But in case you were one of the few Charlottesville locals whose Charlottesville eclipse experience turns out to be less than stellar, the pressure is off! Although it's been 99 years since the last total eclipse crossed the mainland, there's going to be another one, and soon (relatively speaking). You won't have to wait until 2116, either.

It's due only seven years from now!

In other words, on April 8, 2024, Charlottesville residents will have a second chance. The whole once-in-a-lifetime spectacular will have a return engagement. Not since Cher's most recent retirement tour has such a *déjà vu* opportunity been in prospect.

The path will be quite different—southwest to northeast instead of northwest to southeast—so the Virginia and Charlottesville experience will be different—but since we will all be solar eclipse veterans, we should be well prepared for the experience. So let's hang onto our eclipse viewing glasses—or if we never found any for sale, we've got nine years to correct the oversight.

In the intervening nine years, whenever any of the more terrestrial Charlottesville real estate matters arise, I hope you'll give me a call!



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Born and raised in the Shenandoah Valley of Central Virginia, I love everything outdoors. Most of my free time is spent hiking, rock climbing, playing water sports, or cooking out on the back deck with friends. As a child, my parents built me with the core values of a southern gentleman. Trust starts with honesty and honesty builds integrity. I'm a technology guru! One of my favorite hobbies is restoring old homes in depressed neighborhoods to meet the needs of our generation today. My mission is to build a career worth having, a business worth owning, and a life worth living.

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