

## **Thoughts as Charlottesville's Summertime Ends...**

Friday is the official last day of Charlottesville's 2017 summer, but for most of us, the season has been feeling a lot more like fall ever since Labor Day. It isn't the weather so much as the psychological factor. Things like the passing of that last summertime three-day weekend and watching Charlottesville's seasonal businesses post hour change signs. As the school busses appear every morning, you also don't have to have kids in school to register what all the activity signals: Charlottesville's summer is over.

Pinterest, the internet's foremost collecting place for everyone's pictures of everything has scores of pages of photos and drawings with *Last Days of Summer* themes. Some of them do extract a sigh or two. It may have been decades since you last experienced a cookout with friends as the summer sun sets, or watched a little one discovering that the cold tidewater will get your toes if you don't back away in time—but the thought that the chance to revisit such moments has slipped away till next year is a sigh-producer for most.

The Pinterest collections had lots of swimming pool and beach pictures (including many dogs-in-swimming-pools, for some reason), as well as barbecue grills and drinks with limes in them. They did a good job of making you wish Charlottesville's summer could last just a little bit longer...

On the bright side, since they were also heavy with ice cream and popsicle imagery, it prompted the realization that some Charlottesville summer attractions won't be disappearing at all! There's no law that says Charlottesville's autumn won't include an ice cream cone or two. Besides, it's a fact that the summertime pastime of racing to get to the bottom of the cone before it melts all over the place is easier to win as the weather gets colder. Another plus is how, before long, autumnal treats like pumpkin-flavored ice cream are going to show up again.

With Charlottesville's official Last Day of Summer coming on Friday, those whose favorite season arrives with the fall have only the weekend before it's here. It will be many months before fall fanciers will have to resort to Pinterest to relive the *Last Days of Autumn* collections. They will undoubtedly find lots of pictures of high school football games, the Skyline Drive ablaze with orange-gold color, turkeys—but let's not jump the gun; all *that* is yet to come!

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