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Fluvanna NAACP holds emotional forum on killing of George Floyd

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

The Fluvanna NAACP held an online forum on Sunday (June 7) titled "Fluvanna Together, Striving for Equality."

Nearly 150 people dialed into the Zoom meeting, organized and moderated by Haden Parrish of Palmyra. Among the speakers were representatives from county government, law enforcement, and social service agencies.

Ben Hudson, president of the local NAACP chapter, said the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police last month had been "devastating and horrifying for me," and he has struggled with a "range of emotions" in recent weeks. He said he hoped the virtual forum could be the start "to an effective dialog on the way forward."

Supervisor Mozell Booker (Fork Union) read a statement on behalf of the full Board of Supervisors, saying that they were "shocked and appalled by the death of George Floyd," and "rejected all words, actions, and policies that are divisive." They also affirmed a commitment to consider the impact of their actions on all Fluvanna residents during their deliberations and "approach decisions mindfully."

"Fluvanna," said Booker, "is a united community."

Sheriff Eric Hess, who issued a strong statement last week condemning the killing of Floyd and on his department's commitment to serving all members of the community fairly and equally, spoke at length on the specific training and principles

at work within the sheriff's office.

The day after news of Floyd's death broke, he sent out a reminder to deputies that "choke holds are prohibited unless deadly force is required," never as a method for restraint. Putting pressure on a person's back, which can cause "positional asphyxiation," is also prohibited. "We do not train to put weight on the back," he said.

"Arrestees are our responsibility," said Hess. Deputies are trained to use critical thinking to defuse situations, rather than defaulting to brute force.

"The door to our office is always open," he said in closing. "Please come see us. Ask for us to come see vou, myself included. We're glad to meet with individuals. And we will be glad to come out to any church or civic organization give any type of presentation that anyone would like. Please, when you have issues that are of concern for your sheriff's office, please reach out to us then don't let these things fester."

Former Sheriff Ryant Washington said he had begun teaching his two sons, now young adults, "the importance of understanding that you are a black male." It did not matter that he was himself in law enforcement, he had to teach them that "there are some, no matter what, who still see you as a black male and would take an opportunity to be racist and discriminatory towards you."

Washington said some specific actions law enforcement could adopt was increased training in

de-escalation techniques and prohibition of any restraint that could restrict the flow of oxygen to the brain.

"When it comes to cultural diversity and bias-based police training, we need to ensure that it's not just something for that checkbox, but it's a reality scenario-based training. Currently, under Virginia law officers only are required to get cultural diversity training every two years... but only for two hours," he said. "I'm going to take a pause on that and let you think about it."

Asked what his office would do if there were an incident like Minneapolis or a police-involved shooting here in Fluvanna County, Commonwealth's Attorney Jeff Haislip said best practice was to hand it off to outside investigators and prosecutors. "It would be a hard thing for me to do, because I care about this community," he said, but the community deserved the assurance that the personal relationships between the departments did not influence a case.

In recent years, Haislip's office has supported measures to reduce some of the burden that falls disproportionately on people of color once they enter the criminal justice

For example, Fluvanna does not have cash bonds. "I don't think that someone who can't scrape together \$100 to pay to put down the \$1,000 bond should sit in jail for a minor offense," he said. He also tries to reduce sentencing and probation for low-level offenses.

"I think we get folks into a cycle of

going to jail, losing their job, losing their place where they live, losing contact with their families," he said. "And again, unless there's a true punishment that needs to be had, a true problem that needs to be dealt with as far as the dangerousness to society, I think you can do a whole lot more harm, putting a low risk person in jail with high risk people, you're going to get bad outcomes."

He also said that, once a sentence is complete, voting rights should be automatically restored. "I think that's something that's been used to, I think, frankly, to cut back on the number of people voting and the disproportionate effect that has on the black community and the number of people voting."

Other speakers included County Registrar Joyce Pace, who gave a brief talk on how people could register and measures her office were taking to make walk-in early voting as safe as possible; Bertha Armstrong of MAACA, who talked about efforts to make sure every Fluvanna resident had access to food; and Margo Bruce, Fluvanna County High School principal and pastor of the New Green Mountain Baptist Church, who discussed the need for education and the development of African-American curriculum so all students can understand "the oppression and the history of African Americans."

The meeting ended with a prayer led by Pastor Bruce asking "for unity and harmony."



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Editorial

Fluvanna Sheriff Eric Hess: Trust essential to stability of the county

We have faced several months of challenges in our lives, but nothing could have prepared us for the hor-rific video showing the heart-rending death of George Floyd thru acts committed by police officers of the Minneapolis Police Department. I am appalled and saddened by this needless and tragic death at the hands of these officers. There is no place in law-enforcement for officers who senselessly kill, or allow to be killed, the very people we are sworn to protect. Law enforcement officers who show willful and wanton disregard for human life and basic human dignity must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. My heart is with the family, friends and community of George Floyd, and I am keeping them in my prayers.

I understand that our Fluvanna African American community is experiencing pain, anger and despair at another senseless death; I hear and understand your concerns and I will be here to serve you during this difficult time. My door is always open to anyone who has a concern or need, and we encourage you to please bring them to mv attention.

Trust between the Fluvanna County Sheriff's Office and the citizens we protect and serve is essential to the stability of our community. Our citizens deserve an agency that has the integrity to provide profes-sional law enforcement services. We work to provide strong community services by applying the 21st Century Policing practices established by President Obama's task force. I had the pleasure of meeting with President Obama and other sher-

iffs and chiefs in 2016. This office has striven to follow the six pil-lars recommended by the president's task force: Building Trust and Legitimacy, Police and Oversight, Technology and Social Media, Community Policing and Crime Reduction, Training and Education, and Officer Wellness and Safety. It is an ongoing goal that we work towards achieving every day - but we are human, and we realize there is always room to improve our actions and to learn from one another.

In the past, we have partnered with Commonwealth's Attorney Jeff Haislip to provide several community forums addressing community policing and the concerns of Fluvanna residents. Participants included members of the Board of Supervisors, members and pastors from our faith and business communities and other partners. I have realized it has been too long since we held these kinds of conversations. When the governor lifts restrictions on gatherings, I will once again schedule several community forums so that we can address any concerns and or needs that arise together.

In the meantime, deputies will continue to train on crisis intervention. cultural diversity, how to avoid bi-asbased policing, and the proper use-offorce. We will continue to use our body worn cameras to docu-ment all citizen/ law enforcement encounters. We will continue to serve Fluvanna County to the best of our ability to ensure everyone's safety. If there is something we can do to improve, please let me know. Thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve as your sheriff. - E.B Hess



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Fluvanna NAACP president: America needs leadership and healing

The circumstances surrounding police treatment subsequent killing of Mr. George Floyd, Ms. Breanna Taylor, and countless other are troubling and painful. The manner in which Mr. Floyd's life was taken from him was cruel and inhumane, and a tragic episode that should never happen again in our country.

Today, America is crying out for leadership and perpetual healing. Fluvanna County NAACP

condemns racism, oppression of people, and discrimination in any form, and has worked tirelessly for decades to eradicate these wicked devices from our society. Each of us is called upon to do our part to bring about the foundational words enshrined in our Declaration of Independence, "... that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness..."

Assuredly, it is time for America to hear the collective voices to stop the brutality and killing of our black unarmed young individuals. Instead, black Americans and communities of color must be fully accepted, integrated, and acclimated into the fabric of our country. Let us work diligently to bring meaningful reform to our economic system, criminal justice system, community policing, and social justice apparatus, because Black Lives Do Matter.

A personal note, my mother would say to me and my siblings: Be kind and nice to people because they are a child of God too. The Bible teaches us, "...brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you." 2 Cor.: 13:11

- Ben Hudson, president, Fluvanna County NAACP

Fluvanna man killed in crash

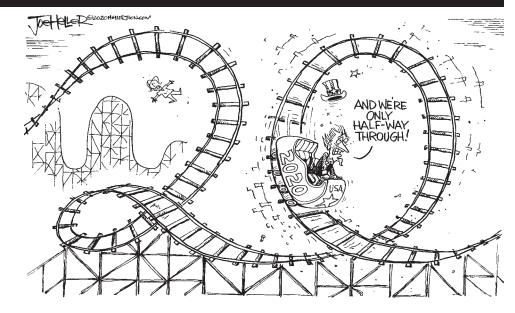
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A Fluvanna man was killed Saturday after his car ran off the road in Fluvanna County.

The driver, Arthur N. Smith, 56, of Kent Store, died at the scene, according to the Virginia state police.

State Trooper J.A. Wade responded to the single-vehicle crash on Covered Bridge Rd. a half mile south of Venable Rd.

The 2000 Toyota Tundra was traveling south on Covered Bridge Rd. (Rt. 604) at 11:30 p.m. when it ran off the right side, went up an embankment, struck several trees and overturned. The crash is under investigation.



The archives of the Fluvanna Historical Society preserve documents that tell the story of this county, formed in 1777.

mong those documents are records that illustrate racial injustice in many forms.

There are annual census records of "Free Negroes and Mulattoes" from 1801-1851. Contracts between white landowners to lease enslaved people. Murder investigations in the Coroner's Inquest Reports, 1777-1927. Cohabitation Records that 'legitimized' marriages among the formerly enslaved. Voting Poll Books illustrative of voter suppression. School Board Minutes revealing shorter school years for African American children during segregation, and lower pay for African American teachers.

Those records serve as an introduction to the people who bore these injustices. Meet Phebe, who in 1782 sued her enslaver for her freedom (and the freedom of her daughter, son, and granddaughter) again, after having already won her liberty in court twenty years earlier. Or Scippo, an eleven-year-old enslaved boy found hanging in a tobacco barn; the coroner's jury determined he killed himself. Here is Polly, an enslaved woman who bore the children of her enslaver; he emancipated her after his death and arranged for his white sons to transport her and the children they shared to Ohio - but did not emancipate her older children, who she had to leave behind. Or Burton Payne, an enslaved man whose first wife and two young sons were sold and moved across the state while he was away. Here is William Young, accused of murdering a white teenaged boy, who was abducted from the Old Stone Jail and brutally lynched in 1892. And Johnny Fowler, who at six years of age was shot and killed by an 11-year-old white boy in 1906.

There are many, many more such records.

racial injustice in our archives - as many stories of the people who suffered race-based abuse we could tell; there is one assumption that we can make that dismays us all. These records we hold do not tell all of the stories. They likely do not tell even most of the stories. The Fluvanna Historical Society is working to uncover

As many documents as there are centered around

more about this community's struggles with racial equality, and to make sure that these stories are told. We are collaborating with the Equal Justice Initiative and the William Young Memorial Committee to bring a memorial to William Young here to our county seat, along with the historical marker that relates the details of his lynching. We have hosted a conference on African American genealogical and historical resources in Fluvanna. We are working with local non-profit One Shared Story on an innovative and important effort to document local African American Cemeteries and to digitize records pertaining to Fluvanna's African American history and host them online; framing the narrative in "story maps" which will make this history much more accessible and engaging to a broader reach of people. We worked to bring to Fluvanna the Emancipation Memorial that now rests in Memorial Park at the heart of Palmyra.

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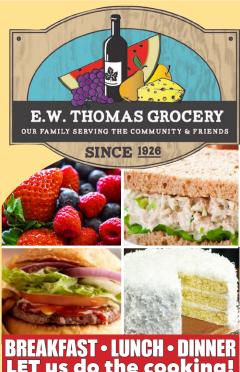
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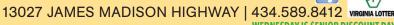




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Briana Hurley

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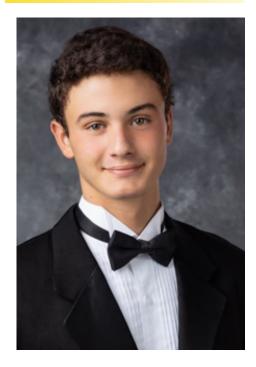
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Alexander Pellicane

Parents: Paul and Elizabeth Pellicane Destination after High School: University of Virginia

Plan of Study: Pre Med/Political Science

Why did you choose the University of Virginia?

As I am planning to attend medical school after undergrad, I plan on spending much of my free time volunteering and shadowing at the UVA Hospital. UVA is a great school with a world-renowned hospital. I have already formed relationships with some of the staff at the hospital and will use those connections to further my knowledge of patient care.

What will you remember most about being a Fluco?

I will remember the school spirit at pep rallies, and how we all pull

together as Flucos.

Who are some of the people that you would like to thank?

I would like to thank the staff of Fluvanna County Public Schools as they have shaped me into the person I am today.

What is a Fluco?

A Fluco is someone motivated to make a difference in the world around

FCHS salutatorians for the Class of 2020



Alexander Nicholas Williams Parents: Jonathan and Michelle Williams Destination after High School: University of Virginia

Plan of Study: Computer Science/



Claire Elizabeth Kent

Parents: Frederick and Dee Dee Kent Destination after High School: University of Virginia Plan of Study: Aerospace Engineering

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THIS WEEK'S PET IS TOMMY



So much puppy energy this boy has! He came to the shelter as a stray and we did not have any luck on finding his family. Tommy seams to get attached to one person and he does have some resource guarding. Tommy will need to be in a home with no children because of his attachment to one person and his possession aggression. He is a very strong puller and he will need someone that has the ability to handle his strength. If you are interested in meeting Tommy, please call the shelter and we can schedule an appointment time with you. He is current on all vaccinations and just awaiting neuter. Did we mention that he LOVES to lick you! A message from his previous foster: "Bones did awesome! He did not have no accidents in the house and he walked 1 mile each morning. He trained Bones to walk better on a leash and he is a fast learner and he is already walking with better manners. Great work Bones!! Your in the Army now! ;-)

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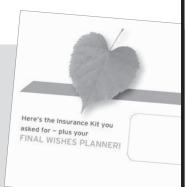
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Gray Foxes golfers returning to near normal

BY DUNCAN NIXON **CORRESPONDENT**

The senior men's Gray Foxes golf organization is back in action and procedures are starting to return to near normal. Starting on June 11 and 12 the 18 hole and 9 hole contestants will be teeing off at the same time in a shotgun start for the first time this season.

Both groups have been playing for a number of weeks, but with foursomes teeing off from hole number one at assigned times. This change from the usual shotgun start was intended to enhance social distancing in that it kept all players from arriving at the course simultaneously and therefore interacting in close quarters. Operations are not entirely back to normal, as the pro shop is still requiring that players enter in small numbers and that masks be worn.

Some results are in from the most recent weeks' play. Both groups played Ringers on June 4 and 5. Ringers is a year long competition, played on the first Thursday and Friday of each month. The winners are the competitors with the lowest gross and net scores, counting the best score the player has achieved on each hole during a Ringers round. So, a player with a one stroke handicap on a hole can shoot double bogey on that hole for five months in a row, giving him a double bogey for gross score and a single bogie for net score. If that player then makes par on the hole in month six, his ringers score for that hole goes down to par for gross and birdie for net.

The nine hole Gray Foxes played Ringers for the first time this year on June 5. Their coordinator Dan Foley did not publish first round ringers scores, but did announce the following winners of store credits. In the first

flight (nine hole handicaps of 12 and below) Low gross was won by Ned Long with a score of 45. Low net was a 36, achieved by Wayne Murphy and Ben Stoppe. Tied for third low net at 39 were John Misorek and Dick Orange.

In the second flight (nine hole handicaps of 13 and over) the winning low gross of 44 was shot by Steve Wormington. Low net was Al Colville with a 34, followed by Joe Clark with 37 and Dan Foley with 40.

The 18 hole Gray Foxes played their second round of Ringers on June 4, and even with only two rounds under their belts some players are starting to achieve impressively low over-all numbers. Tied for first place in the net score competition are Phil Scott, Mitchell Moon and Dave French with 63. Chet Senig is close behind at 64. In the gross score competition John Alluisi is in first place and has already achieved an over-all score of par with 72. Close behind him are Larry Cormier and Jim Beach with 73.

In the 18 hole group weekly competition, A Flight winners were Jim Beach with best gross of 79, Tom Hanlon with second best gross of 81, Pete Ferensak with first place in net at 70 and Chet Senig with second best net at 71. In the B Flight, the winners were Dave French with a best gross of 87, Paul Schmidt and Phil Scott with second best gross of 94, Mitchell Moon and Larry Reynolds tied for best net with 70, and second best net went to Joel Dwyer with 79. In the C Flight, the winners were John Platt with the best gross of 91, Ben Stoppe second best gross with a 96, Duncan Nixon with a best net of 70 and John Stenz with a second best net of 73.

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Neighbors helping neighbors in Fluvanna

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD CORRESPONDENT



FluCares Johnny Oliver and Ryant Washington. Photos courtesy of Ryant Washington.

There is a mask distribution campaign underway by a local aid group known as FluCares. Founder Sharon Harris, former sheriff Ryant Washington, and others are working with community groups to provide free masks to Fluvanna neighbors in an effort to keep everyone healthy.

Under Gov. Ralph Northam's Phase Two plan, Virginia will maintain a Safer at Home strategy with continued recommendations for social distancing, working at home, and requiring individuals to wear face coverings in indoor public settings. The maximum number of individuals permitted in a social gathering will increase from 10 to 50 people. All businesses are required to maintain physical distancing guidelines and to frequently clean and sanitize high contact surfaces.

FluCares goal is to support the state guidelines and keep people and employees healthy by providing masks.

To date, cases have been increasing in northern Virginia and the Richmond area and surrounding counties with Fluvanna remaining stable with 94 cases, 23 hospitalizations, and six deaths as of June 6, according to the Virginia Department of Health. Overall, in Virginia there have been over 47,000 cases and over 1,400 deaths. Fluvanna may have dodged a more lethal bullet because of the conscientious efforts of its residents practicing social distancing, staying at home, and using masks.

"Masks are being given to people who are immunocompromised or

with face health challenges, churches whose members may be at greater risk, essential employees, customers and staff of local businesses, and families receiving assistance from the Fluvanna County schools' food distribution," said Harris.

She was concerned with the health data regarding the impact of COVID-19 on African American and Latino communities. "They are impacted disproportionately by this disease but COVID-19 has the potential to make anyone sick, regardless of race, ethnicity, or age." For this reason, her goal is to make sure everyone stays safe and healthy.

Harris started FLUCares as a Facebook group in March when the pandemic hit to connect neighbors to resources.

"In the FLUCares group, people have posted with questions of where to turn for specific services as COVID-19 became a reality. We also share information about health resources, how to file for unemployment, info on testing sites, mental health resources, and school information, among many others," she said. "We point them to existing resources when available in the same way other mutual aid groups work; members of the Facebook group respond with ways they can help in some instances. Some have offered to make a pick-up or deliver groceries when needed. We also added a website as a sort of onestop place to find info on existing resources."



Burning Bush Christian Church and Ryant Washington.

Harris has used social media for a good cause and the Facebook group has become a vehicle for sharing of information. Their posts include health resources, how to file for unemployment, information on testing sites, mental health, and school information.

"The mask project evolved from these efforts. Seeing the need for masks, at first for essential employees and those most vulnerable, a partnership of sorts was formed between people making masks with people looking for ways to help neighbors and serve the community."

Harris says these efforts have evolved as the needs have grown. Groups making masks sent messages asking how they could help us get masks to community members. Shirley Stewart and the Lake Monticello Piecemakers have made and donated over 1,000 masks. A group from Fork Union Baptist Church has dedicated time and effort to make and donate masks to community members. Thomas Jefferson Health District donated masks and the Fluvanna Sunday School Union donated money to support this effort as well as local civic organizations, individuals, and families.

As the mask making become a larger effort, Millie Fife and Gillian Ruffa, joined forces with Harris to help broaden the reach in the community. They have been organizing these efforts, reaching out to community groups, ordering and taking requests

for masks, raising funds, and creating distribution systems to get masks to members of the community.

"Each of us has been involved with various other community efforts but saw this as a way we could help our neighbors in a very specific and important way in the midst of this pandemic," said Harris. "In addition, civic groups and community organizations learned of our efforts and reached out to offer donations to help us place bulk orders for masks to be able to get even more masks to our neighbors."

She adds that Jefferson Good Neighbor Pharmacy serves as a distribution spot for individuals who request masks online or by email. These prevention and health promotion efforts include sharing information cards with CDC and public health quidelines.

"Jefferson Pharmacy has been so supportive of our efforts, serving as a drop-off and pick-up spot for masks, and they have helped us get the word out to customers about how to get a mask from us when needed. As the first business to require customers to wear masks, EW Thomas has been an organization we worked to support by getting masks to them."

Washington has also been instrumental in helping FluCares deliver masks to community members who may not have internet or be connected with their Facebook group.

"Ryant Washington has spent a great deal of time at county locations handing out masks and health information. Our efforts involve sharing printed information on the importance of social distancing and hand washing as well as how to wear and wash masks."

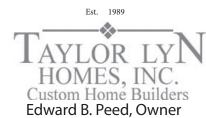
"Fluvanna neighbors are stepping up in a big way to show support and prove that we are definitely better off together." To date, 2,600 masks have been given to members of the community. Harris is humble in her admiration and recognition of the dedication of these selfless, caring volunteers and those who have donated funds. "As we have connected with others in the community, formed partnerships, and are becoming aware of other needs and issues, we are looking for other ways we can serve and build the community."

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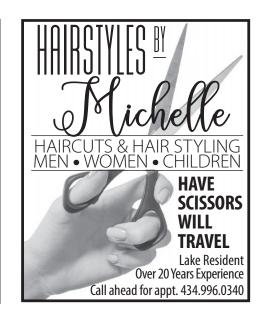


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- 59 Email action

DOWN

1 Statue of Liberty feature

- Potatoes" state
- 3 One of Canada's maritime provinces
- 4 Enter illegally
- 5 Grand Canal site
- 6 Came up 7 Point at the
- dinner table?
- 8 "Hold on a 9 Watergate, e.g.
- 10 Places for pins 11 Bullet material
- 12 Caroled 13 Anagram for
- "neat" 19 "Hip hip"
- follower 21 Grow weary
- 24 Police officer's "tin" 26 VP after Biden
- 27 Absolutely
- necessary 28 Wedding cake
- laver
- 29 Counter current

31 Part to play 45 Witches' group

39 Prefix for green

or glade

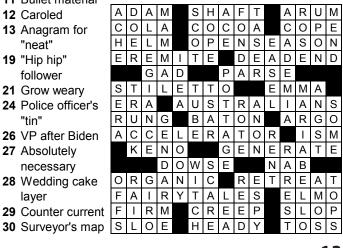
42 To excess

44 Puccini work

41 Moving

- 32 Pub orders 46 Current style 35 Layette item 47 And others, for
- 36 Sluggers' stats short 38 Burn slowly 48 Serpent of
 - Hindu myth
 - 49 Line on a graph 50 Like an oxeve
 - window 52 Little rascal

Answers to Last Week's Crossword:



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PUBLIC NOTICES



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Wednesday, June 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Fluvanna County, Virginia (the "County"), will hold a public hearing on the proposed supplemental appropriation of FY20 CARES Act Funding in the estimated amount of \$2,379,202. These funds will be used for COVID-19 related expenses incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.

If the Board has resumed holding its meetings "in person," the public hearing will be conducted at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom, Fluvanna County Courts Building, 132 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia, and interested persons may appear at such time and place and present their views. If the June 17, 2020 meeting of the Board is held "virtually," as has been the Board's practice in recent months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, instructions for participation in the public hearing will be available on the County's website: https://www.fluvannacounty.org/ bos. Interested persons wishing to express views on the supplemental appropriation may also submit written comments prior to the time of the hearing to the attention of Eric M. Dahl, County Administrator, 132 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia 22963.

> Clerk, Board of Supervisors of Fluvanna County, Virginia



PUBLIC HEARING

Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors Wednesday, June 17, 2020, at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 15.2-2204, a public hearing will be held in the Circuit Court Room at the Fluvanna County Courts Building in Palmyra, Virginia for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Board of Supervisors for the following items:

ZMP 19:02 – 2428 Richmond Road LLC – A request to conditionally rezone, from A-1 Agricultural, General to I-1 Industrial, Limited, of Tax Map 4, Section A, front portion of Parcel 27. The property is located along Richmond Road (U.S. Route 250), approximately 0.16 mile west of the intersection of Zion Road (State Route 627) and Memory Lane (State Route 698). The portion of the parcel is within the Zion Crossroads Community Planning Area and the Palmyra Election District.

ZTA 19:04 - Fluvanna County Zoning Ordinance - Vehicle Impound Facility - An Ordinance To Amend Chapter 22 Zoning Of The Fluvanna County Code By The Addition Of A Definition under 22-22-1 Definitions; Uses Permitted By Special Use Permit in A-1 zoning under 22-4-2.2, in B-1 zoning under 22-9-2.2 and in I-1 zoning under 22-11-2.2 and Uses Permitted By Right in I-2 zoning under 22-12-2.1 to permit a Vehicle Impound Facility.

Copies of the complete text of the above ordinances and associated plans are available for public review at the Office of the Fluvanna County Administrator during normal business hours. The public is invited to attend these hearings at which persons affected may appear and present their views. Questions or comments may be directed to Planning & Community Development Department, at (434) 591-1910.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Wednesday, June 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Fluvanna County, Virginia (the "County"), will hold a public hearing on the proposed issuance of a water and sewer revenue bond of the County, in the estimated maximum principal amount not to exceed \$3,000,000 (the "Bond"), to be sold by the County to the Virginia Resources Authority ("VRA"), which is expected to purchase the Bond pursuant to a Local Bond Sale and Financing Agreement between the County and VRA with a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the VRA's Series 2020B Bonds (Virginia Pooled Financing Program). Proceeds generated from the sale of the Bond to VRA will be used for the purpose of financing the planning, acquisition and construction of certain water and wastewater infrastructure improvements in the Zion Crossroads area of the County and paying certain costs of issuance of the Bond.

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Supervisors begin discussions over \$2.3 million CARES fund

BY HEATHER MICHON CORRESPONDENT

The Board of Supervisors moved through a short agenda on the way to a long conversation at its regular meeting on Wednesday (June 6). At issue was how to distribute the \$2.3 million in federal funds allocated to help localities reduce the financial burden of the COVID pandemic. County Administrator Eric Dahl announced the \$2,379,202 allocation at the May 20 meeting. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, passed by Congress in mid-March, created a \$150 billion pool for the states, with Virginia receiving \$3.3 billion. Funding for each locality was based on its population.

There are restrictions on how the money can be spent, and Dahl said he has been receiving frequent updates from the state on qualified expenditures. In general, the funds are to be used for expenses related to the pandemic from the start of the shelter-in-place orders through the end of the year.

With the expiration of Governor Ralph Northam's executive orders

and the phased reopening of county offices, the funds could be used to purchase personal protective equipment for county staff and visitors, cleaning supplies, new Plexiglass dividers for customer service desks in various departments, and signage to encourage mask-wearing and other behaviors to slow the spread of the

Economic Development Coordinator Bryan Rothamel said many Virginia counties were setting aside an average of 15 percent of the funding for small-business grants. There are some restrictions on what businesses would qualify for funds, but it could end up helping some business owners who don't qualify under other programs.

Dahl noted that the money, which has already been received by the county and is currently sequestered in its own account until decisions on how to distribute it have been finalized, can also be invested in an interest-bearing account.

"Let's hypothetically say right now

we've got \$2.3 million and off the bat we're going to use \$300,000," he said. The remaining \$2 million could be put in a 90-day account to build interest, then withdrawn for the next set of expenditures.

"We're not going to have this all figured out today," said Dahl. Conversations on how to best use the funds will continue at the June 17 meeting, and likely beyond. As of June 6, the Thomas Jefferson Health District said a total of 92 Fluvanna residents had been diagnosed with COVID-19 since its emergence in the spring, and six have died as a result of the virus.

In other business

Supervisors authorized the advertisement of two public hearings coming up later in June. The public will have the opportunity to give comments on the distribution of CARES funds and revenue bonds for the Zion Crossroads (ZXR) Water & Sewer Project. The board had previously decided to take \$3 million out of the fund balance to cover the next

phase of the project, but in light of the financial crisis and the pandemic decided to utilize debt funding. They plan to issue revenue bonds of up to \$3 million.

At the request of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the ZXR water line will also be extended 1.1 miles beyond its originally planned terminus at Memory Lane on Rt. 250. This will aid several properties in the area that were contaminated by a petroleum release many years ago. The DEQ will pay \$1 million of the anticipated \$1.5 million cost of the extension. Supervisors also approved a \$162,000 expenditure for the installation of new air compressors at each of the county's four firehouses. The compressors are a component of the new self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBAs) system for first responders. The total system, which includes masks, air tanks, compressors, and a fit-test machine, will cost an estimated \$939,000. The county has applied for a state grant that would cover \$818,000 of the expenditure.





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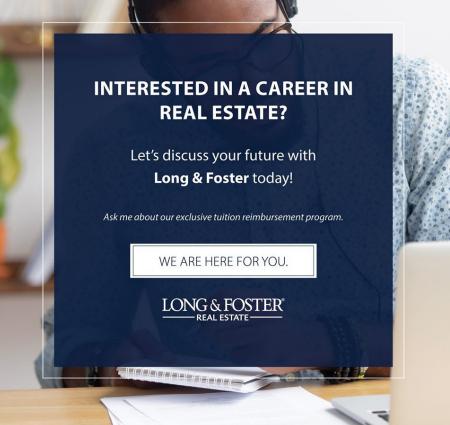
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