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Is it worth it to recycle?

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT

For those who are skeptical about the final destination of recycling, they might be surprised to learn that our efforts at recycling do help the environment. Upon delving into more details based on questions about recycling, some interesting facts emerged.

In Fluvanna County, you can recycle paper, cardboard, plastics #1-7, including bottles, jars, jugs, and tubs. Metals include aluminum and steel cans (no paint cans), foil and food containers, if clean, and empty aerosol cans. Glass is not accepted at this time, and no shredded paper.

This step is before the actual item gets tossed into the bin. Food residue, plastic bags, Styrofoam, and waxed cartons can cause entire batches to be diverted to landfill or incineration. To prevent this, wash recyclables before putting them in the bin. Average rinsing uses 1-2 cups of water per item, depending on the method of cleaning. Rinsing ten items per week might use 2.5-5 gallons per week. This would depend on the items; using a sink sprayer to rinse out a can of dog food might take less time and water and be done in less than a minute. This could be significant for those who worry about Aqua water use, but over-cleaning is not necessary, so be conservative.

Tips to reduce water waste:

- Use leftover dishwashing water to rinse containers.
- Wipe with a spatula or napkin before rinsing. Scrape out peanut butter or yogurt
- Containers (a spoon works better than running water)
- Wipe pizza boxes and toss only the clean parts if they're greasy.
- Combine with other cleaning tasks (rinsing while washing dishes)

A quick rinse or wipe is sufficient. Rinse out jars and cans and aim for clean enough to avoid contamination. There is no need for spotless cleaning. Use common sense and balance the environmental impact of cleaning with the benefits of recycling. Recycling should save resources, not increase water usage dramatically.

The items are transported to a GFL-operated or contracted Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Once they arrive at their destination, the materials are sorted using optical sorters, robotics, and ballistic screens to separate paper, cardboard, plastics, metals, and sometimes wood or glass. In some major GFL facilities (e.g., Winnipeg, Toronto, Denver), recycling recovery rates have reached 90 percent, using high-tech automated sorting and robotics. After sorting, materials are baled and sold to manufacturers who re-purpose them.

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The cost of recycling makes some wonder, but it turns out that melting down existing materials is easier than extracting or refining raw materials using lower processing temperatures. There is less chemical processing, especially for metals, and fewer chemical reactions are needed. Recycling aluminum saves 95 percent of energy costs compared with producing it from scratch with bauxite ore. Steel also saves 60-74 percent by using electric arc furnaces, which are more efficient than traditional blast furnaces.

Plastics vary widely by type, such as PET, HDPE, etc., but they save 66

percent when recycled. Paper saves 40-64 percent of water and energy, though the quality degrades after several cycles. Glass saves the least amount, but it is still fairly substantial, from 10 to 30 percent.

The question then arises, how much of what is going to the facilities is even recyclable? It turns out that one to four pounds of what is in our bins may not be recyclable. Across the U.S., it is about 15-30 percent. Higher rates occur in areas with less public education about recycling, and rates are lower in areas with stricter programs, and the public is more informed. What's hiding in those bins? The culprits are plastic bags, garden hoses, batteries and electronics, soiled containers, and greasy pizza boxes. In our area and all around central Virginia, we average an 85 percent success rate for recycling, and 15 percent due to contamination, which has to be sent to a landfill, raising the cost of recycling.

For an efficient operation like GFL, it costs \$150-\$200 per ton to recycle. For a less efficient operation, it costs more if there is high contamination, anywhere from \$300-\$500 or more. Aluminum and cardboard offset the costs due to resale value. Unprofitable is mixed plastics, glass, and contaminated materials.

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The Weekly Crossword by Margie E. Burke

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1 Kind of blocker

5 Like the Sahara

9 Rolex rival

14 Hollywood's Ken or Lena

15 Playing with a full deck

16 Plant root

17 Draws a bead on

18 Wavering

20 Cheap ship accommodations

22 Youth's inn

23 Inventor Nikola

24 Gas guzzler

26 Enduring

28 Large vases

32 Longtime CBS News host Charles

34 Of the stars

36 Holiday guests, often

37 Petal-plucker's word

39 Nada

40 Langley group

41 Ordering option

44 Mouth-watering

46 Texter's "seize the day"

47 Key element (var.)

49 "Streetcar" cry

51 Laundry pairs

54 "Dust in the Wind" group

57 Jolie of film

59 Juice drink brand

61 Guinness and others

62 Hit heavily

63 Culture medium

64 Herbal brews

65 Studly guys

66 Nevada city

67 Whirlpool-like current

DOWN

1 Talk big

2 Cream of the crop

3 Striking clock, e.g.

4 San _____, California

5 Qatar's continent

6 Yogi's nemesis

7 Hits the tab key, say

8 Wallace of "E.T."

9 Hunter of myth

10 Spa staffer

11 Make revisions to

12 _____ and take

13 Figure skating jump

19 Immature

21 Quimby of kid-lit

25 Profit

27 Like argon or radon

29 Made peace

30 Hair removal brand

31 Kill, as a dragon

32 Rubber-stamp

33 Farm building

35 Run out

38 IM sign-off

42 Russian horseman

43 Swell

45 Break, as a rule

48 Biblical promised land

50 Army vehicles

52 Work with dough

53 Fresh

54 Former N.Y.C. mayor

55 Civil rights org.

56 Sign-making substance

58 Greek sandwich

60 Golfer's goal

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Answers to Previous Crossword:

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HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answer to Previous Sudoku:

9	7	3	1	4	5	2	6	8
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7	3	1	4	9	6	5	8	2
5	9	4	2	8	7	1	3	6
6	1	9	7	2	8	3	4	5
3	4	2	6	5	9	8	1	7
8	5	7	3	1	4	6	2	9

SUDOKU

Edited by Margie E. Burke

Difficulty: Easy

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Lake championship goes to a one-hole showdown

BY DUNCAN NIXON
CORRESPONDENT

In a fantastic finish, the Lake Monticello men's golf tournament came down to play-off on the eighteenth hole after newcomer Mark Hogan and veteran Rob Chiovaro both posted scores of 155 for 36 holes. The play-off was set for the eighteenth hole which is a par five that some of the better players try to reach in two shots. Neither player went for this highly risky strategy. They both laid-up on their second shots leaving an easy third shot over a small pond to the green. The third shots ended up almost together about 25 feet short of the hole. It looked like two pars were likely and the play-off would continue. Chiovaro putted first and he rolled his putt into the hole. Hogan was unable to match him and Chiovaro is the 2025 champion.

The Lake Monticello golf championship tournament is a two day event. There are four separate competitions. The open men's competition decides the official men's champion, but there are also men's competitions in a senior's category for men ages 55-69, and a super-senior's category for men 70 and up. There is also a women's championship. There are prizes of gift certificates for the top finishers in all categories. The winners in the men's and senior men's tournament receive a gift certificate for \$75. Second place in gross score in both these divisions receive \$50. The best net and second best net score receives \$45 and \$25 respectively. A player may only win one award so if a winner or second place finisher in the gross score is also first or second in the net score category the next best score in net wins. Gift certificates for the super-seniors were \$40 for best gross and \$20 for second best gross and \$15 for best net. The lady's awards were \$30 for best gross and \$15 for best net.

Obviously, runner-up in gross score in the open division was Marc Hogan who lost in the play-off. Top player in the net competition in the open division was Mike Mundell with a net of 145. Second net in that division went to Keith Trapp with 150. The open competitors play from the men's white tees, while the senior and super-senior competitors play from the senior yellow tees. In the senior division, champion honors went to Eric Parlet who carded 77/75 and 78/76 for a gross score total of 155. Runner-up in the gross score competition went to Chris Farris who shot a gross 167. He was deemed the second finisher based on a review of score cards with Tom Sick who also recorded a 167. In the low net competition, Tom Mundell and Doug Weaver tied at 148. Mundell was declared the first-place finisher based on a comparison of score cards.

In the super-senior division, Jim Beach was the runaway winner with the best overall gross score of the tournament, a very impressive 73 followed by an 80 for 153. Second place in gross score went to Karl Bergstresser with a two-day total of 168. The winners in the net competition were Kevin McCarthy with two-day total of 155. He was followed by Thomas Loucks who finished with a net of 162.

The women's competition drew only three entrants. The top gross score was posted by Robin Wink who is fairly new to the Lake course. She has played with the eighteen hole ladies for the past three years. Winner of the best net score went to Katie Mundell with a net of 148.

The tournament, thankfully was played in hot weather that was not as hot as predicted, only low nineties as opposed to high nineties. Players handled the heat appropriately. The championship tournament was very competently handled by Lake Monticello Assistant Pro Mason Chiovaro.

Community Calendar



QR Code provided by the Fluvanna Leadership Development Program

High school fundraiser

Annual fund raiser for the Fluvanna County High School PTSO will be held on **Aug. 2** from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Tickets required prior to event.

Registration open for Fluvanna Leadership Class

Registration for Fluvanna Leadership Development Program will continue through **Aug. 14**. The non-political class shows how Fluvanna County works and how to effectively get things done. In-person classes are every other Thursday, Aug. 28 – April 7 (except holidays). Registration costs \$100. Registration and additional information are at www.fluvannaleadership.org.

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Fluvanna MACAA / FCSS Food Pantry is located at the old Carysbrook High School. To receive food from the food pantry bring a photo ID as proof of residency in Fluvanna. Open: **Monday - Friday**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. To donate directly to the food bank call 434.842.2521 . Cash and food donations gratefully accepted.

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From the celebrated ultra-local flavors of Hanover to one of Italy’s “gold standards” of regional cuisine—Virginia-grown tomatoes get around. While visiting a renowned chef at his new D.C. restaurant, Jay Faucher of Bedford County asked, “What can I personally grow for you?” The chef wanted San Marzanos. “Deal!” Faucher said. “Now, what’s a San Marzano?” First grown in volcanic soil within sight of Mount Vesuvius in Italy’s Campania region, this variety of plum tomato is known for its hearty saucing qualities. A beginning farmer, Faucher started the small tomato plot from seed, adja-

cent to his beans, chiles, corn, peppers, potatoes and pumpkins growing on 38 acres of pasture and woodland. About 200 San Marzano plants produce tomatoes that hang in bunches on a rebar-enforced trellis to support the heavy fruit clusters and the crop’s long growing season. “San Marzanos are hard to maintain,” Faucher said. “It’s not your typical tomato plant or sandwich tomato.” Meanwhile, a Hanover tomato is indeed typical, with no specific varieties or types. But the soil imparts its distinctive appeal. “The sandy loam soil out here on the east side of I-95 is good for vegetable production,” said Scot Ferguson, Virginia Cooperative Extension agent in Hanover County. “Great tomatoes are grown everywhere, but Hanover’s are about history and culture,” he said. “And they’re harvested vine-ripe; that’s really the key.” Hanover tomatoes became a Virginia agricultural icon in the early 20th century. The vine-ripened tomatoes were popular with Richmond’s farmers market shoppers, and the Hanover hype eventually spread up the East Coast. The tomatoes continue to be successfully marketed today. Ferguson is in touch with farmers who wholesale directly to grocery chains clamoring to offer Hanover-grown to-

matoes to summertime consumers. In Mechanicsville, George Rice sources his Hanover-grown tomatoes to retailers with less overhead. A lifelong farmer and vice president of Hanover County Farm Bureau, Rice grows 4 acres of two tomato varieties at Hanovertown Farm alongside other crops. Consumers purchase his tomatoes and melons from roadside stands throughout the area. “You’ve got to have Hanover tomatoes on your stands when they’re in season,” he said. In step with a century-long tradi-

tion, consumers visit Richmond-area produce stands from all over, Rice said—as far away as Maryland, the Middle Peninsula and Virginia’s mountain towns. In Virginia, 1,749 acres of tomatoes were grown on 699 farms, according to the 2022 Census of Agriculture. The majority of farms were located in Albermarle County, totaling 31, while Hanover County was home to 18 tomato farms.

Wells departs LMOA as police chief

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT



After three years as director of public safety, Lake Monticello Police Chief David Wells made a final appearance before the Lake’s Board of Directors on Thursday night (July 24) – not with PowerPoint slides and statistics, but just to say goodbye. “I had a little speech prepared, but I’m going to wing it, because that’s just my style,” Wells joked as he stepped up to the podium. “I wanted to come and say thank you to everybody. It’s been a wonderful experience.” Wells will be returning to the Fluvanna County Sheriff’s Office in August and resuming his role as chief deputy under Sheriff Eric Hess.

“It’s been a pleasure,” he said. “If you need me, I’m not going that far.” LMOA Communications Director Markieke Henry said that Wells had been a great senior staff leader during his time with the organization. “I appreciate the community policing he’s brought to Lake Monticello. It’s a great fit. It’s exactly what we needed.” “I appreciate that he’s always put safety first, even when it made him the most unpopular person in the room,” she added. Officer Jim Mooney will be taking over as interim director of public safety and police chief. “I’m a three-year police officer at the Lake, but more importantly, I’m a 28-year resident of Lake Monticello,” said Mooney. “I came to work here because they hired that man,” he said, pointing at Wells. “It’s been an honor to work with him, and I don’t think you’ll see much change here. He’s showing us the way in order to continue to do that.” The July meeting was one of the shortest Board of Directors on record. Directors Gary Sellick and Jennifer Richardson were traveling, as was General Manager Tom Schuader. No significant votes or actions were taken during the session.

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Sheridan retirement triggers special election for commissioner of revenue

Candidates have until Aug. 15 to file for November election

BY HEATHER MICHON
CORRESPONDENT

After serving as commissioner of the revenue for nearly 22 years, Andrew (Mel) Sheridan informed the Board of Supervisors in June that he would be retiring on December 31.

With two years remaining on his most recent term, the resignation has triggered a special election in November.

Commissioner of the revenue is one of five “constitutional” offices in Fluvanna County. Along with court clerk, commonwealth’s attorney, treasurer and sheriff, commissioners stand for election every four years.

Candidates for Sheridan’s position would serve the remainder of his unexpired term, ending on December 31, 2027, and would have to run again for a full four-year term starting in January 2028.

Citizens interested in running for the seat have until Aug. 15 at 5 p.m. to complete the necessary paperwork and file it with the registrar. Detailed instructions for filing can be found at <https://www.fluvannacounty.org/registrar/page/writ-election-commission-revenue>

School board

There is likely to be a separate special election called to fill the unexpired term of Fork Union School Board representative Danny Reed, who resigned earlier this month to take a teaching position with Fluvanna County Public Schools.

The School Board has announced a schedule to appoint an interim member to serve until Dec. 31, but no writ of special election has been issued.

Vote Nov 4.

The special election for commissioner will be held alongside the general election on Nov4. Already on the ballot are candidates for the Virginia House of Delegates, the Board of Supervisors, and the School Board.

In-person voting begins Sept. 19 and extends until 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1.

Questions about running for office or voting in upcoming and special elections can be directed to the Fluvanna County Registrar’s Office at 434-589-3593.

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A comprehensive plan survey rates Fluvanna

BY PAGE H. GIFFORD
CORRESPONDENT

Out of a population of over 28,000 residents in Fluvanna, 757 responded to the recent comprehensive plan survey. The responses were evenly split among the five county districts with Cunningham and Rivanna having the highest response rate, followed by Palmyra, Columbia and Fork Union.

The majority of the respondents were over 50, with the fewest under 35. Most were working or retired and many have lived here more than ten years.

The interesting geographic change is that the influx of transplants from the north isn't as big a factor with many newcomers arriving from Charlottesville and Albemarle County followed by residents northern Virginia. Those coming from out of state are now coming from down south or out west with some still coming from New York or New Jersey.

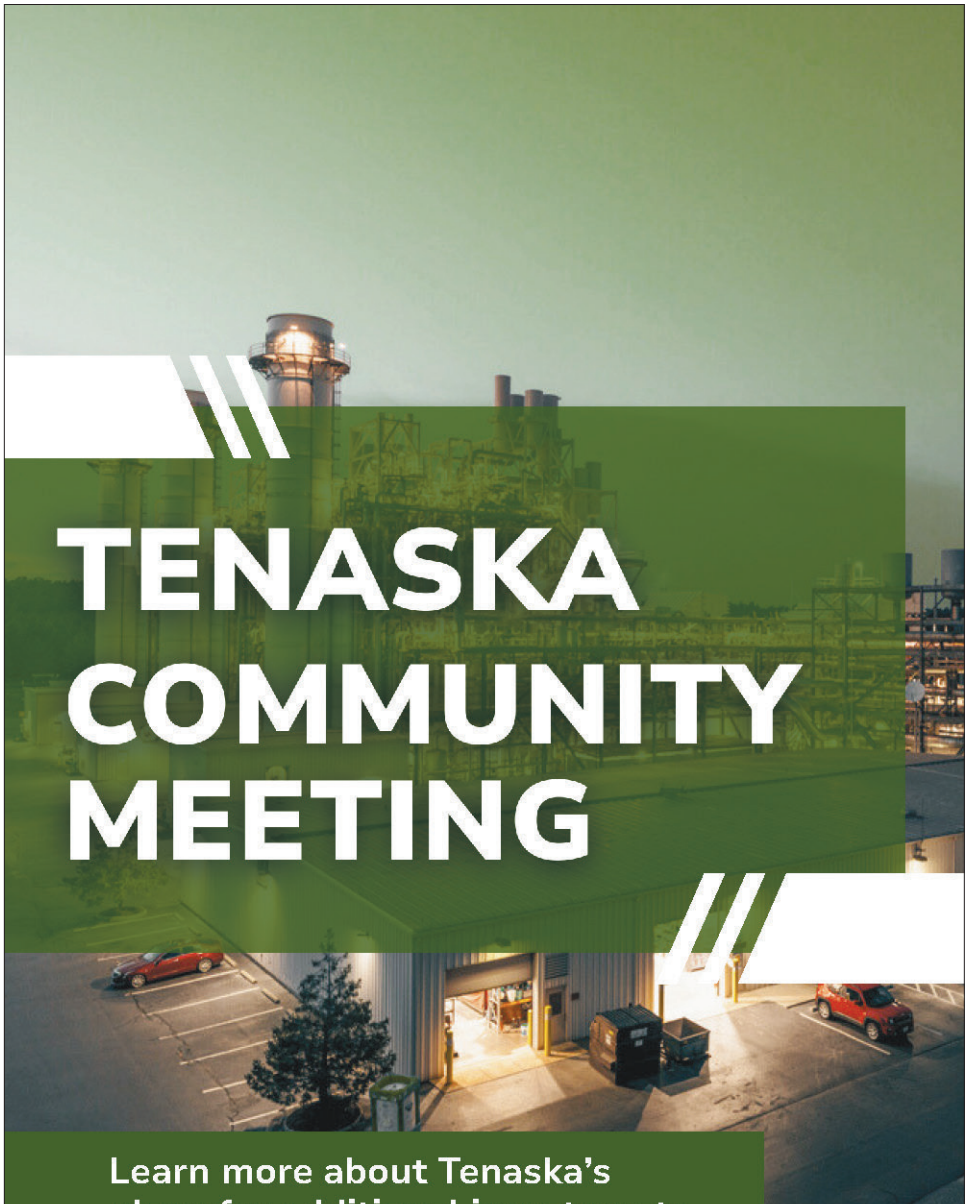
Overall, Fluvanna got a "good" rating for a place to live and raise a family but was rated fair when it came to business, retail, and work. Most stated they only spend about 25 percent of their income in Fluvanna. When asked where they would prefer growth, the consensus was Zion Crossroads, fol-

lowed by Palmyra, Fork Union, and Columbia.

There didn't appear to be an appetite for industrial growth but light manufacturing and data and call centers were acceptable. On the business and retail side, grocery stores, restaurants and medical facilities topped the list of desires.

Residential growth was desired in Columbia and Fork Union. Other areas were not keen on more residential growth but noted that single-family, senior and affordable housing would be considered.

For the most part, many did not rule out expansion in the county and added if they left the area, it would be because of tax rates and lack of business.



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Hey Neighbors, Let's Get Fit!

If you live at Lake Monticello, there are lots of ways to connect with neighbors and get in shape. Here are a few examples of classes run by volunteers:

Functionally Fit on Tuesdays

This class runs from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM, focusing on agility, strength, balance, flexibility, and cognitive fitness. Instructor and resident Janelle Palmiotto aims to help others develop the skills needed for Active Daily Living, so they can care for themselves and enjoy things like gardening, pickleball, golf, and other daily pursuits. Get functionally fit and have fun! All you need is a mat and enthusiasm. All questions and registration (not required) can be sent to Jnkpfitness@gmail.com.

Yoga on Tuesdays & Thursdays

Lake resident, Renata Miller (with occasional help from Cynthia Moore), is offering two free yoga classes at the Ashlawn Clubhouse. She offers a Tuesday & Thursday yoga class from 8:45 - 10 AM. All you need is a yoga mat!

Saturday Run Club

Starting August 9, this new club plans to bring together neighbors of all ages for a 5K run or walk every Saturday at 8 AM, meeting at the Main Beach parking lot. Just show up and join the group!

Wednesday Strength Training

This class will meet in the Ashlawn Clubhouse Lake Room from 10:15 – 11:15 AM. It will incorporate free

weights, tubing, and bodyweight exercises that will help you tone your entire body and feel energized. Contact strengthcircuit@yahoo.com to join. Participants should bring their own weights and a mat.

Silver & Gold Meets August 6

This group is open to all Fluvanna County residents 55 and up and meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Ashlawn Clubhouse from 10 – 11:30 AM. Contact Peggy Shanklin for more info at peggyshanklin@hotmail.com.

School Starts August 12, Please Drive Carefully!

Fluvanna County Schools will be back in session on Tuesday, August 12, 2025. That means kids will be walking to and from their bus stops between 6 AM and 8:30 AM in the morning and 3 PM and 5 PM in the evenings. Keep an eye out for them and drive carefully! Also, most of our lifeguards will be heading back to school as well. Each year, we face the challenge of keeping the pool adequately staffed once school resumes, and this year is no exception. Please know that we will do our best to stay open as usual, though we might encounter some capacity challenges on weekdays. Thanks so much for your understanding and support!

Water Workgroup Meets Again on August 13, 2025

This workgroup, consisting of Lake Monticello residents and Aqua Virginia staff, meets from 10 to 11:30

AM in the Ashlawn Clubhouse's Terrace Room A to discuss ways to meet customer needs. Visitors are welcome but are asked to save their comments and questions until the end. Since the formation of the workgroup, the progress of improvements made by Aqua Virginia has become easier to track.

Bunker Bistro News from Jacie

On Friday, August 1, come and rock with Jefferson Speedboat on the patio! Also, save the date for our next Wine Dinner, scheduled for Monday, August 25th, at Ashlawn Clubhouse - menu will be forthcoming. Check out our calendar at bunkerbistro.com for other events or read Karis' Plan Your Month email coming out this Monday. Finally, we are closing on Monday, August 4, for Staff Appreciation Day! Thank you for your understanding.

Water Safety Tip of the Week Brought to you by the Volunteer Water Safety Team

Did you know... that Lake Monticello has special safety rules for towing skiers and tubers. Some of those include:

- * two people must be onboard-one driver and one responsible observer,*
- * the orange flag must be flown (not waved) when a towed person is in the water,*
- * the towline for multiple tows must be of equal length and appropriate for the purpose,*
- * all persons being towed must wear a coast guard approved life jacket specific for towed sports,*

** the motor of the boat should be turned off during pick-up, loading/unloading from the water, dock and shoreline;*

** towing is prohibited within 75 feet of shore, swimming areas, docks, coves, and no wake areas.*

Have you been enjoying the water safety tips? These have been provided by the Water Safety Team volunteers, who have made a tremendous effort to educate the community about water safety this year. Their efforts include (but are not limited to!) being present on the water during the weekends, distributing life vests and orange flags, and giving out lollipops to kids and adults, fostering a 'Neighbors Helping Neighbors' approach to water safety promotion. They also created the "Bat Phone," a contact list to reach volunteers who dedicate time to towing stranded boaters. About 275 info bags filled with helpful information, gadgets and goodies have been distributed at the Marina. Despite these efforts, we still see boaters without Personal Flotation Devices, speed violations, unsafe swimming, and towing without a spotter. Their work remains essential! Please support them by reading the weekly safety tips, watching their videos, and picking up an information bag at the marina. Thank you, VWST!



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Stargazing in Fluvanna

BY PAT BEERS BLOCK

Welcome Star Gazers to this month's highlights of celestial events visible in Fluvanna County!

Fun events to view in August

The lazy days of summer seem to not only impact humans but also the celestial sky this month; there is a paucity of events to highlight and view this August. There will be a few noteworthy conjunctions (remote objects visually appear close to one another), and unique events to observe including the return of the annual Perseids meteor shower, a major Class I event that can produce up to 75 meteors an hour, and the appearance of the somewhat rare Black Moon. The August full moon has an interesting and logical colloquial name, and we get to enjoy the warm summer evenings to observe the great sky above!

Hopefully some of these events capture your interest and motivate you to spend time observing the night and early morning dark sky this month. So let's get ready to engage in observing these events by setting up your star gazing equipment, charging your cell phones and linking to Sky Guide, Sky View Lite, or any other star gazing applications that you find useful, and settling into your favorite viewing spot to witness the magic of the night and early morning skies!

Week 1 (August 1-9)

We start August with the first quarter moon appearing on August 1. The moon will appear illuminated on the right half of its surface. On this date, Venus will be visible in the western sky.

On August 3, the moon will be in conjunction with the star Antares in the constellation Scorpius.

From August 6- August 18, two of our brightest planets- Venus and

Jupiter- appear close to one another, with the best viewing day being August 12.

On August 9, the full moon appears. This moon bears the Native American colloquial name of the Sturgeon Moon because of the abundance of sturgeon fish in lakes (the Great Lakes in particular) at this time of the year. This moon has also been called the Grain Moon because of the abundance of grain; the Feather Shedding Moon by the Passamaquoddy people; the Young Ducks Begin to Fly by the Cree; the Dry Moon by the Catawba people; and the Drying Up Moon by the Cherokee people due to the drying of streams and rivers at this time of the year. The full moon will be at its peak around 4am this date.

Week 2 (August 10-16)

On August 12, the conjunction of Venus and Jupiter (noted above) will be positioned such that Venus will appear bright while Jupiter takes on a golden glow. The conjunction of the moon and the planet Saturn will also occur on this date. Saturn will appear as a bright yellow star; this conjunction will be visible around 11pm.

Yet another highlight on this date will be the appearance of the Perseid meteor shower. The best time to observe this shower, which can produce up to 75 meteors per hour, is around 90 minutes after the sun sets. The meteors originate from the region where the constellation Perseus is located, and are particles released from the comet 109P/Swift-Tuttle. Unfortunately, meteor viewing might be challenged by the appearance of a bright waning (getting larger) gibbous moon; but still take time this evening to attempt to view this active, annual meteor shower.



On August 16, the moon enters its last quarter when the left side of its face is illuminated. On this date, the moon is in conjunction with the star cluster Pleiades (aka the Seven Sisters, and M45) in the constellation Taurus.

Week 3 (August 17-23)

On August 19, the conjunction of the planet Mercury with the Beehive Star Cluster (Messier 44) occurs early in the morning. Mercury will be visible this date since it is far away from the Sun. At its highest point just above the horizon, Mercury will be visible in the eastern sky just before sunrise on August 19. The conjunction of the moon with the planet Jupiter will occur around 2pm but will probably not be visible with the naked eye.

From August 19-21, four celestial bodies will be visible about 30 minutes before sunrise. These include the moon located above the planets Jupiter and Venus, and the presence of Mercury just below these two planets.

On August 20, the moon will be in conjunction with the star Pollux within the constellation Gemini.

The new moon phase will occur on August 23 at which time the moon will no longer be visible except as a ghost-like sphere in the sky.

Weeks 4- 5 (August 24-31)

On August 26, the moon will be in conjunction with the planet Mars. On August 27, the moon will be in conjunction with the star Spica, the brightest star within the constellation Virgo.

Concluding the month on August 31, the moon will again be in conjunction with the star Antares within the constellation Scorpius. The planet Venus will be in conjunction with the Beehive Star cluster (Messier 44). The

moon will again enter a first quarter phase when the right side of its face will be illuminated.

In Summary...

There is one last item to note as we end the celestial highlights of August. This month is a somewhat rare time when a Black Moon appears in the sky. A Black Moon occurs about 3 years and is defined as the second new moon in one calendar month, or when a third new moon in a season of four new moons appears. This month's moon meets the second definition; it's the third new moon in the season of four new moons. This moon is invisible since it is positioned between the Earth and the Sun.

Beyond these noted events, it is worth exploring celestial stories and events that are posted on NASA's homepage, and visiting websites that provide information about space rocket and satellite launches, the travels of the ISS, and aurora borealis flare-ups that might be visible in Fluvanna county.

With the perpetual motion of planets and stars, the daily changing sky promises to entertain you for a lifetime! Until next month, keep your eyes facing the morning and evening sky to see the wonders of our universe as we Earthlings travel through it!

[information has been extracted from *Astronomy Calendar of Celestial Events 2025 - Sea and Sky* (seasky.org); <https://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov>; <https://highpointscientific.com/astronomy-hub>; <https://amsmeteors.org/meteor-showers>; <https://starwalk.space>; <https://spacetourismguide.com>; Wikipedia; <https://SkyatNightMagazine.com>; theskylive.com; the Farmers' Almanac]



PUBLIC HEARING

Fluvanna County Planning Commission
Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

Pursuant to Virginia Code Sections 15.2-1427 and 15.2-2204, a Public Hearing will be held in the Morris Room in the County Administration Building at 132 Main Street, Palmyra, Virginia 22963 for citizens of the County to have the opportunity to appear before and be heard by the Planning Commission for the following items:

ZTA 25:04: Ordinance to amend the “Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia,” by amending §§ 22-22-1, 22-3-2.1, 22-4-2.1, 22-5-2.1, 22-6-2.1, 22-7-9.1, 22-8-2.1, 22-9-2.1, 22-10-3, 22-11-2.1, 22-12-2.1 and 22-13-2.1 to define “mobile food unit” and to authorize such activity by-right in all zoning districts.

ZTA 25-07: Ordinance to amend the “Code of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia,” by amending §§ 19-2-1, 19-3-2, 19-3-4, 19-3-5, 19-3-6.2, 19-4-5, 19-5-2, 19-6-2, 22-14-2, and 22-23-8 to conform to the Code of Virginia by removing Planning Commission approval authority for the administrative review process for plats and plans and assigning such authority solely to the Subdivision Agent, and by changing certain review timeframes.

ZMP 25:02 Fork Union Drive-in – A request to rezone from A-1, Agricultural, General to the B-1, Business, General, Zoning District 2.74 +/- acres of 14 acres of Tax Map 51 Section A Parcel 60. The subject property is generally located on the west side of Winnsville Drive (SR 612) approximately 0.2 miles from its intersection with US 15 at Weber City. The parcel is located in the Fork Union Community Planning Area and the Fork Union Election District.

Copies of the complete text of the above ordinances are available for public review at <https://www.fluvannacounty.org/> and at the Fluvanna County Planning and Zoning Department during normal business hours. Questions may be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, at (434) 591-1910. All interested persons wishing to be heard are invited to attend the public hearing.

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF FLUVANNA

COUNTY OF FLUVANNA, VIRGINIA,
a Political Subdivision of
the Commonwealth of Virginia,

Complainant,

v.
EUGENE K. COATES, ET AL

Respondent(s).

Case No.: CL25-188

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of this suit is to enforce the lien of the Complainant, County of Fluvanna, Virginia, for delinquent real estate taxes against certain real property located in the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, described as follows:

Tax Map No. 32-6-1A
Account No. 309460

All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of real property, together with any improvements thereon and appurtenances thereunto belonging, lying and being situate in the Columbia Magisterial District of Fluvanna County, Virginia, containing 3.446 acres, by survey, on the northeast side of and adjoining Virginia State Highway No. 630, designated as Lot 1A and described by metes and bounds on plat of survey made by Robert L. Lum, C. L. S., dated July 29, 1985, which plat is of record in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia in Deed Book 162 at Page 587.

And being the same real property conveyed to Eugene K. Coates and Mary E. Coates, husband and wife, as tenants by the entireties from Stuart F. Marks and Mildred Ann Marks, husband and wife, by Deed dated August 14, 1985 and recorded August 26, 1985 among the records of the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of Fluvanna County, Virginia in Deed Book 162 at Page 585.

This description is made subject to all easements, conditions, agreements, restrictions, and reservations of record which affect the property herein described including but not limited to those recorded in Deed Book 69 at Page 57, Deed Book 98 at Page 043.

IT APPEARING that an Affidavit has been made and filed stating that due diligence has been used, without effect, to ascertain the identity and location of certain parties to be served, hat the last known addresses for the Respondents herein are as follows: Eugene K. Coates, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 321 Plain Dealing Road, Palmyra, Virginia 22963; Mary E. Coates, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is 321 Plain Dealing Road, Palmyra, Virginia 22963; Eva Fair Smith, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Robert A. Smith, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Kenneth C. Hall, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Ashley Marie Hall, whose last known address is unknown; Michelle Lynn Hall, whose last known address is unknown; N. Scott Hall, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Deborah Hall, whose last known address is 197 Merrimac Trail, Apt 4, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185; Brian Hall, whose last known address is 7505 Wentworth Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23228; Kevin Hall, whose last known address is 5207 Iron Bridge Road, North Chesterfield, Virginia 23234; Judy D. Hall Proffitt, whose last known address is 4298 Cedar Lane Road, Kents Store, Virginia 23084; Mildred Ann Marks, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Kimberly Dawn Marks, whose last known address is unknown; Kelly L. Hartley, whose last known address is 12390 Cox Mill Road, Gordonsville, Virginia 22942; Earl Carter Fair, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; Mary Eleanor Botkin, who is believed to be deceased and whose last known address is unknown; David Wayne Johns, whose last known address is 21 Brook Street, Laurens, New York 13796; and that any officers, heirs, devisees, and successors in title of the Respondent named herein are made parties Respondent to this action individually and/or by the general description of Parties Unknown, it is hereby

ORDERED that the parties herein and all Parties Unknown and/or whose location cannot be ascertained appear on or before August 28, 2025 in the Clerk’s Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Fluvanna, Virginia, and do what may be necessary to protect their interests in this cause.

I ask for this:

Entered on the 9th day of July, 2025

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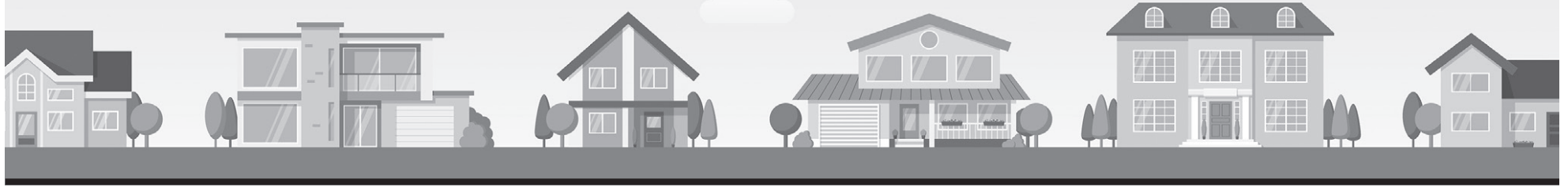
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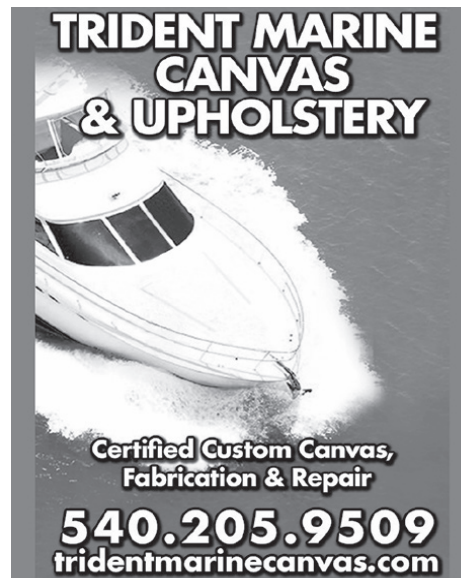
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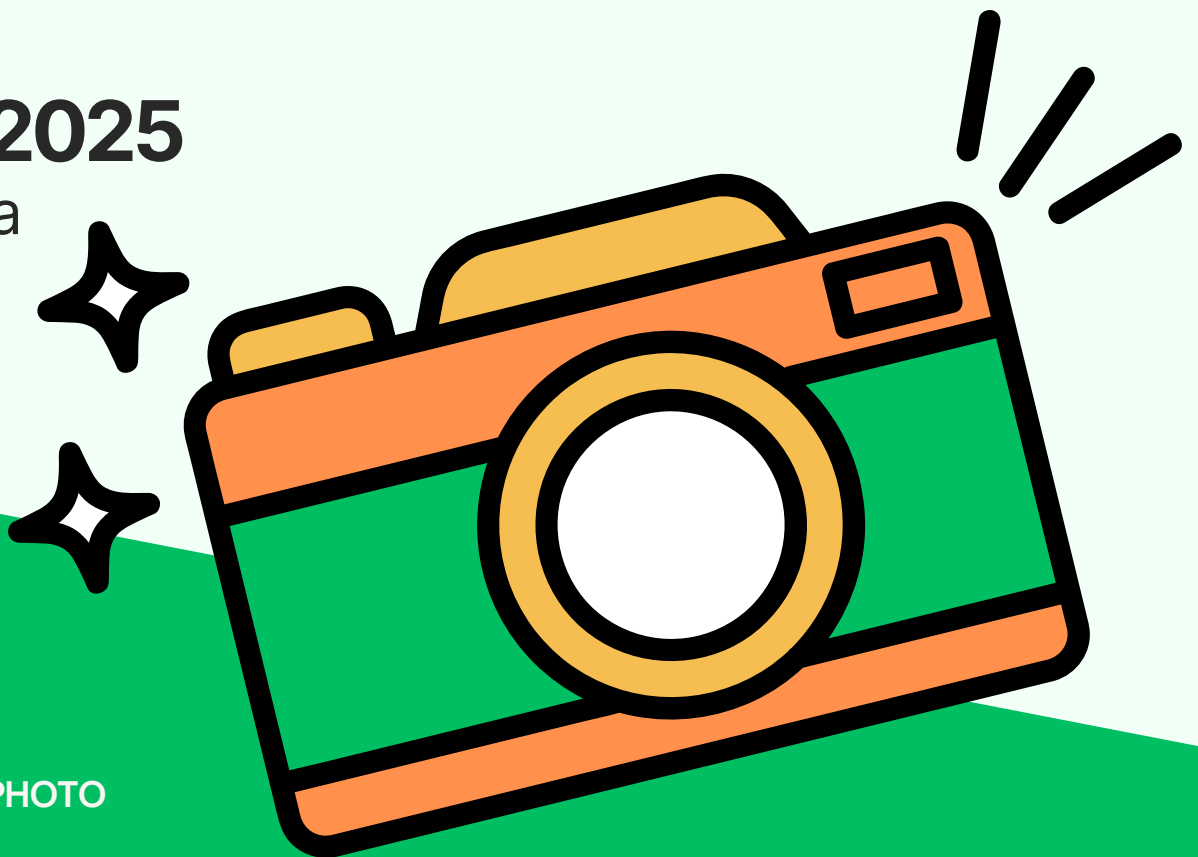
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A Butterfly House is now open in the native plant Butterfly Garden at Pleasant Grove Park. This butterfly exhibit is part of the "Pleasant Grove Park: A Natural Experience" plan, which has

been ongoing since 2014. The house offers a chance to observe native butterflies and their larvae at various stages of development.

"Thirty-five native host plants are positioned throughout the space with signage highlighting their importance as each species of butterfly requires its specific plants on which to lay their eggs and to provide food for its caterpillars," said Master Gardener Sue Tepper. "Flowering nectar plants and nectar stations are nestled among the host plants to provide the food energy needed for the butterflies themselves."

She added that now, at the peak of summer, is when pollinators are busiest in the Butterfly Garden, which provides a demonstration of the native plants and their importance to our pollinators. The Fluvanna Master Gardeners tend the garden weekly, and the plants are well marked, allowing visitors to see how native plants might fit into their garden at home.

The public is invited to come and experience the lifecycle of native butterflies in an enclosed environment, in-

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