

Fall 2023

Gloucester County, Virginia

# The Beehive

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The next General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at your normal polling locations from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

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"... It has been an honor to serve as 'Your Superintendent' and I wish GCPS nothing but the best of success moving forward."





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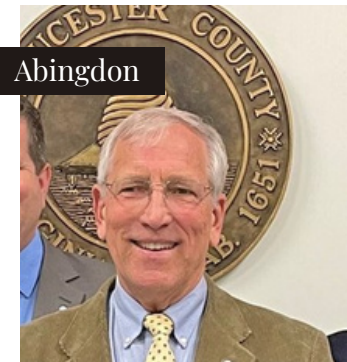
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## ***General Election to be held on November 7:***

This is to announce the upcoming General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at your normal polling locations on Election Day from 6 a.m. - 7 p.m.

We have a secure drive-through Ballot Drop Box that is under 24/7 surveillance outside our office, located at 6467 Main St., Building One, Gloucester, Virginia. When returning your Absentee Ballot by mail or through the Ballot Drop Box, please be sure to enclose your ballot in Envelope B completed, sealed and inside of the pre-paid postage envelope which was provided in your ballot pack. Thank you.

[See the full list of candidates on gloucesterva.gov.](https://www.gloucesterva.gov)

Note: Party affiliation for local candidates will not be on the ballot (per the Code of Virginia § 24.2-613).

### ***Offices on the Ballot:***

- Member Senate of Virginia - 26th
- Member House of Delegates - 68th
- Member House of Delegates - 69th (for

Gloucester Point District only)

- Member Board of Supervisors: Ware District, Abingdon District, Gloucester Point District and At-Large
- Member School Board: Ware District, Abingdon District, Gloucester Point District and At-Large
- Commonwealth's Attorney
- Commissioner of Revenue
- Clerk of Court
- Sheriff
- Treasurer
- 2 Soil and Water Conservation Directors (Tidewater District)

### ***How to Vote:***

You can request an Absentee Ballot be mailed to you, you can vote early at the Elections Office, or you can vote at your normal polling location on Election Day!

The last day to get registered or make changes to your name or address to be eligible to vote in this election is Monday, October 16, 2023 by 5 p.m.

New legislation allows voters who miss this deadline above to use Same Day Registration to



register and vote using a Provisional Ballot that will be reviewed after the election by the Electoral Board. Please register to vote or update your information today!

You can do all this and more online at our website, [gloucesterva.gov/elections-voter-registration](http://gloucesterva.gov/elections-voter-registration).

## *Deadlines*

Early voting starts on Friday, September 22, 2023. Office hours: Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Do not forget to bring your acceptable ID!

In addition to our regular office hours, we will be open: Saturday, October 28 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. for the last day of Early Voting.

The last day to request an Absentee Ballot by mail is Friday, October 27, 2023. If you request an Absentee Ballot by mail and change your mind, bring the ballot pack back with you (unopened) to vote in-person!

Sample ballots are posted in late September.

**Elections/Voter Registration: 804-693-3659.**

*"If you request an Absentee Ballot by mail and change your mind, bring the ballot pack back with you (unopened) to vote in-person!"*

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## *Adopt a dog from Animal Control*

Gloucester County Animal Control is happy to announce that as of last year, the dogs at the facility are available for adoption. Through the hard work of department staff, devoted volunteers, and the newly founded nonprofit organization, [Friends of Gloucester County Animal Control](#), more than 100 dogs have been adopted out to new owners and families!

The shelter is located right next to the Animal Control Office at 6584 Beehive Drive. New dogs come into the shelter weekly, and there are so many amazing pups in need of loving homes.

If you are interested in adopting a dog, please consider looking at our current furry residents on [Petfinder.com](https://www.petfinder.com) or check out the Friends of Gloucester County Animal Control's Facebook page for updated photos and information. The facility is not currently doing walk-ins. Adoption applications must first be filled out and approved before a meet and greet is scheduled.

Any questions about the adoption process can be answered by calling the Animal Control office at 804-693-5290. If you aren't looking to adopt at the moment, please also consider donating canned dog food, toys or treats to the Friends of Gloucester County Animal Control.

All donations go directly to support the care and comfort of the dogs at our shelter.





# *News from the Commissioner of the Revenue:*

## *Do you use your land for farming?*

Gloucester County has a Land Use Program which allows taxpayers to apply for specially reduced assessments on certain real estate devoted to agriculture, horticulture and forest uses.

The program's requirements include:

- Five acres minimum of contiguous land for Agricultural and Horticultural lands (excluding a one-acre home site)
- 20 acres minimum of contiguous land for Forest Use (excluding a one-acre home site)

## *If you meet the requirements...*

The filing deadline for new applications and Revalidation Forms will be November 1.

As a participant in the Land Use Program, the property owner is responsible for notifying the COR Office within 60 days following any change in use.

For more information regarding the Land Use program, please visit our website at [gloucesterva.gov/commissioner-of-the-revenue](http://gloucesterva.gov/commissioner-of-the-revenue) or you may call us at 804-693-3451.



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# *When it comes to Emergency Management, preparation is everything*



## **Important numbers to know:**

**Emergencies Only:**  
911

**Virginia State Police:**  
800-582-8350

**U.S. Coast Guard Search & Rescue:**  
757-483-8567

**Dominion Energy (for reporting downed lines):**  
866-366-4357

## **Preparedness Expo**

Join Gloucester County Emergency Management, Home Depot, and other community partners for a Preparedness Expo on Aug. 5, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Gloucester Home Depot. Learn about emergency management and enjoy local vendors!

## **Know Your Zone**

Virginia evacuation zones designated A through D are in place across coastal Virginia. In the event of a storm or other emergency, residents of one or more zones may be directed to evacuate depending on tides, storm intensity, path, and other factors.

## **Bee Alert**

Make sure you're signed up for Bee Alert, Gloucester County's emergency notification system. Bee Alert will be used to notify you about imminent threats to health and safety, and informational notifications that affect your locations or work environments. Register today by calling 804-693-1390.

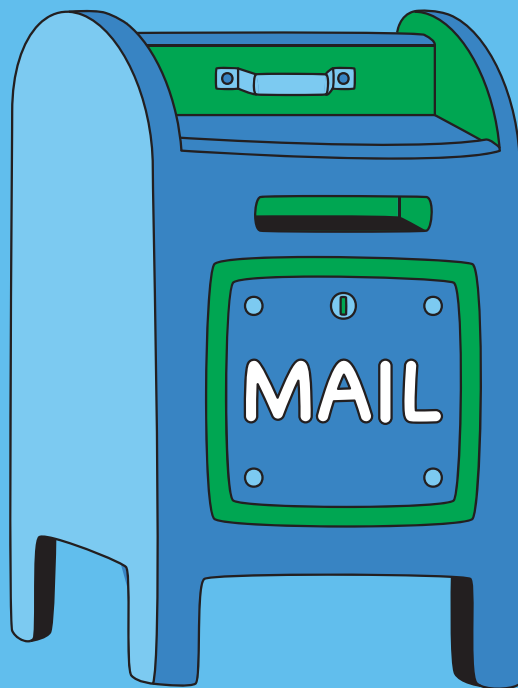
## **CERT**

Interested in joining the Gloucester County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)? Using the training learned in the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. To sign up for CERT training, email [Hbonar@gloucesterva.info](mailto:Hbonar@gloucesterva.info).

## **Prepare an Emergency Supply Kit**

- At least one gallon of water per person, per day for at least three days
- At least a three-day supply of nonperishable food
- Battery-powered radio/NOAA weather radio
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- First aid kit





## A message from Social Services:

Since the ending of the Public Health Emergency, the benefits enrollment process has returned to normal operations. To help Virginians continue to receive high quality health care coverage, there are important steps for customers to take.

To ensure that members obtain important paperwork, your up-to-date mailing address and phone number are needed. Members can make updates:

- Online at [commonhelp.virginia.gov](https://commonhelp.virginia.gov)
- By calling 1-855-242-8282
- By calling their local Department of Social Services

It is important for members to respond to their mail promptly. The Gloucester Department of Social Services continues to get an overwhelming amount of returned mail to their office, which may impact the status of your benefits.

Medicaid recipients are encouraged to take the steps in the bulleted list.

If you are a recipient who gets their mail at the Department of Social Services, please visit the office regularly to pick up your mail. This will ensure that you receive your important notices promptly.



# 2023 2nd Installment Real Estate, Personal Property & Mobile Home bills will be mailed in early November.

### ***What do I need to do?***

- Check your bills for completeness upon receipt. Real estate and personal property bills may be mailed in the same envelope if the owner and address are identical. If you have questions about any items listed or feel that an item is missing, please contact the Commissioner of Revenue at 804-693-3451.
- If you have not received your tax bill(s) by the middle of November, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 804-693-2141. By law, failure to receive a bill does not relieve the taxpayer of penalty and interest that will accrue for failure to pay by the due date.
- If you purchased real estate after January 1, 2023, and you did not receive a bill, please contact the Treasurer's Office at 804-693-2141.

### ***When are tax payments due?***

The 2023 2nd installment tax bills

are due December 5, 2023. There are options to pay in the Treasurer's Office, by dropping an envelope in the mailbox outside the Treasurer's Office, or by visiting [gloucesterva.gov/treasurer](https://gloucesterva.gov/treasurer).

Payments made in the Treasurer's Office by, or postmarked with the date of, December 5, 2023, or before, will be accepted as timely. Accounts remaining unpaid after December 5, 2023, will be subject to additional charges as provided by the Code of Virginia and the

Gloucester County Code.

In many cases, banks that allow online bill-pay will process payments and then mail a physical check to the Treasurer's Office. That task can take several days. If you choose this method, plan ahead to ensure your payment reaches the Treasurer's Office before the due date.

For additional information, including how to make your payment and where our office is located, [please visit our website](#).





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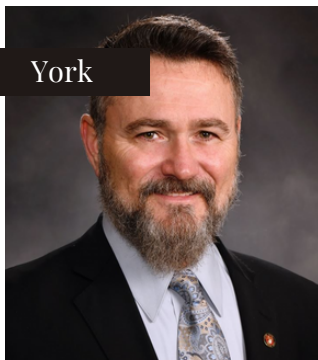
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# From Superintendent Walter R. Clemons, Ph.D.



## *Dear Gloucester County Community Members,*

As I close out my tenure as Superintendent of Gloucester County Public Schools, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the community for the unwavering support that I have received over the last nine years. Gloucester County Public Schools is blessed to have outstanding students, families and staff and I could not have asked for a better community in which to work and live. Please know that I greatly appreciate your continuous and steadfast support for GCPS. I can truly say that we would not have been as successful over the years without your support, and for that I am forever thankful. The mission of GCPS will continue to be improving student academic achievement

where all students consistently receive world-class educational experiences and opportunities in safe and orderly environments conducive to learning.

Summer school is currently ongoing and the summer as you can imagine has been and will continue to be extremely busy in preparation for the 2023-24 school year. Central office, building level administrators and teachers have been in various workshops and trainings regarding best practices and strategies to enhance student academic performance. In addition, technology upgrades and maintenance repairs are ongoing throughout the district and the new security vestibule at Achilles elementary school will be completed this summer. Also, the Human Resources department is working vigorously to fill all vacancies and GCPS will once again be excited about all new and returning staff for the 2023-24 school year. An update of new personnel to GCPS will be provided in the early fall.

Furthermore, I encourage you to support the Gloucester County Education Foundation, the Gloucester County Education Association and join the various parent/teacher associations. These organizations are extremely vital to the school division and provide support in various areas including grants, awards, fundraisers, materials and supplies, equipment and other incentives. Also, please take a moment to thank the GCPS faculty and staff when you see them for the wonderful job they do with the students entrusted in their care each and every day.

Finally, it has been an honor to serve as "Your Superintendent" and I wish GCPS nothing but the best of success moving forward. I will continue to pray for the Gloucester community and hold GCPS forever close to my heart. In closing, thanks so much for your time. Stay safe and be blessed!

## **Dr. Anthony Vladu appointed superintendent**

Dr. Anthony Vladu has been appointed as the new superintendent of Gloucester County Public Schools. He assumed his new position on August 1.

Vladu previously served as the Assistant Superintendent and Chief Human Resource Officer for York County. With over 23 years of experience in the field of education, he has held positions as Director of Secondary Instruction, Principal, Assistant Principal, and Teacher. He also served as a Senior Special Forces Engineer Sergeant (Green Beret) in the United States Army.

"I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity to lead in the Gloucester County Public Schools community," Vladu said. "I thank the School Board for their support and confidence as we continue to serve the needs of Gloucester students, parents, teachers, and staff."





### SCHOOL MEAL PRICES FOR 2023-2024

Continuing in this school year, Abingdon Elementary, Achilles Elementary, Bethel Elementary, Petsworth Elementary and Page Middle School are all Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Schools.

“CEP is a powerful new tool that allows high poverty schools and school divisions to offer breakfast and lunch to all students at no charge. In addition, the measure streamlines school meal operations by eliminating the need to collect and process meal applications” (Virginia Hunger Solutions).

Unfortunately, Botetourt Elementary, Peasley Middle and Gloucester High School do NOT qualify for this provision so they are all paid schools. Here are their prices:

	Reduced	Elem.	Middle	High	Adult
Breakfast:	WAIVED	\$1.75	\$1.80	\$1.90	\$2.75
Lunch:	WAIVED	\$2.60	\$2.70	\$2.80	\$4.35

You can apply online for free meals. The process is SAFE, SECURE, PRIVATE and AVAILABLE anytime, anywhere! Visit [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com).



## SCHOOL CAFETERIA NEWS

### Employment Opportunities

Have you ever wondered if working in a cafeteria would be right for you? If you are wondering how you are going to occupy your free time during the day, we have the perfect solution! Working in a school cafeteria is fun, gives you a sense of purpose and helps you to learn new skills.

No experience is required, we can train you! Cafeteria staff do not work nights or weekends AND are off during winter break, spring break and summer break. Benefits are available for employees who work at least 30 hours per week. Full and part time positions are available, as well as substitute opportunities! Workers even receive a free shift meal. It is a perfect opportunity for anyone looking for extra cash and the flexibility to be home when school is out. Go online to fill out an application at [www.applitrack.com/gloucester/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Food+Service&internal=internal](http://www.applitrack.com/gloucester/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Food+Service&internal=internal).





### *GCPS school menus available online*

Your school's menu can be easily attained online. It is not only a "Go Green" initiative, but a powerful interactive tool to learn the nutrition facts of all menu items.

It also features an allergies filter tool that helps students and parents quickly identify foods with specific ingredients; the filter will mark out those foods the students should avoid.

You will also be able to rate your favorite items and give constructive feedback to help make our meals the best they can be.

You can access our menu with all these wonderful new features at [www.gc.nutrislice.com](http://www.gc.nutrislice.com) or you can download the app School Menus by Nutrislice for your cell phone or hand-held device from the app store or Google Play.



### *My School Bucks*

My School Bucks is a great tool to access and manage your student's lunch account online. It is FREE to register. You can monitor your student's account balance and purchases.



You will receive low balance reminders to the email address registered. You can also add money to your student's meal account(s) for a \$2.75 per child transaction fee.

As always, you can send in a check or cash at no extra charge to replenish your student's account. With your permission, your student may purchase snacks from the lunch line. Breakfast and lunch menus are accessible from this app as well.

Please visit [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com) to register, or you can download the app MySchoolBucks for your cell phone or hand-held device from the app store or Google Play.

*"My School Bucks is a great [free] tool to access and manage your student's lunch account online."*



# Kindergarten Camp

This is an opportunity for your child to experience a mini "day" at school before they start kindergarten. Come meet our kindergarten teachers, take a tour of the school, see the inside of a school bus and enjoy fun activities! Parents are invited to a brief orientation during the camp.

## Abingdon



**Tuesday, Aug. 15**

- Last names A-M set for 9-11:30 a.m. (with parent orientation from 9:05-9:25 a.m.)
- Last names N-Z set for 1-3:30 p.m. (with parent orientation from 1:05-1:25 p.m.)
- Questions? Call 804-642-9885

## Achilles



**Thursday, Aug. 10**

- One camp is set for 9-11 a.m., and another will be from 12-2 p.m.
- Students should only attend one session
- Parents must register their child for one of the time slots by calling 804-642-9140

## Bethel



**Thursday, Aug. 10**

- Last names A-J set for 9-11 a.m. (with parent orientation from 9:05-9:25 a.m.)
- Last names K-Z set for 1-3 p.m. (with parent orientation from 1:05-1:25 p.m.)
- Questions? Call 804-693-2360

## Botetourt



**August 7 or 8**

- Students should only attend one day
- Kindergarten camp runs from 9 a.m. to noon
- There will be a parent meeting with administration in the cafeteria
- Questions? Call 804-693-2151

## Petsworth



**August 7 or 8**

- Last names A-M set for 9-11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 7
- Last names N-Z set for 9-11 a.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 8
- Questions? Call 804-693-6161



# *Community-Education Partnerships*



## **Important 2023-2024 GCPS dates:**

### **Open House dates:**

August 22-24, 2023

### **First day of school:**

August 28, 2023

### **Labor Day holiday:**

September 1-4, 2023

### **Thanksgiving holiday:**

November 22-24, 2023

### **Winter break:**

December 20-January 1

### **Spring break:**

April 1-5, 2024

### **Last day of school:**

June 6, 2024

## **NAACP**

The NAACP, in partnership with the Gloucester High School W.E.B. Dubois Honor Society, will be holding a College Fair at the high school on October 19 from 5-7 p.m. More than 30 colleges and technical schools will be attending. This is open to all students, and all neighboring school districts and communities. For more information, contact the Gloucester High School Guidance Office, or the county's NAACP chapter at [gloucesternaacp@gmail.com](mailto:gloucesternaacp@gmail.com).

## **Middle Peninsula Regional Special Education Program**

The Middle Peninsula Regional Special Education Program serves students with autism and multi-disabled students from Gloucester, King and Queen, King William, Mathews, and Middlesex Counties and the Town of West Point. Meetings are held at the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center located at 6099 TC Walker Road. All meetings are open to the public. Please call 804-693-7944 if you have any questions. The upcoming meeting dates for the Board of Control are:

- Wednesday, August 2, 2023 at 9 a.m.
- Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 9 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at 9 a.m.

## **Special Education Advisory Committee**

The meeting dates for the Gloucester County Special Education Advisory Committee for the 2023-2024 school year have been decided. The members of the committee would like to extend this invitation for you to attend! The committee, which includes parents of children with disabilities and persons with disabilities, discusses not only Federal/State regulations governing special education, but also local special education issues. Most meetings include a presentation by a guest speaker on a particular issue relating to special education. All meetings are open to the public. Please call 804-693-7994 if you have any

questions. Plan to join us on the following dates:

- Monday, September 11, 2023 at 6 p.m.
- Monday, December 4, 2023 at 6 p.m.
- Monday, March 4, 2024 at 6 p.m.
- Monday, May 6, 2024 at 6 p.m.

We look forward to seeing some new faces at the meetings this upcoming school year! All meetings will be held in person, with an option to attend virtually.

## **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**

Dolly Parton's "Imagination Library" brings free books to Gloucester children starting at birth!

Families with children aged five and under are eligible to receive free books. Sign up and each month, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library mails a high quality, age appropriate book to all registered children, at no cost to the child's family.

These books embrace themes and concepts meant to help develop your child. Books for the youngest babies feature board pages and "point and say" words. Then, toddlers get books with nursery rhymes, colors, numbers and letters. The complexity of these books advance through the age bracket until your kindergarten-age child is ready for some light nonfiction, and stories that have a hero, complication and resolution.

Visit [www.degoodfoundation.org](http://www.degoodfoundation.org) to sign up where books are always free.

Join us today by sharing this information with your friends and family and let's all help raise the level of literacy in our community!

For more information, send a message to [gloucester.va.rotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:gloucester.va.rotaryclub@gmail.com).

## **Ware Academy**

Ware Academy's annual golf tournament will be held on October 27, with a shotgun start at 9:30 a.m. This time, there's a new venue! The tournament will be held at the Ford's Colony Country Club Blue Heron Course in Williamsburg, Virginia. Registration is open.





# *Gloucester Wine Festival expands*

The 12th Annual Gloucester Wine Festival is now a two-day event scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday, Sept. 24.

The festival is nestled among eight acres of beautiful gardens at Brent & Becky's Bulbs. There is a permanent stage for concerts where every seat is a good seat. The Deloreans, an all '80s band from Hampton Roads, will perform on Saturday. Sunday's festival will feature Good Shot Judy, a high octane swing band.

This year will showcase 14 Virginia Wineries as well as craft beers from several local breweries. Vendors of every category from fine arts to crafts, and nonprofits to historical locations, will be in attendance.

Of course, there's nothing more important with wine than the pairing with good food. Our food vendors feature locally caught fish, oysters, and crabs, paired with local produce, much of it organic. There will be large covered tents with tables and chairs for comfortable shaded dining.

Saturday's event will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday's event runs from noon to 5 p.m. There is limited parking, but the festival will run shuttle buses in and out from nearby Ware Academy throughout the day.

Tickets are \$50 for single day or \$90 for both days. They are now available online at [gloucesterwinefestival.com](http://gloucesterwinefestival.com), and online ticket purchases automatically register guests for the VIP Sweepstakes!

Two lucky people will get:

- A Friday & Saturday night stay at the historic Inn at Warner Hall with a gourmet breakfast
- Gift baskets from Whitley's Peanuts, Brent & Becky's Bulbs & Zoll Vineyards
- A \$75.00 dinner gift certificate to Bangkok Noi Asian Bistro
- Virginia is for Wine Lovers Tees, and much more

Complete details are available at [gloucesterwinefestival.com](http://gloucesterwinefestival.com).



## ***Farm Market Fresh***

### **Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program**

If you are age 60 or older and a resident of the Middle Peninsula or Northern Neck, you may be eligible to receive \$50 in vouchers to purchase vegetables, cut herbs and fruit from approved farmers market vendors! To qualify, your monthly income must be below \$2,248 (individual) or \$3,040 (2-person household).

Call to apply: 1-800-493-0238.

# The Beehive

## **Machicomoco State Park**

Join us at 3601 Timberneck Farm Road for one of our many park programs which vary across topics and activities including art, ecology, and the history of Virginia's First Peoples.

### **Wee Read at the Park**

Bring your little ones to the park and read a book with a ranger.

### **Kayak Tours**

Don't miss your chance to explore the islands around the park through a guided paddle. Pre-registration will be required. Contact the park office at 804-642-2419 for more information.

### **Indigenous Peoples Celebration**

Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

### **Get Involved**

If you want to come join us for one of our fall programs, get the details at [www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/machicomoco](http://www.dcr.virginia.gov/state-parks/machicomoco).

## **The Court House Players**

### **Fright Night**

Court House players presents "Fright Night," October 20-22. Join us for stories that will send chills up your spine told through a series of One Act Plays, a treat just in time for Halloween. Auditions will be August 7.

### **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Jr.**

Court House Players Children present the musical, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Jr, November 17-19, at the Harry M. Ward Auditorium at Mathews High School. Join the adventures of Jeremy, Jemima and Caractacus Potts as they explore the English countryside and their imaginations in the eponymous car.

Chitty Auditions will be August 13 at Newington Baptist Church. Children ages 6-8 will audition at 2 p.m. These children need only to be prepared to sing a well known children's song in a group. Children Ages 9-18 will audition between 3 and 5 p.m. Although children who wish to sing in the show must have a song prepared, singing is not required for all parts.







## **Va. Institute of Marine Science**

We are excited to offer a free "After Hours" lecture series in-person in McHugh Auditorium on VIMS' Gloucester Point Campus! These lectures are designed for an adult audience. Please visit each lecture website to find out more about each event. Face masks are currently optional for all individuals in indoor spaces on the VIMS campus. These lectures will also be available as a live-streamed webinar. Registration is required for both in-person and webinar attendees. Webinar links will be sent in all registration confirmation emails. At this time, we are expecting hybrid events, but registrants will be notified in advance if the event moves to a virtual-only format.

## **Piankatank Community League**

The Piankatank Community League (PCL) is a civic league located in northern Gloucester County. Our activities include supporting those who serve and protect us, maintaining community communications, and providing and supporting programs that strengthen our children and families. We invite you to join us as we work together to meet the growing needs of our community, producing a greater quality of life for all. The League meets the third Thursday in March, June, September and December at 6:30 p.m. at 11888 Harcum Road. For more information, contact Todd West at 757-679-9777, or like us on Facebook for information on upcoming events.

The League building may be rented for events. For more information on facility rental, contact Laura Frick at 703-850-8085.

## **NAACP**

The NAACP's Freedom Fund Banquet & Awards has been postponed until 2024. The event will have a '50s-'70s musical tribute to The Wagon Wheel with performers "Bak N Da Day" from Richmond, Virginia. Tickets cost \$80 each. For more information, call 804-815-4463.

## **Gloucester Rotary Club**

The 39th Annual Gloucester Rotary Pig Roast is coming up! Enjoy all-you-can-eat barbecue, baked beans, cole slaw, and dessert with wine, beer or water at the Ware River Yacht Club on September 28. The event runs from 5-9 p.m., with food served until 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person, but children under 6 can attend for free. Get your ticket from the Gloucester Rotarians, or call Nancy at 804-695-4775 or Jay at 804-815-4475.

Sponsorships are available. All sponsorships include mention on the club's website, Facebook page, and at the event. Sponsors are also welcome to display banners, posters and other material at the event. Packages run from \$250-\$2,500, and proceeds benefit scholarships and rotary charities.

## **TOPS 0469**

Looking for support for your weight loss program? TOPS 0469 (Take off Pounds Sensibly) meets weekly and is here to help. Meetings are held on Wednesday mornings at Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church, 6470 Main Street. Weigh-in runs from 9-9:50 a.m., with the meeting from 10-11 a.m. and your first visit is free!

TOPS now has three membership tiers, with the basic membership \$49.64 per year (about \$4.13 a month, which goes to the national organization). This amount includes your subscription to the TOPS NEWS, My Day One Quick Start Guide, online access, and other benefits). Subsequent renewal is \$37. Chapter dues are \$3 per month, which goes toward Gloucester chapter expenses. And if both you and your spouse wish to join, half-priced memberships are available for eligible people in the same physical household of a full-price member! For more information, contact Barbara Fleming, 804-854-5290.



Any time

**Guinea Heritage Driving Tour**

Stop in to Buck's Store Museum to pick up your copy of the map for a self-guided tour to learn more about the Guinea area.



Sept. 10

**Guinea Heritage Day**

This Guinea Heritage Day at the Abingdon Ruritan Club will feature a silent cake auction and the unveiling of the 2023 T-shirt.



Sept. 29-30

**42nd Annual Guinea Jubilee**

This year will have a fun run, firemen's parade, car show, anchor throwing contest, live music, and of course, great food and vendors.



Oct. 28

**Folk/Bluegrass Concert**

Buck's Store Museum will be hosting Bill Jenkins and the Virginia Mountain Boys. Stay tuned for ticket info at [guineaheritage.org](http://guineaheritage.org).



Nov. 28

**Giving Tuesday**

Support your local community by donating to the Guinea Heritage Association. We appreciate you!



Dec. 9

**Christmas in Guinea**

Save the date to join us for a little Christmas shopping, a toy and food drive and light refreshments. We'll also have a special visit from Santa!

## *42nd Annual Guinea Jubilee*

The Guinea Jubilee, set for September 29-30, operates rain or shine!

The two-day festival annually attracts thousands of people to celebrate the way of life in the Guinea Neck. It features cultural activities, arts and crafts, heritage exhibits, live music, a parade, contests, delicious seafood, and a fireworks show to end the event. For more information on the schedule, visit [www.guineaheritage.org/guinea-jubilee](http://www.guineaheritage.org/guinea-jubilee).

Guinea Jubilee entertainment will kick off Friday, September 29 at 7 p.m. on the Main Stage featuring Slapnation.

The festivities will continue on Saturday, September 30 starting at 1 p.m. on the Pavilion Stage including musical acts Lana Puckett & Kim Persons, Ron Fetner, and Amelia Hogge. At 6 p.m. on the Main Stage, the Jubilee will feature Crazy-X to close out the festival.





# Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program

## ***Your health care options may change over time***

Medicare is a health insurance program for people 65 years or older, under age 65 with certain disabilities, and any age with end stage renal disease or Lou Gehrig's disease.

Bay Aging offers the Virginia Insurance Counseling and Assistance Program (VICAP) which is a free program providing unbiased and confidential help to Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers. Whether you are new to Medicare, reviewing your Medicare plan, or have questions

on how to use your Medicare, VICAP is available to you.

VICAP counselors are part of your community. Counselors are screened, highly trained and certified Medicare experts. When you need answers to your most important questions, our counselors will give you one-on-one guidance based on your unique situation and needs.

VICAP isn't only for people new to Medicare. Your health care needs and options may change over time. It is very important for you to review your Medicare plan every year during Open Enrollment.

During this period counselors help you understand and compare options so you can make choices that are best for you and your loved ones. Open enrollment to enroll, change, or to just check on your current Medicare Part D drug plan or your Medicare Advantage plan runs from Oct. 15 until Dec. 7, and your new plan will begin Jan. 1.

Bay Aging's VICAP counselors can also assist you with navigating access to providers, correct billing issues, and filing complaints and appeals. With your permission, our highly trained counselors can also work with Medicare directly to help resolve problems on your behalf.

If you have any Medicare related questions, please call our Bay Aging VICAP line at 866-758-2386 ext. 1235 or email [vicap@bayaging.org](mailto:vicap@bayaging.org). Counselors want to help you!



### ***Protect yourself and your loved ones from Medicare fraud***

Medicare fraud costs consumers millions of dollars every year, making it vitally important for everyone to be on the lookout for fraud schemes that will affect your healthcare. If you believe that you have been targeted or are a victim of a scam, call the Virginia Senior Medicare Patrol at 1-800-938-8885.

Senior Medicare Patrols (SMPs) empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse.

Following are a few tips to remember to keep your medical identity safe.

- Protect your Medicare and medical information.
- Learn more about Medicare's coverage rules. Contact VICAP at 866-758-2386 ext. 1235 or email [vicap@bayaging.org](mailto:vicap@bayaging.org).
- Do not accept services you do not need – even if they are free.
- Be skeptical. Ask questions and use your best judgement.



### ***Senior Cool Care offers cooling solutions for older adults***

Summer is here! Are you age 60+ and need additional cooling in your home?

If your adjusted gross income is no more than 150% of the federal poverty level (\$1,823/month for 1 person; \$2,465/month for two people), you may qualify for a free single-room air conditioner or fan!

To apply, call Bay Aging at 1-800-493-0238. This offer does not include delivery or installation of air conditioners or fans. You will need to provide proof of income. Call us today; the program expires on October 31 or when allocated funds run out.



# Gloucester Parks, Recreation & Tourism

**Fall Registration Begins August 14**  
(August 16 for non-residents)



**Celebrate 50 Years of Fun!**



September 22 • 5-8 p.m. • Woodville Park

**The Stewart Building**

6382 Main Street

Gloucester, VA 23061

(804) 693-2355

[prt@gloucesterva.info](mailto:prt@gloucesterva.info)

## CONTACT US:

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## STAY INFORMED

Do we have the correct contact information for your family?  
We frequently send notices via email. You can update your household information online, or send us an email at [prt@gloucesterva.info](mailto:prt@gloucesterva.info).

## CONNECT WITH US

Facebook: [Gloucester Parks, Recreation & Tourism](https://www.facebook.com/GloucesterParksRecreationandTourism)  
Instagram: [@gloucesterparksandrec](https://www.instagram.com/gloucesterparksandrec)  
Website: [gloucesterva.gov/pr](http://gloucesterva.gov/pr)  
Registration: [gloucesterva.gov/civircrc](http://gloucesterva.gov/civircrc)



Every effort is made to ensure the information inside is accurate. Up to date information is available on our website by searching the database of programs.



Phone: 804-693-2355 | Playline 804-693-5811

## YOUTH SPORTS

### YOUTH BASKETBALL

A fun learning experience with equal playtime for all participants who attend regularly. Standings are not kept. Practice 1-2 times per week and 1 game per week (Saturdays). All children should have appropriate footwear & basketball (size 28.5). Season (practices) start after Thanksgiving. Games begin Late Dec/Early January. **Fee: \$45 by Oct 9; \$50 Oct 9 - Oct 29 | DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS OCTOBER 29**

#### **Evaluation Night Practice/Game Locations**

**Practices will be held at Bethel, Peasley, &/or Achilles (teams practice 2x per week \*\*Games on Saturdays)**

#### **Age as of 9/30/23**

Mini Mites  
Ages 6-7 co-ed

Mites  
Ages 8-9

Mighty Mites  
Ages 10-11

Mini Lady Mites \*  
Girls Ages 8-9

Lady Mites\*  
Girls Ages 10-12

\*Leagues will combine and be 8-12y if registration is not enough for separate leagues\*

### **MANDATORY SKILLS EVALUATION SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11, LOCATION TBA**

**6-7Y CO-ED 9:00AM**  
**7-9Y GIRLS 10:15AM**  
**8-9Y CO-ED 11:30AM**  
**10-12 GIRLS 1:00PM**  
**10-11Y CO-ED 2:15PM**



**Evaluation day is mandatory, so teams can be formed appropriately and a great way to introduce new players to some fundamental basketball skills in a new and fun, clinic style setting**

#### **3-5y Parent Child Basketball Program!**

Developmental youth basketball program for 3-5 year olds! Our youngest hoopers will have a fun, introductory experience to basketball with small goals, exciting games, and age appropriate drills. Parent or guardian must accompany child at practice. Group will meet once per week (day TBD) for 6 weeks starting in December. Volunteer coaches will help with parent communication, practice planning and logistics. Parent present in the gym is mandatory.

Focus areas: Socialization, Motor coordination development, Structure building, Fundamental skill building (dribbling, passing, shooting), Fun!!!! \$30

#### **STAR FALL & WINTER GAMES**

For ages 6-18. An athletic, games & social program for kids with special needs. Wheelchair-bound kids are welcome. Children participate in basketball, games & other fun activities, individualized for each participant to best help them both physically & for their enjoyment. Participants must wear tennis shoes. Volunteers are welcome & needed.

Fridays, 6-7:30 at Botetourt, \$15

Sept 8 - Nov 10 **Deadline September 3.**

Dec 1 - Feb 16 **Deadline November 27.**

#### **ADVANCED YOUTH BASKETBALL SKILLS CLINIC**

Saturday October 21 9am-1pm (Location TBD)

This basketball clinic will feature more advanced level basketball drills and instruction: Featuring ball handling, shooting, scoring moves, game IQ, defensive principles, and overall strategy. Highly recommended that registrants have a good foundation of ball handling, shooting and an understanding of the game prior to registration (middle school/jv/varsity basketball/club play).

Ages 11-15 (younger ages may be accepted but must be approved by Ron).

\$40 per registrant | Limited registration available (20 registrants max, 12 minimum)

**Deadline - Registration open until full or day of program**

#### **ADULT CO-ED SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

For ages 15 & older. Field 5 men & 5 women, may bat 6 & 6. Women hit an 11-inch ball, men hit a 12-inch ball. Home run limit rule. 10 game schedule & double elimination tournament. May have up to 2 each, non-local men & women. Organizational meeting before season starts at the PR&T Office. **ONLY BATS THAT ARE PURE SINGLE WALL ARE LEGAL.** Players using illegal bats will be suspended from league play and their team will be charged with a forfeit.

When: Sundays, 9am-dark | Fee: \$525/Gloucester; \$580/Out of Town | Location: Ark Park

**Deadline September 3 Games Begin Sunday Sept 17.**

**REGISTER  
NOW**



**[gloucestervera.gov/civirec](http://gloucestervera.gov/civirec)**



# Parks & Clean Community

PARKS, RECREATION & TOURISM

**BEAVERDAM PARK** has something for everyone with its 635 acre lake and acres of natural splendor. Beaverdam is open 7 days/week and is located in the central part of the county.

**Main Entrance - 8687 Roaring Springs Rd (Rt 616).**

**Second Entrance - 9537 Fary's Mill Rd (Rt 606).**

## **PARK OFFERINGS & RENTALS**

- \* Whitcomb Lodge (enclosed 70 person capacity)
- \* Smith Shelter & Beaverdam Shelter (35 person capacity)
- \* Picnic areas (open areas w/seating for 12)
- \* Freshwater lake fishing & accessible kayak launch
- \* Jon boats, kayaks, canoes, peddle boats & fishing poles for rent
- \* Hiking, biking & horseback riding trails
- \* Full trail experience is over 20 miles!

**For park hours, more information, or facility reservations, please give us a call at 804-693-2107 or visit the park's website at [gloucesterva.gov/Beaverdam](http://gloucesterva.gov/Beaverdam)**



## **PARK PROGRAMS**

### **FALL FOLIAGE PADDLE**

Paddle around Beaverdam with Park Rangers to learn about native foliage and experience the beautiful autumn color changes seen from the reservoir! Main Entrance. \$5 your equipment, \$15 rental equipment (rentals arrive early for fitting).

Saturday, October 28, 5:30-7:30 p.m. **Deadline October 21.**

### **HUG A TREE AND SURVIVE**

Instructor: Megan Eckstein. Many years ago, a 9-year-old boy was on a hike with his brothers. A massive search and rescue was unsuccessful in finding him alive. From the tragedy, Hug a Tree and Survive was created. Basically, it's a set of tools for youngsters to use to make themselves more findable if they become lost. Free program, registration is required.

Wednesday, October 18, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Whitcomb Lodge.

**Deadline October 11.**

### **NATURALIST PADDLE**

For ages 16 and older, 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Join us on a Guided Paddle as we paddle out to explore Beaverdam Reservoir and all the wildlife in their natural habitat, enjoy the sunset on the lake as a serene end to our paddle. Main Entrance. \$5 your equipment, \$15 rental equipment (rentals arrive early for fitting).

Sunday, November 12, 3-5 p.m. **Deadline is November 5.**

### **OWL WALKS**

Join our Beaverdam Birders for an evening of calling, listening and learning about owls. Participants are encouraged to bring a flashlight and wear appropriate footwear as the group will be walking the trails at night. Bring your binoculars and camera if you have one. Registration is required. Must be 16 or older. Space is limited. Deadline is one week before program date. \$5/person

Saturday, November 18, 5-7 p.m., (Beaverdam main entrance). **Deadline November 10.**

### **PARK AFTER DARK**

Beaverdam is generally open during the daylight hours where we see hundreds of visitors! The after dark hours are generally for the residents of the park. Join us as we keep the gates open later for you to experience the beauty and activity of the park at night. You can take a self-guided night hike, a self-guided bike ride or hit the lake for boating, kayaking or canoeing (all regular launch fees apply). All activities require head lamps. You must check-in and check-out at the Ranger Station.

Sunday, September 17, 7-11 p.m., \$5

**Deadline September 10.**

### **THE FULL HIKE**

For ages 16 and older. Beaverdam has beautiful trails where you can enjoy the flora and fauna of Gloucester. The Multi-use Trail runs from the Park's main entrance to the Fary's Mill Road entrance. We will shuttle you to FMR and drop you off at the trail so that you can hike, self-guided, the full 9.5 miles back to the Main Entrance. Hike is roughly 3 hours at a good steady pace. However, you will be sidetracked by the lake, the wildlife, the beauty of the forest and the sounds of nature. Take your time, take it all in, just be back to the Main Entrance by 6:30 and please check out at the ranger station. Dress for the weather and in sturdy shoes (no open toe, open back, slides or flip flops, it's a trail with many roots). Bring snacks, water, food, binoculars, walking stick and camera if you like. Meet at the Ranger Station, \$5/person, Saturdays. The following Sunday will be the rain date. Please note that the departure time changes each month.

September 16, meet at 8 a.m. **Deadline September 9.**

October 21, meet at 9 a.m. **Deadline October 14.**

November 18, meet at 10 a.m. **Deadline November 11.**

### **TOUCH A TRUCK**

Join us at the park for the opportunity to check out some super cool vehicles!

November 4, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Woodville Park

Rain Date November 5 at Abingdon Park

**Free activity but registration is required by October 28.**

## **PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Randy Burak, Susan Walton Fary, Heather Johnson, Don Sandridge, Steve Perry, Treye Hardaway, Cathy Lambert, Kenny Richardson, Ken Gibson, Brittany Austin

# Mark Your Calendars!

## FALL CLEAN GLOUCESTER DAY 2023



Volunteer to help keep Gloucester clean!

Saturday, October 14, 2023

- Pick a safe spot to cleanup
- Recruit a group
- Sign up for supplies



Easy Registration at:  
[www.cleangloucesterday.com](http://www.cleangloucesterday.com)  
Questions? Call 804.693.5370



## Household Harmful Waste Collection

**October 21, 2023**

**9am - 3pm**

Hayes Convenience Center  
7599 Guinea Road



SCAN FOR  
DETAILS!



## INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEANUP DAY

**September 16th,  
2023**

**8 am–11 am**

Form a crew of 2  
or more people



Join Clean Community at  
Gloucester Point Beach  
8am to 11am

Help Cleanup our  
Waterways



Record Data for  
Ocean  
Conservation

Sign up now





# Tourism- Museum & Visitor Center



**Year To Date Visitation: 3492 • Active Volunteers: 25 • Volunteer Hours: 2,056 • Museum Tours: 20 • 6539 Main Street  
804-693-1234**

## **September 9-10: Annual Fall Living History Weekend Commemorating the Battle of the Hook, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

On September 9-10, the Gloucester Museum of History will host Fire, Smoke & Muskets: Gloucester 1781. The museum and surrounding areas will come to life with the sights and sounds of the American Revolution, including an appearance by the villainous British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton (presented by world renowned interpreter Mark Schneider of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation). The weekend will include cannon and musket firing demonstrations presented by the 7th Virginia Regiment, along with colonial cooking, and period musicians. The Battle of the Hook took place in Gloucester County on October 3, 1781, and was the largest cavalry engagement of the Revolution. This free and family friendly program will align with Virginia's Standards of Learning (SOLs) for students of all ages, with emphasis on Virginia studies, the American Revolution, and the Franco-American Alliance.



## **NEW WEBSITE!** VISITGLOUCESTERVA.ORG

Check out the revamped Visit Gloucester website! This site has all the information that visitors & residents may need to plan fun things to do, grab a delicious bite to eat, or learn about upcoming events. Included on the site are links to all our driving & walking tours too!



Follow Us On Social Media & Listen For Us On Spotify 

**804-693-0014 | [tourism@gloucesterva.info](mailto:tourism@gloucesterva.info)**



## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

**Learn how you can make a difference at the Gloucester Visitor Center!**

We are looking for friendly and dedicated docents to assist with staffing the Center. Several thousand visitors stop in the Visitor Center every year. And our numbers continue to grow! As a Docent, you will engage with visitors while providing them information to plan memorable and exciting experiences in our County and its surrounding areas. Docents also conduct sales of souvenir items from our gift shop.

**CONTACT AMY STEELE AT 804-824-2476 OR  
EMAIL [ASTEEL@GLOUCESTERVA.INFO](mailto:ASTEEL@GLOUCESTERVA.INFO)**

## KARATE

Sensei Brian Jensen. Ages 4+. Learn the Shorinji Ryu style Japanese Karate form. Karate provides the opportunity to increase balance, strength, self-discipline & self-confidence. Kata forms are traditional & can be used in AAU or open tournament. T.C. Walker gymnasium. Check Registration Website for upcoming class dates. Current session ends the week of October 12.

### **Mondays**

Beginner Ages 4-6, 6-6:30 p.m., \$43  
Beginner Ages 7-10, 6:40-7:10 p.m., \$43  
Beginner Ages 10-12, 7:20-8 p.m., \$43  
Intermediate Ages 6-10, 7:20-8 p.m., \$45  
Advanced Ages 9-12, 8:10-9 p.m., \$47  
Advanced all ages, 8:10-9 p.m., \$47

### **Thursdays**

Beginner Ages 4-6, 6-6:30 p.m., \$43  
Beginner Ages 7-10, 6:40-7:10 p.m., \$43  
Beginner Ages 10-12, 7:20-8 p.m., \$43  
Intermediate Ages 6-10, 7:20-8 p.m., \$45  
Advanced Ages 9-12, 8:10-9 p.m., \$47  
Advanced all ages, 8:10-9 p.m., \$47

## FALL GYMNASTICS

Head Coach: Caitlin Coltrain. For ages 4-18 (still in high school). Parents are not permitted at practice sessions. All students MUST be fully potty trained.

### **Tuesdays @ Botetourt – September 5-December 5, skip 9/26, 10/31, 11/7 & 11/21**

Parent and Me for ages 4-5 years 4:45-5:15 p.m., \$60  
Parent and Me for ages 4-5 years, 5:15-5:45 p.m., \$60  
Beginner 5-8 years 5:45-6:30 p.m. \$75  
Beginner 6-9 years 6:30-7:15 p.m., \$75

### **Wednesdays @ Abingdon – September 6-December 6, skip 9/27, 11/2, 11/8 & 11/22**

Parent and Me for ages 4-5 years 4:45-5:15 p.m., \$60  
Parent and Me for ages 4-5 years, 5:15-5:45 p.m., \$60  
Beginner 5-8 years 5:45-6:30 p.m. \$75  
Beginner 6-9 years 6:30-7:15 p.m., \$75

### **Thursdays @ Botetourt – September 7-November 10, skip 9/28, 11/2, 11/9 & 11/23**

Intermediate 4:45-5:30 p.m., \$75  
Intermediate 5:30-6:15 p.m., \$75  
Intermediate 6:15-7 p.m., \$75  
Advanced 7-8 p.m., \$90

### **Ability Requirements:**

Any beginner class: no experience required

Intermediate 4-6 must be able to do a handstand, cartwheel and a bridge with head lifted off the mat.

Intermediate 7-up must have cartwheels, back bends from standing position and front limbers (handstand over into a bridge)

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO MOVE STUDENTS INTO BEGINNER CLASSES IF THEY HAVE NOT ACHIEVED THE INTERMEDIATE REQUIREMENTS. Please be sure that your student should be in intermediate before enrolling. Beginner classes fill quickly and we may not have room in beginner classes for students incorrectly enrolled to be moved into beginner classes. If in doubt, register for beginner, we have a better chance of moving a student to intermediate than to beginner.

## ZUMBA

Instructor: Hannah Bychowski. For ages 16 & older. A total workout, combining elements of fitness; cardio, muscle conditioning, balance, flexibility and boosted energy. It's a calorie burning dance fitness party! Pay per month (\$7/day) or per day (\$9), Mondays & Wednesdays at Abingdon, 6:45-7:45 p.m. **Deadline to register is week prior to class.**

September, \$56, skip 9/4

October, \$72

November, \$48, skip 11/6 & 22

## FREE FLOW YOGA

Instructor: Nichole Knott. For ages 13 and older. You can expect a creative, soulful, adventurous and fun flow that weaves together breath and movement with moderate holds which steadily builds muscle, inner strength and stamina. Nichole's style of teaching is structured, fluid, playful and soulful – offering options of openness, depth and strength so everyone will be appropriately challenged. Bring a mat, blocks, strap and water.

Whitcomb Lodge, pay per month (\$9/day), Tuesdays, 5:30-6:45 p.m.,

**deadline is 1 week prior to first class of the month.**

September, \$32

October, \$40

November, \$56



## DOG TRAINING

ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CURRENT ON VACCINATIONS TO ENROLL IN ANY CLASS OR ACTIVITY.

BRING: Vaccination Paperwork, Lots and lots (80+) of tiny high value treats (variety is helpful & a treat pouch is recommended), a 6-foot non-retractable leash, comfortable clothes and shoes (we will be moving around).

Please check our registration page for Fall Info, we are in the process of planning classes now.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

We are working on a fall Photography class. Check out online registration for details.

## SENIOR BINGO

For ages 50 and older. Join us for Bingo! Bring a drink and snack if you like. Stewart Building, \$10/month, 4th Wednesday of the Month, 10:30-Noon September 27, **deadline September 20**

October 25, **deadline October 18**

November 29, **deadline November 22**

## FOOD SAFETY CERTIFICATION

Instructor: Marilyn Morris. This program is ideal for those in the restaurant industry. Gloucester County Code requires one full-time staff person per establishment be certified. Course will cover contamination, food borne illnesses, food storage, food preparation, employee training, sanitation & more. A minimum of 4 people are required to hold the class. Stewart Building, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2-5 p.m., DATES TO BE DETERMINED Full course with book, answer sheet and test, \$185/person

Test Only with Book and answer sheet, \$90/person

Test Only with answer sheet and NO Book, \$70/person

**SCAN TO VIEW OUR  
FULL CATALOG!**







- For age 55 and older.
- We will be checking with the venues we visit for updates on restrictions and will pass those along to you prior to the trip.
- Plays, adventures, musicals, seasonal traditions and fun!
- No refunds/credits after deadline unless for a medical reason, doctor's note required. Sorry, trips and group pricing are based on registration, and we have to pay for the spaces reserved. A \$10 transaction fee will be applied.
- Registration begins August 14 for residents and August 16 for non-residents at 8 a.m. in office or online.
- Trips leave from the County Office One parking lot (old Daily Press Building).
- Trips that don't meet registration requirements will be canceled. Sign up early to make sure you don't miss out.

## HENRICUS

**Wednesday, September 13 | 8:45 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. | \$45**

We will explore Henricus. In 1611, Sir Thomas Dale arrives in VA with instructions from the London Company to establish a new town and principal seat for the colony. And as they say, the rest is history... Henricus' interpreters and recreated soldiers' cabins, watchtowers, church, blacksmith forge, and carpentry shop help demonstrate the daily life of those English colonists who struggled under martial law during the years 1611-1614.

Lunch will be on your own on the way home.

**Deadline September 6.**

## VIRGINIA STATE FAIR

**Thursday, September 28 | 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | \$45**

The Virginia State Fair is open from September 22 through October 1. We will spend the day roaming the grounds, having lunch, enjoying entertainment and exhibits. Lunch will be at the Fair on your own. **Deadline September 21.**

## GRAVES MOUNTAIN APPLE FESTIVAL

**Friday, October 6 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. | \$45**

Celebrating Blue Ridge Farmers and their harvest offerings at the Graves Mountain Farm! Enjoy the farm experience, animals, hayrides, apple butter donuts, Bluegrass music, 70 crafters and vendors, Graves Mountain products, petting zoo, hay maze, pony rides and festival foods. Lunch will be at the festival on your own.

**Deadline September 29.**

## VIRGINIA AQUARIUM

**Wednesday, November 8 | 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. | \$70**

The mission of the Virginia Aquarium is to connect people to the marine environment, inspiring a more sustainable future. Join us as we tour the aquarium and learn more about the plants and animals of our waterways. Dinner is on your own on the way home. **Deadline November 1.**

## MACK AND MABLE

**Sunday, November 12 | 12:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. | \$50**

Presented by the Williamsburg Players. This is a Hollywood saga in the era of silent film, a time "when the movies were movies": scene up on the story of legendary director Mack Sennett and his greatest star, the able and adorable Mabel Normand. Mack guides the audience through his tale of triumph and romance tinged with regret. Bankrupted by the talkies and forced to sell his studio, he reminisces about his colorful past, including his bittersweet love affair with Mabel, whom he had discovered and guided to stardom. The soaring Jerry Herman score is studded with gems, such as "Time Heals Everything," "I Won't Send Roses," "Wherever He Ain't" and "Look What Happened to Mabel." Dinner is on your own on the way home.

**Deadline is October 15.**

## MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

**Wednesday, December 6 | 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. | \$115**

Presented by Riverside Center for the Performing Arts, Fredericksburg. A holiday classic from the writer of the musical theatre masterpiece, The Music Man!, and based on the movie of the same name, Meredith Willson's Miracle on 34th Street follows Kris Kringle as he takes on the cynics in this beloved holiday classic. Single mother Doris Walker doesn't want her six-year-old Susan's head filled with romantic notions. When their neighbor, Fred Gaily, tries to woo Doris by charming Susan and taking her to see Santa Claus at Macy's, where Doris works, Doris is not impressed. But when it turns out that Macy's Santa may, in fact, be the real Kris Kringle, a wave of love spreads across New York City that melts even the most cynical hearts. Filled with humor, spectacle, and such beloved songs as "Pinecones and Hollyberries," "It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas," and "My State, My Kansas," this joyous, heartwarming musical is pure family entertainment.

**Deadline is October 22.**





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**Point Branch**  
**804-642-9790**

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FAMILY

## Spooktacular

Main Library  
Tuesday, October 31  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Trick-or-treat in the Library!  
All ages!



CHILDREN

## Cuddle Care Clinic

Main Library  
Tuesdays  
Schedule an appointment for teddy bears, stuffed animals and dolls for wellness visits.

## Little Pillars

Main Library  
Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
September 5 - October 24  
Registration begins Aug. 22  
Rhyme, read, play, and learn the Eric Carle way! Birth-24 months.

## Toddlers on the Loose

Main Library  
Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.  
September 7 - October 26  
Registration begins Aug. 22  
Stories, songs, rhymes, and fun motor skill development activities! 2-year-olds.

## Let's Draw Halloween!

Main Library  
Saturday, October 21 at 2 p.m.  
Registration begins Oct. 7  
Learn to draw a jack-o-lantern, black cat, vampire bat and more! Grades K-5.

## Pre-K Storytime

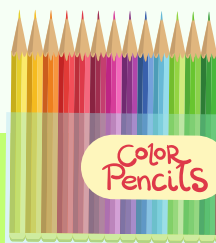
Main Library  
Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
September 6 - October 25  
Registration begins Aug. 22  
Stories, rhymes, songs, and a craft help children prepare for kindergarten. 3-5 years.

## Storytime at the Point

Point Branch  
Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.  
Registration begins Aug. 23  
September 6 - October 25  
Stories, songs, rhymes and a craft. Birth-5 years.

## Read with a Ranger

Point Branch  
Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.  
Aug. 23, Sept. 20 & Oct. 25  
Learn about park rangers and what they do.  
Stories and craft. 3-6 years.







TEEN

## Plushie Craft

Main Library  
Saturday, September 23 at 11 a.m.  
Registration begins Sept. 9  
Make a no-sew Alpaca plushie.  
Grades 6-12.

## VR Arcade

Main Library  
Wednesday, Sept 27 at 6 p.m.  
Registration begins Sept. 13  
Blast your way through waves of aerial robots! Grades 6-12.



## Halloween Craft

Main Library  
Saturday, October 7 at 11 a.m.  
Registration begins Sept. 23  
Create a yarn pom-pom pumpkin and a washi tape bird mask.  
Grades 6-12.

## FAFSA Seminar

Main Library  
Wednesday, October 11 at 4 p.m.  
No registration is required.  
Financial aid is important. Learn how to complete the FAFSA application.  
Ages 13 - adult.





### Yum Yum Cookbook Club

Main Library  
 Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
 Registration begins Aug. 23  
 A book club with a tasty twist! If you enjoy reading cookbooks, trying new recipes and sharing good food with friends, the Yum Yum club is for you. Each month is a different theme. Adult 18+.

### Organizing with a Purpose

Main Library  
 Thursday, September 21 at 6 p.m.  
 Registration begins Sept. 7  
 Presented by Jennifer Papadakis, Harmanize Consulting  
 Gain control of your clutter and start organizing your home! Adult 18+.

### Time Travelers

Main Library  
 Thursday, September 14 at 6 p.m.  
 Registration begins Aug. 31  
 Humanizing the Enslaved of Fort Monroe's Arc of Freedom. Presented by Robert Kelly, Gloucester County Museums. Adult 18+.

### Basket Weaving 101

Main Library  
 Saturday, Sept 16 at 10:30 a.m.  
 Registration begins Sept. 2  
 Instructor Master Weaver Tamme Durant.  
 Learn to make a small basket. Space limited.  
 Adult 18+.

### Time Travelers

Main Library  
 Thursday, October 5 at 6 p.m.  
 Registration begins Sept. 21  
 Williamsburg at War (Revolutionary). Presented by Michael Cecere, historian. Adult 18+.





## ADULT

### Bats

Main Library  
Thursday, October 12 at 6 p.m.  
Registration begins Sept. 28  
Presented by Michelle Schopp, Wild Birds Unlimited. Adult 18+.

### Byte Size Basics

Main Library  
Aug. 8 & 22, Sept. 5 & 19, Oct. 10 & 24  
Appointments available from 1-2:30 p.m.  
Have questions about Microsoft Word, email, or your smartphone? Register for 30 minutes of individual tech help!

### Library Kitchen

Each month recipes are demonstrated sure to tickle your taste buds. Videos posted to YouTube and Facebook.

### Ask a Master Gardener

Main Library  
Every Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
Have a question?  
Need identification?



A great read-along collection speaks to everyone.

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## Looking to invest money for the first time? Here are a few things before you get started.

### *Have you clarified your investment goal?*

Are you looking to preserve your funds and keep them in a relatively safe investment? Low-risk, low-interest rate investments like certificates of deposit, treasury securities, and high grade bonds may make sense for you. Are you looking to maximize your current income with periodic payments from your investments? Maybe corporate and municipal bonds, as well as stocks that pay dividends, are better investments for you. Are you looking to grow the value of your investments for the long-term? You would likely want to consider including stocks/equities in your investment portfolio.

Come join us for the final session of our free Lunch and Learn Series, "Master Your Money Management," held at River Bend Apartments (5823 Sadlers Neck Rd, Gloucester, VA 23061). The last session is on August 30 from 12 to 1 p.m. Registration is required; email [gjsturm@vt.edu](mailto:gjsturm@vt.edu) or call 804-693-2602.

Here's a preview: diversification is important! One common rule of thumb is to have at least 30 different stocks or investments, with no single investment making up more than 5%

of your total portfolio. Also, be sure that investments are in different industries. If all 30 stocks are in the oil industry, and oil prices decline, that could negatively affect your entire portfolio! Also, be sure to properly asset allocate: even if you're investing aggressively, with most of your investment in equities and stocks, consider having some investment funds in fixed-income investments (such as bonds). A common approach for retirement investments is to calculate 100 minus your age (more aggressive investors may consider 110 or 120 minus age), and have that be the percentage of your retirement portfolio invested in equities/stocks. If you don't have the time, money, or expertise to diversify and asset allocate yourself, look into investments such as mutual funds

and ETFs that diversify for you and see if they fit your investment goals!

Before you invest too many of your assets, be sure you have funds set aside in case of a major emergency (large medical bills, insurance deductibles, job loss). A common suggestion is to keep three to six months' worth of household expenses in liquid assets (like a savings account, for instance).

[Follow us on Facebook](#) for upcoming learning sessions with the Virginia Cooperative Extension-Gloucester County.

Virginia Cooperative Extension is located at 6099 TC Walker Rd, Door 6S. Call us at 804-693-2602, or find us at [www.gloucester.ext.vt.edu](http://www.gloucester.ext.vt.edu).







## MASTER GARDENERS FALL SERIES

The Annual Master Gardener Plant Extravaganza will be held Sept. 8 and 9, at the Moose Lodge on Friday from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. Come out for plants and knowledge. All plant purchases support scholarships for GHS seniors, 4-H camp, and the educational outreach programs of the Extension Master Gardeners.

Join the Master Gardeners at 10 a.m. on Second Saturdays at Brent and Becky's Bulbs to learn about a variety of gardening topics. In August, the conversation will center around native bees, and in September, we will be discussing how plants work. November's workshop will cover growing green indoors, and in December, Master Gardeners will give advice on planning for next year. All are welcome, no registration necessary.



## THINKING ABOUT JOINING A 4-H?

4-H Clubs are a fun way to build life skills for ages 9-18, and we welcome new members and volunteers! 4-H members participate in a variety of learning experiences while building citizenship and leadership qualities.

Clubs are supported by adult volunteer leaders (at least 2) and focus on one or more project areas. There are national and state level projects in many different curriculum areas. From sewing to aerospace, livestock to cooking, photography, wood working and engineering, there is something for everyone.

In some clubs everyone works in the same project area, and others are community centered, and each member selects their own area of interest. Youth record their work in project books which we do our best to fund with local resources. There are no fees to join.

In a 4-H Club, youth may also participate community service projects, contests, conferences, camps and events sponsored by the county, district, state and national 4-H organizations.

A club usually has one club meeting and one project meeting or activity each month, or a club may choose to have one monthly meeting in which all the activity and club business is completed. It is up to you. In the past we've had some clubs meet every other week, and some which meet only once.

New members can join any time during the year, but for some project eligibility for state events, the state requires that students be enrolled by certain dates.

Some clubs meet all year, while others do not hold regular meetings after the school year ends. The official start of the new 4-H year is October 1.

Gloucester also has a 4-H Cloverbud group for children ages 5-8.

For more information on 4-H clubs, camps or other activities follow us on Facebook at Gloucester County Virginia 4-H, call 804-693-2602 or email [kgustafson@vt.edu](mailto:kgustafson@vt.edu).



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