

# The Jerdone Islander February 2024

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### With Sympathy



The Via family has asked us to share the very sad news of the passing of Donna Via. Jerdone Island sends our very sincere condolences to her husband Charlie, their children and their grandchildren. Donna and Charlie were one of the first to greet us when we moved into the neighborhood and have volunteered to do so many things to help us and to improve our neighborhood. We will remember Donna for that willingness to help, her big smile and her contagious laugh.

The Via family will honor Donna at a private graveside service, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to a charity of choice, in Donna's memory.

Sincerely, Andrew Oman, JIAI President

#### **New Cuckoo District Supervisor**

The start of the new year brings us a new supervisor. Chris McCotter, running unopposed, was elected to serve as our Louisa County supervisor serving Cuckoo district. Chris has a long Lake Anna History and is well known in the community. He owns and operates McCotter's Lake Anna Guide Service and produces the Lake Anna Life & Times magazine found at the local Food Lion. He also chaired the Lake Anna Advisory Committee under the Louisa County Board of Supervisors until December 31, 2023.

In his campaign, Chris mentioned his goals for serving:

"My areas of emphasis as a Supervisor will be: 1) improvement of County infrastructure (specifically roads, ordinances that affect our community and litter), 2) addressing the needs of Sheriff Lowe, 3) examining the County tax structure and spending, 4) ensuring Louisa County can continue our outstanding education and 5) ensuring development doesn't overwhelm the desire to keep Louisa rural."

Chris can be contacted by email at <u>LCBS\_CD@louisa.org</u> or by phone at 540-894-4751.



## TAX RELIEF FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED PROGRAM

Below is a quick summary of qualifications for our current Real Estate Tax Relief Program for the Elderly and Disabled:

- Be sixty-five (65) or older or became permanently disabled on June 30th of the year immediately
  preceding the taxable year
- Total combined income cannot exceed \$50,000 (This includes all income from all sources of the owners and all others living in the dwelling. For anyone living in the house that is not an owner or spouse of the owner, the first \$6,500 of their income is not included)
- Total combined net finical worth cannot exceed \$200,000 (The fair market value of the house and
  up to 10 acres is not included in the calculation of finical worth for the tax relief program)
- Maximum relief granted is \$2,000 per applicant

A sliding scale is used to determine the amount of relief granted to each applicant:

| INCOME (\$)        | NET WORTH (\$) |                   |                     |                      |                      |
|--------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|                    | 0-35,000       | 35,001-<br>70,000 | 70,001 –<br>100,000 | 100,001 –<br>150,000 | 150,001 –<br>200,000 |
| 0-18,000           | 100%           | 100%              | 95%                 | 90%                  | 80%                  |
| 18,001<br>-29,000  | 95%            | 85%               | 80%                 | 70%                  | 60%                  |
| 29,001 -<br>40,000 | 85%            | 80%               | 70%                 | 60%                  | 55%                  |
| 40,001 -<br>50,000 | 75%            | 70%               | 60%                 | 50%                  | 45%                  |

An applicant must meet both income and net finical worth qualifications to be approved for the program. If you would like to apply for the program, please contact the Commissioner of the Revenue's Office at 540-967-3432 to have an application mailed to you. Applications are due to the Commissioner's office by May 1st. Supporting documentation of the information provided on the application needs to be included with the application. If you need assistance completing the application, the Commissioner's Office is happy to assist you.

#### Firefly is on it's way!

Firefly Fiber Broadband internet is planning to connect homes in Jerdone Island in the coming months. Plans include telephone voice over IP for \$29,99 per month and unlimited data internet for \$49.99 (100 Mbps) and \$79.99 (up to 1Gbps) per month. You MUST pre-register to be connected. Call 833-473-3591 or register at <a href="https://register.fireflyva.com">https://register.fireflyva.com</a>.

#### **Short Term Rental Changes**

Some rules for short term rentals in Louisa County changed on January 1. Visit this link to understand what your obligations might be: <a href="https://www.louisacounty.gov/3224/18510/Short-Term Rental Ordinance | Louisa County, VA">https://www.louisacounty.gov/3224/18510/Short-Term Rental Ordinance | Louisa County, VA</a>.

#### **Roundabout Construction Begins**



Construction on the roundabout at the intersection of 522 and 208 began January 8 and is expected to continue until December. Be aware of changing traffic patterns and expect delays during construction hours..

#### **Dock Construction**

Construction on our docks has begun and should be finishing up in the next few weeks.





Lastly, thank you to all who came out to meet with and support Bumpass Volunteer Fire Department and Lake Anna Rescue in December. These volunteers are critical to

our community!





#### **Things To Do**

- February 4, 3:00-7:00 pm All you can Eat Potato Bar at Tavern on the Rail
- February 5-12 Lake Anna Restaurant Week
- February 7, 12:00 pm Girl Scout Cookie Pairing at Lake Anna Taphouse
- February 11, 5:00 pm Super Bowl Watch Party at Coyote Hole
- February 13, 12:00 pm laissez les bon temps rouler Mardi Gras Party at Coyote Hole
- February 17, 11:30 am Richmond Chocolate, Wine & Whiskey Festival
- February 23, 24, 25, 11:00 am 9:00 pm Eat For Pete Louisa Humane Society Fundraiser at Tim's at Lake Anna
- February 24, 8:00 pm Casino Night at The Cove at Lake Anna
- February 25, 2:00 pm \$5 Movie: Gone with the Wind at Louisa Arts Center
- March 2, 11:00 am 2024 Season Opening at Chateau Merrillanne
- March 16, 11:00 pm 9:00 pm Shamrock Shenanigans Fest at Southern Revere Cellars
- March 22-24 2024 Washington DC Cherry Blossoms Weekend
- April 6, 10:00 am 3rd Annual Car, Truck, and Tractor Show at Spotsylvania High School
- April 27 Corn Hole Tournament to support LCEF at Lake Anna Taphouse
- August 3, 6:00 pm Lake Anna 2024 Glow Party at the Lake Anna Sandbar

#### **Events at Louisa Arts Center tickets:**

https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/louisaartslist/7011

Every Wednesday 6:00 pm - Bingo at Coyote Hole
Every First Friday 8:00 pm - Lake Anna Comedy Night at Coyote Hole
Third Friday every month – Free Line Dancing Class at Coyote Hole
Every First Friday 6:00 pm - Family Feud Game Night at Southern Revere Cellars

Do you have some news or events to share? Email us at <a href="mailto:theboard@jerdoneisland.org">theboard@jerdoneisland.org</a> with a subject line of "newsletter" or post it in the non affiliated public Jerdone Island Lake Anna Facebook group which is privately administered.