



The Jerdone Islander

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Santa visits Jerdone Island

Mark your calendars for December 14. Santa Clause is coming to town and he's bringing Mrs. Clause, the Grinch, and a whole line of fire and rescue personnel who dedicate their time to coming to our rescue when needed. Lake Anna Rescue and Bumpass Volunteer Fire Department are both fully volunteer organizations and these visits are a great opportunity for our community to say thank you and to offer donations. The parade of emergency and fire equipment that will bring Santa is expected to arrive in Jerdone Island at approximately 2:45 pm on December 14.



Holiday Meet and Greet

Come out and gather with us at the Jerdone Island sign area on December 7 at 4:00 PM to meet and greet your neighbors and with them holiday cheer. The sleigh will be in place and we will be looking for weighted plastic and gift wrapped boxes to fill the sleigh. Bring your favorite beverage and, if possible, a wrapped box that is weighted to keep the wind from taking it away. We look forward to seeing you!

See the next page for the history of the Jerdone Island sleigh.



Reflections on the Meaning of the Christmas Sleigh, A Tribute to Ava Paden

By Cindy Morrell

Ava Paden, mother of my dearest friend, Lisa Weber, departed this world on January 2, 2020 and that is when the sleigh came into my possession. Knowing that most of the family had left the area, I asked if I could give the sleigh a new home until a family member desired to reclaim it. While living in Ottawa with her husband, Ava found the sleigh and brought it with her when they returned to the states and settled in Warrenton, Virginia.

Ava was well known for her special relationship with Christmas, spending much of her time making it a very special event for family and friends. Her traditional Twelfth Night Christmas dinners brought together people she knew from many different walks of life and she delighted in creating seating arrangements that would spark conversations, new friendships and memories for all. Her home was abundantly adorned with Christmas decorations inside and out, including the beautiful sleigh, brimming with gifts and well-lit for all passersby to enjoy. I learned that she even hired Santa sometimes to join her gatherings and command the sleigh! I have seen many a photograph of kids, grandkids, great-grandkids and yes, even adults in this sleigh while it was in Warrenton and now that it is here on Jerdone Island too!

It is my hope that the Christmas Sleigh, while on display at the Jerdone Island entrance will somehow honor the essence of Ava and remind our diverse community to get to know each other, Celebrate, and spread the many Joys of the Season.

LABP Sixth Annual

Light Up the Lake Boat Parade

Saturday, December 7th

Departs Tim's On Lake At @ 5:15 pm
Arrives Lake Anna Taphouse @ 7 pm
Christmas Vendor Village Noon - 5 pm
Lake Anna Santa • Live Music

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If you haven't been to this you may want to consider it. The boats are pretty incredible!



Home for the Holidays

And more fun local events!

Louisa Christmas Tree Lighting - Kick off the holiday season with the Town of Louisa's Christmas Tree Lighting. The event will take place at the Louisa Courthouse (100 West Maint St., Louisa) at 6 p.m. on Friday, December 6. More details are at <https://allevents.in/louisa/christmas-tree-lighting/200027476416201>

Classic Christmas - Horse-drawn carriage rides, warm fire pits with complimentary s'mores, the Student Gallery Art Show, a holiday craft on the Arts Bus, hot chocolate and a visit from Santa - enjoy it all Friday, December 6 at Louisa Arts Center (212 Fredericksburg Ave, Louisa) starting at 5:30 p.m. Get more information at <https://allevents.in/louisa/3rd-annual-classic-christmas/200027413791432>

Louisa Christmas Festival and Parade - This year, the Louisa Christmas Festival and Parade are inspired by "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." The celebration takes place Saturday, December 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Courthouse Square in Louisa. Learn more at <https://allevents.in/louisa/20th-annual-christmas-festival-and-parade/200027338412619>

Santa Claus is Coming to Town - Santa will be visiting the area Saturday, December 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Central Virginia Guitars, Amps and More, (4471 Davis Hwy, Louisa). Tell Santa what you want for Christmas and take a picture with Jolly 'Ole St. Nick. For more information, visit <https://allevents.in/louisa/santa-claus-is-coming-to-town/200027332804817>

Write In Louisa - Calling all 18+ writers, could-be writers, and curious minded people! Write In Louisa invited you to the December meeting. Founded by Jerdone resident and [author](#) Katherine Gotthardt and sponsored by the Louisa Arts Center, this group provides a friendly space for creativity amid inspiring visual gallery art. Meetings take place the first Wednesday of the month from 2 to 3:30 in the Purcell Gallery. [Register through Eventbrite for the December 4 meeting](#), or email WriteInLouisa@gmail.com for the registration link. You may also [follow Write In Louisa on Facebook](#).

Pickleball - Louisa County Parks, Recreation & Tourism hosts pickleball for adults. Pickleball encompasses elements of tennis, racquetball, and ping pong. To view the ongoing pickleball schedule or to register for a pickleball clinic visit www.louisacounty.gov/2969/Louisa-Pickleball or call (540)-967-4420.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Things To Do

- December 1, 3:00-6:00 pm - Santa is at The Barn at Tavern On the Rail
- December 4, 2:00 pm - Write in Louisa at the Louisa Arts Center
- December 6, 6:00 pm - Christmas Tree Lighting at Main Street Louisa
- December 6, 5:00 - Holiday Market at Hurkamp Park in Fredericksburg
- December 7, 4:00 pm - Jerdone Island Meet and Greet
- December 7, 10:00 am - Louisa Christmas Festival and Parade - Courthouse Square
- December 7 - LABP Boat Parade
- December 8, 11:00 am - Holidays on Main Street - Gordonsville
- December 8, 1:00 pm - Christmas Charcuterie Workshop at Fifty-Third Winery
- December 13-14 – 1st annual Cowboy Christmas at the Meadow Event Park in Doswell
- December 14, 6:00 pm - Christmas Car, Jeep, Truck Parade by the Cove Restaurant
- December 14, 10:00 am - Santa and Sweets at Mad Batter Bakery
- December 15, 10:00 am - The Cove's Annual Breakfast with Santa
- December 21, 5:00 pm - Caroling Karaoke Night at Southern Revere Cellars

November 22 - December 31 Illuminate Light Show and Santa's Village at The Meadow Event Park, 13191 Dawn Blvd, Doswell, VA 23047

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

Every Sunday 12:00 pm - Bingo at the Louisa Moose Lodge

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