



The Jerdone Islander

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Here comes Santa Claus!

It's that time of year again! Join us December 13th for a visit from Santa along with the Bumpass Volunteer Fire Department and Lake Anna Rescue! Watch our Jerdone Island Facebook page for expected arrival time. We will meet at the Jerdone Island sign with cookies and a warm drink. Bring some of your favorite Christmas cookies if you have them to share with our visitors and with the neighbors. As always, this Christmas parade is a great opportunity to donate to these two completely volunteer organizations who give of their time to protect our community.



Leaves

In a recent Lake Anna Civic Association article, Mark Debord explains why blowing leaves into the lake is not a good idea. Decaying leaves release carbon, nitrogen, and phosphorous which are a fertilizer for hydrilla, the spread of which requires herbicides and/or carp to control its growth. Excessive nutrients can also contribute to algae blooms.

Also, consider that burning leaves can quickly get out of control on windy autumn days. While there is a dry hydrant at our lake, there is time involved in pumping that water for use on a fire. Always consider the wind levels before burning and be sure to keep a hose at the ready if you burn. The smoke from burning may also be impacting your neighbors so please be considerate of those around you.





Friday, December 5

Louisa Arts Center (212 Fredericksburg Avenue, Louisa) will hold its **4th Annual Classic Christmas** starting at 5:30 p.m. This free event brings the whole family together for a magical evening of art, hot chocolate, a visit from Santa and more. The event will also feature the opening for the Student Gallery Showcase. For information, call 540-967-5200 or visit LouisaArts.org.

Kick off the holiday season with the **Louisa Christmas Tree Lighting** which will take place on the Louisa Courthouse lawn at 100 West Main Street, Louisa, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy live music, join a carol sing-a-long, enjoy hot chocolate and lattes, decorate an ornament and more.

December 6, December 20

The Mineral Farmer's Market will hold **Holiday Markets** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The events will feature a selection of local artisans offering handmade gifts, seasonal treats, and gourmet food, along with family-friendly activities. The market is held at 81 Louisa Avenue, Mineral. For more information, visit www.MineralMarket.org.

Saturday, December 6

Take a break from the Holiday shopping and festivities on Main Street – enjoy cookies and sit down with Mrs. Claus for a special reading of **“Twas the Night Before Christmas in Virginia.”** Readings will be at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at The Purple Pumpkin at 123 West Main Street, Louisa. Photo opportunities with Mrs. Claus will be available after each story time.

Step into the magic of the **Louisa Christmas Festival and Parade**, where the streets of downtown will come alive with this year's theme: A Storybook Christmas. Held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Courthouse Square in Louisa (100 West Main Street), the festival includes a fun parade, local vendors, activities, holiday decor, downtown shopping and more, all to make the season bright. Bring family, bring friends, and celebrate together.

Join Louisa County Historical Society at 1:00 p.m. after the Christmas Parade for an hour-long **guided tour**. Learn about the development of the Town of Louisa and the historical significance of the Courthouse, churches, businesses and residences near Main Street. register on the Louisa County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism website or visit www.louisahistory.org/calendar.

Lake Anna Business Partnership will hold its annual **Lighted Boat Parade**. The parade will leave from Tim's Lake Anna Restaurant (200 G Boardwalk Way, Mineral) at 5:15 p.m. and travel down the lake to Lake Anna Taphouse (208 Lake Front Drive, Mineral). For more information, visit visitlakeanna.org/events.

Friday, December 12

The Belmont Ruritan Club will hold a **Bingo Night fundraiser** in support of its annual educational grant award program. The event will take place at the Belmont Community Center (7124 Belmont Rd [Mineral, VA 23117](http://www.mineralva.gov)). Doors open at 5:15 p.m., and games start at 6:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. For more information, contact Sam Cashman at scashvyk@yahoo.com or 828-578-9991.

Wednesday, December 31

Ring in the New Year on a **Midnight Hike at Lake Anna State Park**. Guests will park at the campground and meet at the Campground Walkway Trail head. The hike is one mile on a paved trail. After, celebrate the end of 2025 with a bonfire on the beach before returning to the campground. Space is limited to 50 participants. Call the Park Office at 540-854-5503 during open hours to reserve your space.

Places To Go

Local Venues:

Louisa Arts Center: <https://www.tix.com/ticket-sales/louisaartslist/7011>

Tim's at Lake Anna - 200 Boardwalk Way, Mineral

The Cove Restaurant - 6320 Belmont Road, Mineral

Callie Opie's Orchard Restaurant Event Barn - 4533 Zachary Taylor Highway, Mineral

Cooling Pond Brewery - 4411 Zachary Taylor Highway, Mineral

Coyote Hole / Lake Anna Brewery - 225 Oak Grove Drive, Mineral

Lake Anna Taphouse - 208 Lake Front Drive, Mineral

Lake Anna Winery - 5621 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania

Log Home Brewing Company - 5727 Courthouse Road, Spotsylvania

Vito's Lounge - 200 Lake Front Drive, Mineral

Everleigh Vineyards and Brewing Company - 9845 Jefferson Highway, Mineral

Fifty-Third Winery and Vineyard - 13372 Shannon Hill Road, Louisa

Southern Revere Cellars - 1100 E. Jack Jouett Road, Louisa

Chateau MerrillAnne - 16234 Marquis Road, Orange

Other Venues:

Riverside Theater: <https://www.riversidedt.com/box-office>

John Paul Jones Arena: <https://www.johnpauljonesarena.com/events>

Altria Theater: <https://www.altriatheater.com/events>

The Birchmere Alexandria: <https://www.birchmere.com/calendar/>

Virginia Repertory Theater: <https://va-rep.org/calendar/>

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.