



The Jerdone Islander

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Happy New Year! 2026

Happy New Year Islanders! We hope you had a happy holiday season and will have a great 2026!

Last year Louisa County passed an ordinance (section 86-114, excerpted below) stating all Short-Term Rental (STR) owners must provide current contact information to the county and the HOA/POA.

Sec. 86-114. - Short-term rental of a dwelling.

1. Owners of dwellings used for short-term rental shall provide contact information for the owner and/or any authorized property manager to Louisa County and the dwelling's subdivision governing body, if one exists.

If your property is being used as a Short Term Rental (STR), you must email the board (theboard@jerdoneisland.org) and provide current contact information:

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| • Property Address | • Property management company |
| • Owners Name(s) | • Their name |
| • Primary phone | • Their email |
| • Email address | • Their phone number |

The board is requesting this information no later than January 31, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Louisa County or the Board.

On another note, the plant is offline and we are in a drought situation so the water level is extremely low. Take the time to properly secure your boats to neither damage our docks or your own boat. As discussed at the annual meeting, when using our boat ramp be aware of the end of the boat ramp, it's marked on the docks with yellow paint.

Lastly, annual assessment invoices will be issued within the next few weeks so be on the lookout as they are always due by March 31.

Thanks,
The JIAI Board

Santa Claus came to town!

Bumpass Volunteer Fire Department, Mineral Volunteer Fire Department, and Lake Anna Rescue enjoyed some cookies and hot chocolate! Thank you to all who donated and supplied the goodies!



2026 Gilmore Craftsmen's Classics Show

March 13-15 and November 6-8 2026

Richmond Raceway Complex

600 E. Laburnum Avenue

Richmond, VA 23222

Look for neighbor
Barry Hash while
you're there!



Whether you're classic or contemporary, practical or whimsical, you'll find something for EVERY style, taste, and budget at a Craftsmen's Classic! Browse aisles FULL of pottery, jewelry, clothing, woodwork, glass, fine art, photography, tasty treats, seasonal specialties, home décor and SO MUCH MORE!

<https://gilmoreshows.com/richmond-va-craftsmens-classics/>

FYI, A survey is live through January 30, 2026 to collect citizen feedback for use in the **County's upcoming Comprehensive Plan update.** A Comprehensive Plan is a long-term plan for a locality which serves as a guiding document for local government decisions. The survey consists of 44 perspective-seeking questions divided into five sections. Respondents may choose to answer all 44 multiple-choice questions, or just focus on the sections related to topics of greatest importance to them. To take the survey, visit louisacounty.gov/3485/Comp-Plan-Update-Survey. Have questions about the Comprehensive Plan or the related survey? Attend an open house to speak directly with County staff: January 7, Trevilians Elementary; January 14, Jouett Elementary; January 21, Central Virginia Assembly of God. All events: 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission will attend each open house to assist attendees with completing surveys, both on tablets and on paper. They will serve as an objective third-party facilitator to help ensure participants can share their views freely.

January

Thursday, January 1

Kick off the New Year with a **sunrise hike at Lake Anna**. Guests will park at the Wares Cove Picnic Area and meet at the Pavilion at 6:30 a.m. The hike is one mile over moderate terrain on the Ware Creek Trail. Space is limited to 50 participants! Call the Park Office at 540-854-5503 to reserve your space.

Welcome in 2026 with a **wheel-friendly hike at Lake Anna**. Strollers, mobility scooters and wheelchairs are welcome on this 1.5 mile 'roll' on the paved Campground Walkway Trail and through the campground. Participants will meet outside the Visitor Center at 10:00 a.m. Call the Park Office at 540-854-5503 for more information.

End your New Year's Day celebration with a **sunset walk at Lake Anna**. Guests will meet at 4:00 p.m. outside the Visitor Center. The walk will cover 1.5 miles of easy terrain on the Railroad Ford Trail. Enjoy scenic water views as the sun sets over Lake Anna. Call the Park Office at 540-854-5503 for more information.

Jan. 6 - April 18

Winter Farmers Markets are open the first and third Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at VFW Post 8947 (201 Mineral Ave, Mineral). Visit mineralmarket.org for more information.

Saturday, January 3

Louisa County Historical Society will hold **A Twelfth Night Feast: Hearth Cooking Workshop** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Experience the enjoyment of hearth-cooking and taste the delicious fruits of your labor. Receive basic instruction in preparation and cooking in the 18th-century Michie House hearth, 214 Fredericksburg Avenue, Louisa. Register through the Louisa County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism website or visit www.louisahistory.org/calendar for more information.

Wednesday, January 7

Jump into the new year by **Getting that Book Published!** Join Write In Louisa for a panel discussion on book publishing options and approaches. The meeting will be held at Louisa Arts Center (212 Fredericksburg Avenue, Louisa) from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. For more information, email writeinlouisa@gmail.com or visit louisaarts.org/write-in-louisa.

Recurring Events

AARP Louisa Chapter 3049 meets at 2:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month in the Social Hall of the Louisa United Methodist Church (100 E Main Street, Louisa). The entrance to the hall is on the Woolfolk Ave. side of the building. For those members that have trouble with stairs there is a lift (to the left as you face the stairs). All residents age 50 and older are welcome.

Fun for Creative Minds meets monthly each 3rd Tuesday from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Louisa County Library (881 Davis Hwy, Mineral). This gathering is suitable for ages 18 to 100+. Activities may include parlor and board games, guided discussions, talent shows, scavenger hunts and other creative pursuits. Free and open to all—just bring your imagination. Inquiries may be emailed to xialowei@aol.com.

Writers Unite is an informal gathering of people who write or would like to begin writing. They meet at the Louisa County Library (881 Davis Hwy, Mineral) on the 4th Thursday of each month from 4 to 5:45 p.m. Join them to read, write, share, play writing games, and discuss writing habits and strategies.

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.