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Drought

Thank you to all of you praying for rain out there, we have had some pretty good rains in the past couple of weeks. However, we are still in a severe drought situation so keep on praying. The Louisa County Water Authority (LCWA) has imposed restrictions for those who are using their water. They cannot impose limitations on people using private wells and the community well currently has no restrictions *but* if LCWA feels there is a need to impose restrictions it might be a good idea to follow them. Also, you will be glad to know that, according to The Informed Citizen newsletter, the data centers do not receive favorable treatment during drought conditions. They must follow the same restrictions imposed on the other LCWA customers.

To find more information on drought conditions in our area visit <https://www.drought.gov/states/virginia>.

Lake Levels

Did you know that our side of the lake is referred to as the Waste Heat Treatment Facility (WHTF)? The water of Lake Anna (public side) is used to cool the power station and then is released into the WHTF (private side) at a rate of about 2 million gallons per minute. Normal water level is about 250 feet above sea level although the level is down now due to the drought. During outages and in the winter the level can go down another 8 inches. For this reason, it is important to make sure that your boat is properly secured.

Louisa County Board of Supervisors

Are you interested in keeping up with what the decisions that our board members are making? Visit <https://www.louisacounty.gov/463/Agendas-Minutes-Videos-Notices> for meeting information. Easier still, follow Tammy Purcell on Facebook. Tammy attends all of the county meetings and reports on the happenings. Find her at <https://www.facebook.com/louisa.tammy.560272>. She is a great resource for data center updates.

Chris McCotter is our Cuckoo district supervisor. He is always willing to hear from his constituents. He can be reached at CD_lcb@louisacounty.gov.



Out and About *in August*

August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Unwind, stretch, and reset with gentle **Chair Yoga** designed to help you reduce stress and improve focus. No mats, special clothing, or prior experience required—just come as you are. Registration required; walk-ins accepted if space is available. Sessions are held at Louisa County Library, 881 Davis Hwy, Mineral from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To register, visit jmrl.org.

Friday, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28 - Louisa Arts Center (212 Fredericksburg Ave, Louisa) will have **Open Studio Friday** from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Bring your current project and create, collaborate and meet with fellow artists.

Saturdays through Oct. 31 - **Mineral Farmers Market** will be open from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at 81 Louisa Ave, Mineral. Peruse fresh, local produce, plants, flowers, meats, eggs, honey, baked goods, artisan crafts and more. For information, visit mineralmarket.org.

July 30-Aug. 1 - The **Louisa County Fair** returns to Walton Park (301 E 6th Street, Mineral). Experience local agriculture, explore vendor row, enjoy great food, and take in live music and shows across the fairgrounds. There is always something happening at the county fair, from the 4-H barns to the Main Stage. The event will start Thursday with Special Sensory Hours from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. followed by General Admission from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. For details and to buy tickets online, visit LouisaCountyFair.com.

Tuesday, Aug. 4 - The Louisa Police Department (LPD) is pleased to announce the return of its popular **National Night Out**. This free, family-friendly community event will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. at Courthouse Square in the Town of Louisa. Enjoy a variety of activities, including interactive demonstrations, equipment displays, entertainment and offerings from local vendors. Food trucks and refreshments will be available and families are encouraged to stop by, participate and meet first responders who serve the greater Louisa County community area at the local, state and federal level.

Wednesday, Aug. 5 - Louisa County **Commission on Aging** will hold its monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Betty Queen Center (522 Industrial Drive, Louisa). Discussion will continue on Tax Relief for Seniors, what other jurisdictions do, and what might be proposed for Louisa County. The public is invited to attend. If you have an interest in the senior population in Louisa County, you are encouraged to attend. Questions, call Susan Fletcher, Chair, 540-223-1017.

Wednesday, Aug. 5 - **Write In Louisa** invites writers 18+ to their Aug. gathering featuring writer Mary Mobley, past president of Richmond Writers. Mary will present "Managing the Ps that Bring Writers to their Knees." (Think "procrastination" and "passion" among others!) Enjoy discussion, writing prompts, and exploring new avenues of creativity. Whether you write poetry, prose, or some other genre, you'll leave with takeaways you can incorporate in your writing. The event will take place from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in the second floor classroom at Louisa Arts Center (212 Fredericksburg Ave, Louisa).

Friday, Aug. 7 - Louisa Arts Center's **Music and Wine** series is back! Enjoy this free outdoor performance on the terrace, as local musicians provide entertainment. The event takes place one Friday of each summer month from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Beer, wine and soft drinks are available for purchase. Feel free to bring carryout. The center is at 212 Fredericksburg Ave, Louisa.

Saturday, Aug. 15 - Revisit the past with the "gentle art" of 18th-century hand sewing as you learn how colonial families used the needle as a tool for both survival and political defiance. The workshop takes place from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Louisa County Historical Society, 214 Fredericksburg Ave, Louisa. Register through Louisa County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism. For questions, email parksdesk@louisa.org or call 540-967-4420.

Saturday, Aug. 29 - Acquire the mastery of camp cooking as it was practiced during the grueling summer campaigns of the American Revolution. Experience the enjoyment of **hearth-cooking** and taste the delicious fruits of your labor! The workshop takes place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Louisa County Historical Society, 214 Fredericksburg Ave, Louisa. Register through Louisa County Parks, Recreation, & Tourism or call 540-967-4420.

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.