



The Jerdone Islander

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Burning Cautions

The annual burn law expires after April 30, but be aware that we are still in a drought condition and substantial rainfall is needed to reduce current fire risk so caution should be used. A recent article in the Central Virginian newspaper suggested these cautions:

- Continue to stay at least 300 feet from dry woods and grass,
- Adjust your trailer chains to avoid sparks,
- Do not throw your cigarette butts out the window,
- Be cautious using lawn mowers to mulch leaves,
- Move combustibles away from structures

Tax Relief

Louisa County has approved a 15% reduction in personal property taxes in 2027. The reduction brings the rate down from \$2.43 per \$100 of assessed value to \$2.07. They attribute this reduction to the early realized revenue from the data centers and expect to be able to make further reductions in the coming years. Unfortunately, the real estate tax rate remains at \$.72 per \$100 of assessed value with no rebate offered.



Balloons!

Virginia hosts many balloon fests every year.

Coming up is the Richmond Hot Air Balloon Festival held in Doswell at the Meadow Event Park. This one is May 8 and 9 and gates open at 5:00 PM. You can get tickets through eventbrite for \$44.52 for adults and \$23.18 for children 5-17.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/richmond-hot-air-balloon-festival-tickets>

The Ashland Balloon Fest is held June 25-28 and is free with activities for the whole family.

<https://ashlandballoonfest.com/>

Saturday, May 2

The Louisa Catholic Women's Guild will sponsor their annual **Yard Sale** in the St Jude's Hall at 1937 Davis Highway, Mineral, from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., rain or shine. Refreshments will be available. For questions, contact the Women's Guild at LCLadiesGuild@gmail.com.

Belmont Club of Women will hold a **Plants and More Yard Sale** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Belmont Community Center, 7124 Belmont Road, Mineral. Select from a wide range of plants from the gardens of Deep Roots Home and Garden Center, including perennials, annuals and other garden favorites. Plants and assorted garden items donated by Belmont Club Members will also be for sale.

Louisa Extension Master Gardeners will hold a **Plant Sale** at Mineral Farmers Market from 8:00 a.m. to Noon at 81 Louisa Ave., Mineral. Choose from a variety of Virginia native plants, annuals, perennials, vegetables and house plants. Selection advice available. Proceeds support local Master Gardeners educational programs.

Wednesday, May 6

The Louisa County **Commission on Aging** will hold its monthly meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Betty Queen Center (522 Industrial Drive, Louisa). Guest speaker will be Tammy Wood from RuraLove, Goshen Baptist Association. The public is invited to attend. For questions, call Susan Fletcher, Chair, at 540-223-1017.

Thursday, May 7

Join Louisa Arts Center for a fun evening of mini golf, community, and friendly competition as they kick off their **Birdies for Charity** campaign. This special fundraiser helps support arts programming, education, and community events in Louisa. The event will start at 6:00 p.m. at Boardwalk Miniature Golf at Lake Anna (200 Boardwalk Way, Mineral). A raffle will also be held during the event with prizes. Get more information at louisaarts.org.

Wednesday, May 13

Louisa Community Emergency Fund, Touching Lives in Crisis, will host the annual **Bunco/Train Luncheon Fundraiser** at Louisa United Methodist Church, 100 E. Main Street, Louisa, beginning at Noon. Enjoy a homemade lunch and then play Bunco dice game or Mexican Train dominoes with prizes for the high scorers. Reservations required in advance. Tickets are available by calling Lin Kogle 540-894-0239.

Thursday, May 14

The Louisa County Commission on Aging and Louisa Parks and Recreation are sponsoring a **Senior and Caregiver Picnic** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Betty Queen Center (522 Industrial Drive, Louisa). Enjoy great food, music, raffles and prizes! Vendors will be present to share information about services offered to Seniors in Louisa County. Please share this information with your church and other Seniors in Louisa. RSVP to Parks and Rec at 540-967-4420. If you have questions or would like to participate, including as vendors, call Susan Fletcher, Chair, COA, at 540-223-1017.

Saturday, May 16

Write In Louisa is pleased to co-sponsor the **Boozy Book Fair** being held at Southern Revere Cellars (1100 E Jack Jouett Road, Louisa) from Noon to 5:00 p.m. Whether you're a lifelong reader, a casual sipper, or just looking for something fun and different to do with friends or family, this event is for you. Come browse, sip, meet the authors and celebrate the joy of books in a relaxed, welcoming setting. For more information, visit louisaarts.org/write-in-louisa.

The annual **Farm • Garden • Flowers (FGF) Festival** will be held at Forrest Green Farm (2317 Evergreen Road, Louisa) from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Enjoy food trucks, vendors, farm tours, garden tours, healthy living workshops, a plant sale, herbal medicine demos, kids zone and more.

Lake Anna Business Partnership (LABP) will hold **Lakefest 2026** at Lake Anna Taphouse, 208 Lake Front Drive, Mineral from Noon to 5:00 p.m. Live music all day as well as a vendor village. Fun for the whole family. Come by land or by water!

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.